

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONCEPT AND COMMISSIONING OF A WORK OF PUBLIC ART BY MICHELE OKA DONER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AURELIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 912 E. PONCE DE LEON BLVD., IN FULFILLMENT OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC ART IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 5 TO 0; UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0).

**WHEREAS**, Empira Group (the “Developer”) is constructing the development project at 912 E. Ponce de Leon Blvd. (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer has chosen the option of petitioning for a waiver of the Art in Public Places Fee requirement by commissioning 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**, Michele Oka Doner (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 August 6, 2025, a concept proposal of a public artwork by Michele Oka Doner was presented to the Arts Advisory Panel for review, which recommended acceptance of the concept to the Cultural Development Board; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 19, 2025, the concept proposal of the recommended public artwork by Michele Oka Doner 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 \$300,000 (three hundred 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 memorialized in a covenant to run with the land; and

**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 work of public art by artist Michele Oka Doner 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.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2025

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VINCE LAGO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ  
CITY ATTORNEY

