



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Mark D. Bogen

Department: County Commission

Information

Requested Action

A. MOTION TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD that the Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") will consider the approval of a Resolution naming Courtroom 15150 (or any other courtroom designated by the Chief Judge) at the Broward County Judicial Complex, located at 201 S.E. 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 ("Main Courthouse"), as "The Michael Moskowitz Courtroom" in honor of lawyer, philanthropist, and community leader Michael Moskowitz, at the meeting of the Board on November 15, 2022.

ACTION: (T-12:34 PM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Bogen voted in the affirmative telephonically.

B. MOTION TO DIRECT County Administrator to solicit the input of at least three local municipalities, homeowners' associations, or other appropriate community groups regarding the Board's proposed action described in Motion A, as required under Section 18.43(i) of the Broward County Administrative Code. (Commissioner Bogen)

ACTION: (T-12:34 PM) Approved. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Bogen voted in the affirmative telephonically.

Why Action is Necessary

Motions A and B, which address public notice and input, are required by existing County code to accomplish the referenced naming.

What Action Accomplishes

Enables the Board to consider the referenced naming on November 15, 2022.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

This item proposes that the Board consider naming Courtroom 15150 (or any other courtroom designated by the Chief Judge) at the Main Courthouse, located at 201 S.E. 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301, in honor of Michael Moskowitz.

Originally from Brooklyn, New York, Michael Moskowitz served the Broward County community for decades as a lawyer, lobbyist, philanthropist, and community leader. Mr. Moskowitz frequently walked the halls of the Broward County Governmental Center, armed with a smile, a story, and a mission. He lobbied before governmental bodies and regulatory authorities on behalf of both local and national clients. He had also represented Broward County in significant litigation. A founder and managing partner of the Fort Lauderdale law firm Moskowitz Mandell Salim & Simowitz, his law practice focused on local government law, land use, complex litigation, and real estate. He and his firm litigated many high-profile cases in the Main Courthouse.

Section 18.43 of the Broward County Administrative Code ("Administrative Code") establishes the Board's policies for naming property, buildings, structures, or facilities, and requires that the proposal to name property after a person must be on the Board agenda at least one month before being presented for approval.

Motion A provides notice that the proposed naming will be on the November 15, 2022, Board agenda, as is required in Section 18.43(h) of the Administrative Code, and Motion B directs the County Administrator to solicit community input as required under Section 18.43(i) of the Administrative Code.

Source of Additional Information

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

The Fiscal Impact Statement by the Office of Management and Budget will be provided at the time this item is further considered on November 15, 2022.