

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM LATIN ART CORE FOR ACQUISITION OF A SCULPTURE BY ARTIST AGUSTÍN CÁRDENAS, *LE COUPLE*, 1991, (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LATIN ART CORE; AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AMENDED BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE A TRANSFER FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE, AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE COST OF ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION, AND RELATED EXPENSES REGARDING THE ARTWORK.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has consistently expressed interest in building the public art collection with significant artworks created by prominent, world-renowned artists; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lago expressed interest in acquiring artwork by the artist Agustín Cárdenas; and

WHEREAS, Agustín Cárdenas is regarded as one of the most important sculptors of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, the city received a proposal from Latin Art Core for artwork by Agustín Cárdenas; and

WHEREAS, the artwork *Le Couple*, 1991, is a large-scale sculpture carved from white Carrara marble; and

WHEREAS, the recommended location for installation is at 427 Biltmore Way; and

WHEREAS, following an appraisal of the artwork, the Arts Advisory Panel reviewed the proposal and made a recommendation to the Cultural Development Board; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Development Board reviewed the Panel's recommendation and requested a Conservation report; and

WHEREAS, funding for the artwork, transportation, installation, and related costs is proposed through the Art in Public Places fund; and

WHEREAS, the cost of annual maintenance is anticipated to be minimal and is being proposed through the general fund as ordinary maintenance and will be included as part of the City's annual public art maintenance plan; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Development Board voted (7-0) to recommend acquiring the artwork *Le Couple*, 1991 from Latin Art Core at their meeting on October 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Amended Budget is required to recognize a transfer in the amount of \$453,000 from the Art in Public Places reserve as revenue and to appropriate the funds to be used towards the project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “Whereas” clauses are here hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission does hereby approve the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Latin Art Core for acquisition of artwork by the artist Agustín Cárdenas, including related expenses for the project.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D., 2025

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY