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Miami Beach Honors Former Commissioner, Activist and Preservationist with South Beach Street Naming

— A portion of 9 Street between Ocean Drive and West Avenue will be named Commissioner Nancy Liebman Way on Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m. —

Miami Beach, FL – Preservationist, community activist and former Miami Beach Commissioner Nancy Liebman, who has been described as a force of nature in protecting Miami Beach’s rich architectural history, will make history herself as one of the first women to have a street named after her in the city. **A ceremony will take place on Monday, Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m. at Ocean Drive and 9 Street.**

“From her tireless efforts to protect South Beach’s unique art deco architecture for future generations to saving what is now the Miami Beach Feinberg Fisher K-8 Center from the wrecking ball, Commissioner Liebman is being honored for her many contributions to the City of Miami Beach,” explained Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt, who sponsored the Miami Beach City Commission resolution honoring Liebman. “She was a trailblazer and modeled for other community activists how to be a fierce and fearless advocate for the causes in which she believed. Our community is better for it.”

In addition to serving as a city commissioner from 1993 to 2001, Liebman also served as executive director of the Miami Design Preservation League, co-founded citizens group Miami Beach United and served as president of the Miami Modern Biscayne Boulevard Association that was created to preserve the Miami Modern architecture along Biscayne Boulevard. Liebman also served on the Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board and spearheaded an effort to require one of the seats on the Miami Beach Planning Board to be set aside for a historic preservationist.

Most notably, Liebman fought for the designation of a 1-square mile area of South Beach to become a National Register District in 1979 and later a local historic district.

A similar resolution sponsored by Miami-Dade Commissioner Eileen Higgins to honor Liebman, was approved unanimously by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners. Under the Miami-Dade charter, the county must approve the co-naming of all platted, public roads in the county.

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