

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2021-257

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: April 27, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 23, 2021

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Allana Forte, as a member of the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission, replacing Ada A. Hammond, for a partial term ending December 31, 2021.

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.

Ms. Forte is currently the Senior Vice President and serves as General Counsel and Chief Human Resources Officer at Jacksonville University. She has a Juris Doctorate from Stetson University of Law. Ms. Forte resides in Council District 11.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Human Rights Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Distel