

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-141

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM LATIN ART CORE FOR ACQUISITION OF A SCULPTURE BY ARTIST AGUSTÍN CÁRDENAS, *UNTITLED*, (RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 2 AND RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY 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 advised the City Commission on March 10, 2026 of interest in acquiring an additional artwork by Artist, Agustín Cárdenas and presented images of the proposed piece, *Untitled*; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2026, the City Commission passed a motion approving that the proposal for *Untitled* by Agustín Cárdenas be brought through the Art in Public Places acquisition process; and

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

WHEREAS, the artwork *Untitled*, is a large-scale sculpture carved from white Carrara marble with an accompanying base; 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 an approving recommendation to the Cultural Development Board; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Development Board reviewed the Panel's recommendation and made an approving recommendation to the City Commission; 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 Arts Advisory Panel voted (6-2) to recommend acquiring the artwork *Untitled* from Latin Art Core at their meeting on May 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Development Board voted (7-0) to recommend acquiring the artwork *Untitled* from Latin Art Core at their meeting on May 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Amended Budget is required to recognize a transfer in the amount of \$400,000 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 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS NINETEENTH DAY OF MAY A.D., 2026.


(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Fernandez)

(Yeas: Anderson, Castro, Fernandez, Lara, Lago)

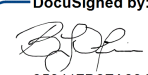
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: G-4)

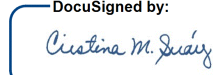
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