

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2022-911

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Freeman

Date of Introduction: December 13, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 13, 2022

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the appointment of Jitan Kuverji to the Duval County Tourist Development Council (TDC), replacing Jeffrey Truhlar, for a first term ending June 30, 2026.

Background Information: The TDC is established pursuant to Chapter 70, *Ordinance Code*, and Section 125.0104, *Florida Statutes*, and charged to recommend a method of coordination of existing tourist development efforts by both public and private agencies, organizations and business and of new or additional tourist development efforts; identify and recommend methods of eliminating unnecessary duplications in existing tourist development efforts; identify and develop new tourist development efforts; create, prepare and submit to the Council a tourist development plan; and review the expenditures of revenues from the Tourist Development Trust Fund and report any unauthorized expenditures to the Council and State Department of Revenue.

Section 70.102(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that three members shall be owners or operators of motels, hotels, recreational vehicle parks or other tourist accommodations located in the General Services District and subject to the tourist development tax levied by the city. Such members shall be involved in the tourist industry and have demonstrated an interest in tourist development.

Mr. Kuverji is the owner and operator of the Comfort Suites Baymeadows and the Comfort Inn & Suites Orange Park/Jacksonville. Mr. Kuverji is the Chair of the Tourism Industry & Public Safety Alliance for the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association Board of Directors, a crime fighting program designed to keep guests and visitors safe through communication among hotel managers and JSO. Mr. Kuverji resides in Duval County in Council District 11.

Policy Impact Area: TDC operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey