

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONCEPT AND DONATION OF A WORK OF PUBLIC ART BY JAUME PLENSA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 4241 AURORA ST. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, IN FULFILLMENT OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC ART IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT AND APPLYING FUNDS SET ASIDE IN ESCROW IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 4225 PONCE DE LEON BLVD. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0; UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

WHEREAS, 4241 Aurora, LLC (the “Developer”) is constructing the development project at 4241 Aurora St. (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Developer has chosen the option of petitioning for a waiver of the Art in Public Places Fee requirement by donating and installing artwork as specified in the Zoning Code, Article 9, Section 9-103 B; and

WHEREAS, the Project meets the requirement to contribute one percent (1.0%) of the aggregate project value to the Art Acquisition Fund pursuant to Article 9, Section 9-103 of the Coral Gables Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2022-284, Developer entered into an Escrow Agreement and is fulfilling the terms of the Agreement by obtaining a waiver of the AiPP contribution, conditioned upon approval of the proposed artwork; and

WHEREAS, Jaume Plensa (the "Artist"), selected by the Developer, was approved as a qualified artist by the Arts Advisory Panel in accordance with the City of Coral Gables Art in Public Places: Funding, Goals, and Implementation Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2025, a concept proposal of a public artwork by Jaume Plensa was presented to the Arts Advisory Panel for review, which recommended acceptance of the concept to the Cultural Development Board; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2025, the concept proposal of the recommended public artwork by Jaume Plensa was presented to the Cultural Development Board, which reviewed it and accepted the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel to recommend the Artists’ concept; and

WHEREAS, the proposed art piece and related expense is estimated to be \$722,000 (Seven hundred, twenty-two thousand dollars) which will be compared to the required 1% of the Aggregate Project Value of the project and shall not replace expenses toward any lighting requirements for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Developer will pay any balance to the Art Fund; and

WHEREAS, Developer is required to provide for the perpetual maintenance of the artwork in accordance with the City of Coral Gables Art in Public Places: Funding, Goals, and Implementation Guidelines, which will be realized as a one-time contribution of ten percent of the value of the artwork into a public art maintenance fund with the City.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

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 Artist's concept and proposed preliminary budget as presented for a donated work of public art by Jaume Plensa in fulfillment of the Art in Public Places requirement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, provided that such work shall meet all other applicable criteria of the Zoning Code, and other applicable codes, statutes, laws, rules, and regulations; and provided that the Developer pay any difference in the balance to the City for deposit into the Art in Public Places fund; and allowing for annual maintenance from the general fund.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2025

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY