

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-689

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the Request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: September 26, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: September 26, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Jose Acevedo to the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission, replacing Christian Whitfield, for a partial term to expire on December 31, 2023, followed by a first full term to expire on December 31, 2026.

(Note: this needs to be amended in committee, the name of the person being replaced is incorrect, Christian Whitfield was replaced through 2019-219-A, and the term dates will need to change accordingly)

Background Information: The Jacksonville Human Rights Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 60, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to promote and encourage fair treatment and equal opportunity for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital or familial status; and promote mutual understanding and respect among all economic, social, racial, religious and ethnic groups; and endeavor to eliminate discrimination against, and antagonism between, religious, racial and ethnic groups and their members.

Section 60.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Commission shall consist of 11 members, who shall be broadly representative of the various social, economic, religious, cultural, ethnic, and racial groups which comprise the population of the City. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Council. Each member shall be a resident of the City or employed in the City and shall continue to be a resident or employed within the City so long as he/she serves as a member of the Commission.

Mr. Acevedo holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Albizu University. He is the web supervisor for Duval County Schools and worked previously as the restorative justice program director for Miami-Dade Public Schools. Mr. Acevedo resides in Duval County in council district 7.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Human Rights Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey