

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 MEETING, AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ONLINE VOTING FOR THE SELECTION OF A PARK NAME FOR THE FUTURE 500-700 ALTON ROAD PARK.**

**WHEREAS**, during the May 12, 2021 City Commission meeting, the Mayor and City Commission referred to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee ("NQLC") a discussion regarding the naming of the 500-700 Alton Road Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the 500-700 Alton Road Park is set to open in the next few months, and in preparation for its opening, the West Avenue Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Association ("WAvNA") has met and provided naming suggestions for the park, as outlined below:

- Gateway Park or South Beach Gateway Park: refers to its location at the entrance to Miami Beach
- South Shore Park - to honor the South Shore Hospital that was the first AIDS clinic in the State of Florida
- Sunset Park – the park faces west towards the sunset
- Tequesta Park – an acknowledgement of the original inhabitants of the region, which is somewhat overdue and underrecognized
- West Avenue Park or West Bay Park - associates the park to a specific neighborhood next to the Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, WAvNA has no preferred recommendation at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, during the January 10, 2019 Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board (the "Board") meeting, the Board passed a motion recommending that the new 500-700 Alton Road Park be named "Unity Park" in recognition of the City's culture of diversity and inclusiveness, from religious freedom, to LGBTQ rights, to honoring residents with special needs and embracing people from every ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board also recommended that plaques with inspirational quotes be placed throughout the park commemorating the City's commitment to its core values; and

**WHEREAS**, at its September 20, 2021 meeting, the NQLC recommended polling the community on a park name, with the following six names determined by the Committee for consideration:

- Gateway Park
- South Beach Gateway Park
- South Shore Park
- Sunset Park
- West Avenue Park
- Unity Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration has created a webpage for the community to visit to place their votes and upon approval, which will remain open for voting for a period of two weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the poll will be taken back to the NQLC for their final input, and the final naming shall be subjected to review and approval in accordance with the City's Naming Ordinance, as set forth in Section 82-503 of the City Code, and depending on the name selected, may require voter referendum approval, as provided in Section 82-503(a)(6).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee, at its September 20, 2021 meeting, and authorize the Administration to engage the community through online voting for the selection of a park name for the future 500-700 Alton Road park.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney *FK*

12-6-21  
Date