

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2021-769

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President Newby

**Date of Introduction:** October 12, 2021

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** October 12, 2021

**Type of Action:** Appointment

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Council President's appointment of Desiree Jones, a Duval County resident, filling a seat formerly held by Sabrina Edwards, as a member of the Safety and Crime Reduction Commission, for a first full-term expiring June 30, 2023.

**Background Information:** The Safety and Crime Reduction Commission was established by Ordinance 2019-22-E, and the City Council shall appoint twenty members of the Safety and Crime Reduction Commission as provided by Section 78.103, Ordinance Code.

Ms. Jones is the Founder and President of Step-by-Step Behavioral Health Services and has been in that role since 2008. Ms. Jones has a bachelor's degree and a Master of Arts degree in Mental Health Counseling from Bethune-Cookman College. Ms. Jones resides in Council District 8.

**Policy Impact Area:** Safety and Crime Reduction Commission operations

**Fiscal Impact:** Anticipated to be minimal

**Analyst:** Distel