

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-688

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 Alex Rukab as a member of the Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority, replacing Matt Swanson, as a commerce organization representative, for a partial term to expire on June 30, 2024, followed by a first full term to expire on June 30, 2028.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 52, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to ensure compliance with Sec. 159.601, *Florida Statutes*, regarding the encouragement of investment by private enterprise and the stimulation of construction and rehabilitation of housing through the use of public financing and the provision of low-cost loans to purchase affordable housing.

Per Sec. 52.106, *Ordinance Code*, the Authority shall consist of seven members, four of whom shall be members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, and three of whom shall be appointed and confirmed by Council. All seven members shall represent one of the following organizations: labor, finance or commerce.

Mr. Rukab holds a bachelor's degree in finance from UNF and a JD from UF Levin College of Law. He is an associate at the Eraclides Gelman firm, and he previously worked as a judicial extern for the Honorable Eric C. Roberson of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida and an extern at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida. Mr. Rukab resides in Duval County in council district 11.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey