

CITY OF DORAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ITEM TITLE:

Discussion: Naming or Co-designating Street/Road after "Oswaldo Muñoz /El Venezolano"

BRIEF HISTORY:

This discussion regards the naming and/or co-designation of a street/road after the late Oswaldo Muñoz, community leader and a key figure in the history of the Venezuelan diaspora in the U.S., who passed away on July 25, 2025 after a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Muñoz was the founder and editor of the community newspaper *El Venezolano* and El Venezolano TV. He was a beloved figure who helped unite Venezuelans in South Florida, most significantly in Doral, since the early 90's. *El Venezolano* became a beacon of hope and the voice for thousands of Venezuelans in exile. It became an influential media outlet that expanded to other U.S. cities and across Latin America.

Mr. Muñoz left behind a strong legacy, along with a "grateful community, dozens of friends, former coworkers, readers, and partners who considered him family. He also leaves behind a body of work that will live on through the pages of **El Venezolano** and in the memories of those whose lives he touched." https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/venezuela/article3 | 1443895.html#storylink=cpy

The City of Doral prides itself in being the home of the largest group of residents of Venezuelan origin. The Venezuelan-American community has made significant contributions to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of our City as well as Miami-Dade County. As such, as a City, a way to honor the contributions of our Venezuelan community and the legacy of Venezuelans such as Oswaldo Muñoz, who have undoubtedly made significant contributions to our City, would be to name/co-designate a street that will serve as a lasting tribute to the individual's contributions and inspire future residents.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: (IF APPLICABLE)

Date: Resolution/Ordinance No. Comments

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed item has a fiscal impact on revenues and/or expenditures in the amount of:

[x] \$50,000.00 or less

□ \$50,000.00 or more		

RECOMMENDATION:

I ask my colleagues to support directing the City Manager and City Attorney to work together on researching the procedure and feasibility of naming/co-designating a road after Oswaldo Munoz/El Venezolano, including by researching the points below and bringing back an item for Council approval.

- I. Procedure for naming/co-designating NW 97 Ave between 25-33 Street after Oswaldo Munoz/El Venezolano or any road deemed feasible, including working with the County for this.
- 2. Costs associated.

ATTACHMENT(S):