

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2022-230

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: March 22, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: March 23, 2022

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Austin Kwikkel to the Duval County Election Advisory Panel, replacing Jonathan McGowan, for a partial term expiring April 16, 2022, followed by a first full term expiring April 16, 2025.

Background Information: The Duval County Election Advisory Panel is established pursuant to Chapter 59, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study and make recommendations to the Supervisor of Elections to increase the quality of voter registration and education efforts; study and make recommendations to the Supervisor of Elections to enhance the voter's election-day experience, including poll worker training, polling locations, ballot styles, and fraud prevention; evaluate and recommend improvements on the election effectiveness, including number of overvotes, undervotes and spoiled ballots, voter complaints, and voter turnout; review and comment on ballot styles, instructions and absentee ballot appearance; and make an annual report to Council on progress, including an incorporation of any statistics, charts, studies, reports, or other data and materials generated.

Section 59.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the Duval County Election Advisory Panel shall be Duval County registered voters and three of the members shall be designated by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

Mr. Kwikkel is currently an Assistant State Attorney for the Florida State Attorney's Office, 4th Circuit, Duval County and he earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Florida Coastal School of Law. Mr. Kwikkel resides in Council District 4.

Policy Impact Area: Duval County Election Advisory Panel operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal.

Analyst: Distel