

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-073

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA APPROVING THE NAMING OF WEST 19th COURT FROM WEST 72nd STREET TO WEST 76th STREET AS “DR. ANA MARIA POLO WAY”, WITH THE COST OF SIGNAGE TO BE PAID BY THE CITY, IN HER HONOR, AS ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT AND INFLUENTIAL FIGURES IN HISPANIC TELEVISION.

WHEREAS, the street naming at West 19th Court from West 72nd Street to West 76th Street, Hialeah, Florida as “Dr. Ana Maria Polo Way” is in Honor of Dr. Ana Maria Polo who emigrated from Cuba and where she ran her show “Caso Cerrado”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo was born in Havana, Cuba, and became a lawyer where she practiced her profession for over 20 years in the Miami-Dade County area and participated as an expert lawyer in TV shows such as “The Maria Laria Talk Show”, “The Cristina Show” and “America en Vivo”.

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WHEREAS, Dr. Polo has received prestigious recognitions such as the 2011 Mickey Leland Humanitarian Achievement Award; the Keys of the City of Huntington Park, California; She was named “Visitante Ilustre” (Distinguished Visitor) by the Mayor of Panama and the City of Viña del Mar, Chile and the Mayor of Houston, Texas proclaimed March 12th as “The Official Day of Dr. Ana Maria Polo”; In 2018, during the Hispanic Conference in Los Angeles, Dr. polo received the “Positive Impact Award”.

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WHEREAS, Dr. Polo's connection with the audience goes beyond the TV screen, something that has also made her one of the most influential personalities in social media with 13+Likes in Facebook/1.3M+followers in Instagramand 1.5M+ followers in Twitter; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polo is also the author of two books Querida Dra. Polo: Las cartas secretas de Caso Cerrado, Vol 1 and 2) (Dear Dr. Polo: The Secret Letters of Case Closed Vol. 1 & 2); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council would like to honor Dr. Ana Maria Polo for her contributions to the community by codesignating, along with Miami-Dade County, that portion of West 19th Court from West 72nd Street to West 76th Street, as "Dr. Ana Maria Polo Way"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of West 19th Court from West 72nd Street to West 76th Street is a road located in the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, this proposed designation is located in County Commission District 12; and

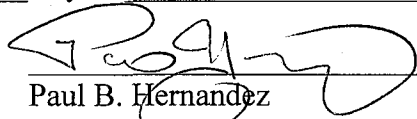
WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020 the City of Hialeah Historic Preservation Board passed a Resolution recommending the naming.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. West 19th Court from West 72nd Street to West 76th Street shall be known as "Dr. Ana Maria Polo Way", with the cost of signage to be paid by the city, in her honor, as one of the most prominent and influential figures in hispanic television.

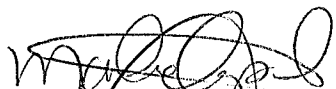
Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23 day of June, 2020.


Paul B. Hernandez
Council President

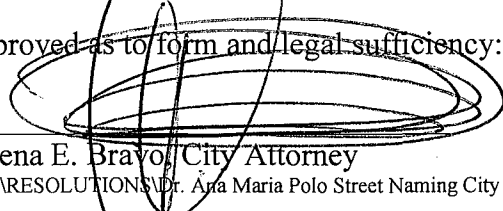
Attest:

Approved on this 10 day of July, 2020.


Marbelys Fajó, City Clerk


Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:


Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by a 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Roves, Hernandez, Perez, Tundidor and Zogby, voting "Yes" and with Council Vice President De la Rosa absent.

If the proposed name is that of an individual, please state:

The individual's full name: Dr. Ana Maria Polo

Was the individual a resident of Hialeah? YES NO If yes, how long? _____

Is the individual deceased? YES NO

Please attach a resume or other information (i.e. newspaper clippings, letters, photographs, etc.) that indicates the contributions to the City of Hialeah made by the above named individual.

Please list two individuals who can be contacted in support of the nomination.

Name	Address	Telephone
<u>Lisa Skiadas</u>	_____	<u>786-424-7935</u>

If the proposed name is that of an organization, please state:

The organization's full name: _____

The organization's Hialeah address: _____

If the organization is a chapter of a larger organization, please give the name and address of the parent organization: _____

How long has the organization been in existence: _____

Please list the name, title, address and telephone number of the local organization's officers and members of the Board of Directors:

Name	Title	Address	Telephone
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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Costs

Is the applicant willing to pay the expenses associated with the naming, renaming or co-designating of the right-of-way, facility or property? YES NO

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Historic Preservation Board will consider proposals for naming, renaming or co-designating City of Hialeah right-of-ways, facilities or properties using the following criteria:

1. Named right-of-ways, i.e. Palm Avenue, shall not be renamed where there is a historical tradition attached to the existing name.
2. Named right-of-ways, facilities or properties shall not be co-designated because of the resulting confusion.
3. Numbered streets shall only be co-designated if there is a significant historical, neighborhood or community benefit to the co-designation.
4. Numbered street co-designation shall not exceed five blocks in length.
5. A proposal to name, rename or co-designate a right-of-way, facility or property after a living individual should not be encouraged. However, this rule shall not inhibit the naming, renaming or designating of a facility or property after a living individual that donates a significant portion of the costs of such facility or property. Further, this rule shall not prevent the naming, renaming or designation of a road, facility or property after a living individual that has made a significant contribution to the residents of the City of Hialeah.
6. The Historic Preservation Board may, of its own will or motion, present to the City Council a recommendation proposing the naming, renaming or co-designating of an appropriate public right-of way, facility or property in honor of any City of Hialeah employee who gives his or her life in the line of duty.
7. The Historic Preservation Board does not have authority to review requests to name, rename or co-designate public right-of-ways (i.e. State or County Roads) or public facilities that are not owned, operated or maintained by the City of Hialeah.

Completed applications must be sent to:

Historic Preservation Board
City of Hialeah
c/o: Office of the City Clerk
501 Palm Avenue, 3rd Floor
Hialeah, FL 33010

If the Historic Preservation Board finds the application accurate and complete, it will make its recommendation known to the City Council, for the City Council to consider the name change or co-designation for approval by resolution. A resolution approving a name change shall become effective when passed by the City Council and signed by the Mayor or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor's signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor's veto. If the Mayor's veto is sustained, the name change will not become applicable and the request shall be deemed null and void.

BIOGRAPHY

DRA. ANA MARIA POLO

Dra. Ana Maria Polo is one of the most prominent and influential figures in Hispanic television. With over 18 years of experience in the television industry, her name exemplifies commitment and support for the Hispanic community, not only in the United States but also in Latin America. Her powerful and distinct personality have also made her a spokesperson and a defendant of important issues affecting the Hispanic community, such as the fight against cancer, domestic violence and discrimination against minorities.

Born in Habana, Cuba, and with more than 20 years of experience as a lawyer, Dra Polo was introduced to television audiences in 2001 on Telemundo's program "Sala de Parejas" (Couple's Court), where she quickly conquered the hearts of viewers. In 2005 "Sala de Parejas" became "Caso Cerrado con la Dra Ana Maria Polo" (Case Closed with Dra. Ana María Polo) (M-F 3PM), a program that highlights lawsuits and legal situations. In 2010 "Caso Cerrado con la Dra. Ana María Polo" became the first Spanish language show nominated for a Daytime Entertainment Emmy® Award, and currently ranks as the number one Spanish-language program in the afternoon time slot. The great success garnered by "Caso Cerrado" motivated Telemundo to bet once again on Polo's talent and launched "Caso Cerrado Edición Estelar" (Case Closed Primetime Edition) (M-F 7PM). The program allows viewers to witness the popular show's most extraordinary cases and disputes, presented with the same dynamism and energy by which it is characterized. In addition to hosting the show, Polo also composed and interpreted the theme song of the program.

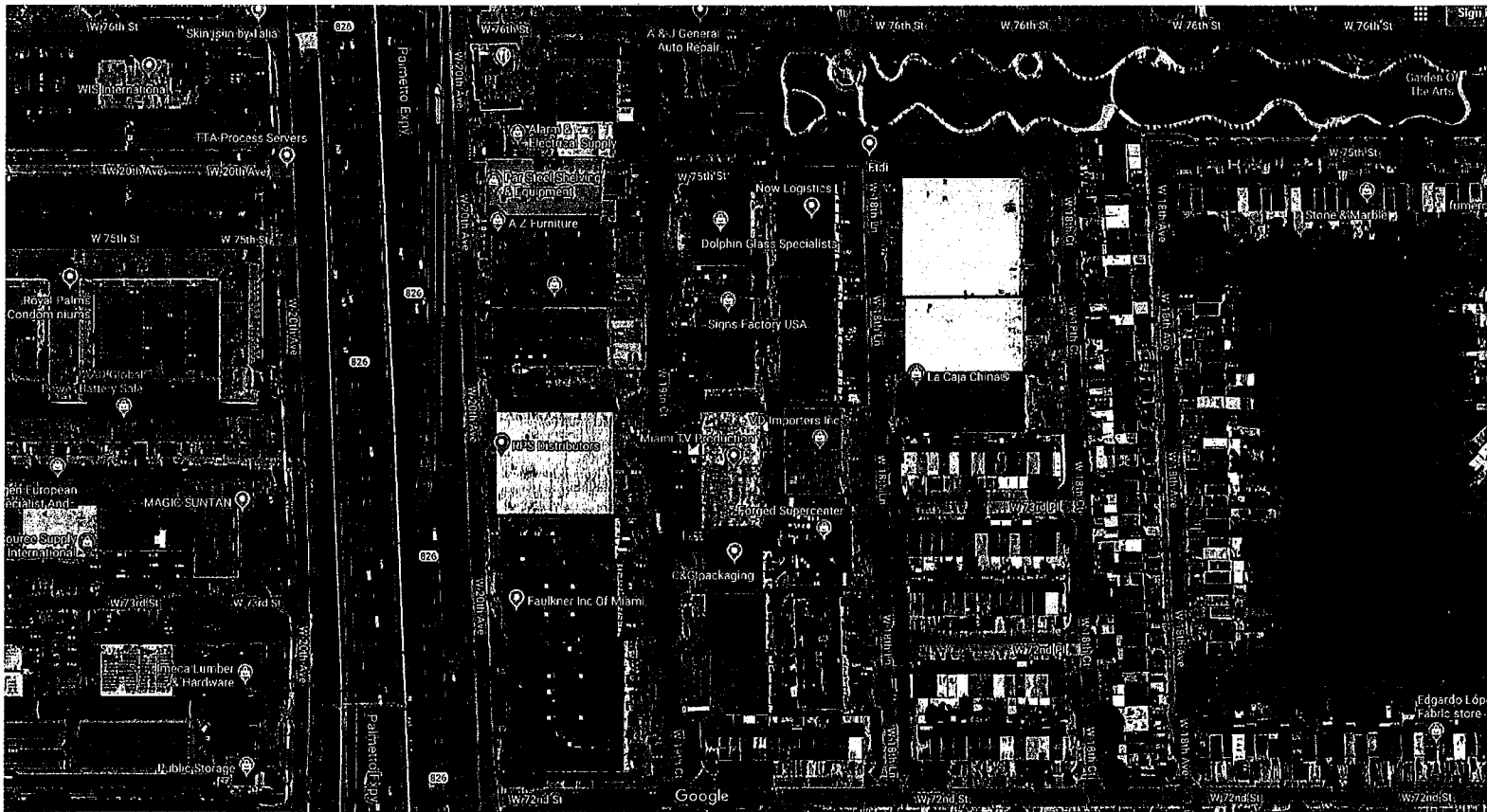
Amongst the countless recognitions that Dra. Ana Maria Polo has received through her career are the prestigious Mickey Leland Humanitarian Achievement Award 2011, that honors individuals and organizations affiliated with the communications industry that demonstrate a humanitarian commitment. This was the first time this acknowledgement was given to a Hispanic personality by NAMIC (National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications). In 2012 she received the Keys of the City of Huntington Park, California as a recognition to her social contribution to the Hispanic community. In 2014 the Mayor of Panama named her "Visitante Ilustre" (Distinguished Visitor) for her constant work and support in the fight against cancer and for her important role in the world of entertainment. In 2015 she was also named "Visitante Ilustre" by the city of Viña del Mar, Chile for defending the rights of Latin American women and the development of their community. In March 2016 and to commemorate her 15-year anniversary in television, the Mayor of Houston, Texas honored her with a Proclamation that recognized the 12th of March as "The Official Day of Dra. Ana Maria Polo. In 2018 during the Hispanicize conference in Los Angeles Polo was honored with the Positive Impact Award. A recognition that celebrates Latino leaders whose service to others has made a significant difference in the community.

Currently, Dra. Ana Maria Polo is the first Hispanic ambassador for Stand Up To Cancer, joining an esteemed list of national and international celebrity supporters of this global initiative that raises awareness and funds for collaborative cancer research. As a breast cancer survivor she had also dedicated her time and collaboration to support the Susan G Komen foundation by sharing her personal experience with the disease and participating in numerous racing events throughout the country. On November of 2014 Ana Maria Polo was invited by the Human Rights Organization to participate in their Americans for Marriage Equality video campaign, the first one released with a Hispanic personality, both in Spanish and English.

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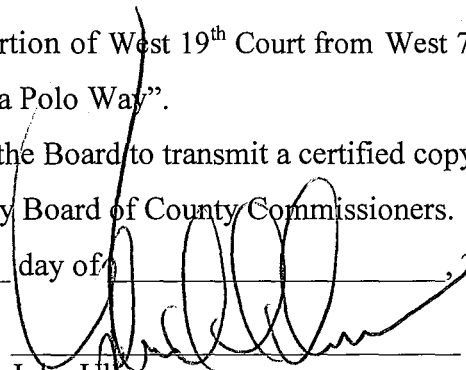
WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 12; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HIALEAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD THAT:

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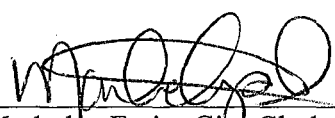
Section 2. The Board directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor and the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020.



John Ulloa
Chair

Attest: Approved on this 18 day of March, 2020.



Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk