

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2021-122

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: February 23, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 24, 2021

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Gerald A. Thomas, as a member of the Library Board of Trustees, replacing Matt Swanson, as an At-Large, Group 5 representative, for a partial term ending September 30, 2021.

Background Information: The Library Board of Trustees is established pursuant to Chapter 90, Ordinance Code, and charged with the authority to receive, accept and exercise control over funds, property, gifts, legacies or devises now or hereafter granted to the library or its predecessor libraries and agencies for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a free public library in and for the Consolidated Government and its citizens and the responsibility for the administration of Chapter 662 and the provision of the library services. Section 90.101, Ordinance Code, as amended by Ordinance 2010-557-E, provides that the 12 voting members of the board shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council, with two each from the five At-Large Council Districts and two appointed at-large.

Mr. Thomas currently serves as the Regional Chief Executive Officer for the North Florida Region of American Red Cross. Previously, he served as the Director of Strategic Planning and Program Management for Service to the Armed Forces at the American Red Cross. Mr. Thomas resides in Duval County.

Policy Impact Area: Library Board of Trustees operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Distel