

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2026-48

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 13, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 15, 2026

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Dawn Thomas, to the Sex Trafficking Survivors Leadership Council, replacing Chanel Dionne Toleston, for a first full-term ending May 31, 2027.

Background Information: The Sex Trafficking Survivors Leadership Council is established pursuant to Chapter 96, *Ordinance Code*, and it is an advisory body to the City Council to investigate the root causes of sex trafficking in the City and to develop effective measures to prevent sex trafficking, enhance public awareness of both the problems associated with sex trafficking and to recognize the characteristics of the sex trafficking trade and to advise the Council on potential policies and programs to further the City's goal of eliminating the sex trafficking trade in the City.

Section 96.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Survivors Council shall be composed of seven members selected by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Each member shall be a sex trafficking survivor, who shall reside in Duval County or shall have significant business or financial interests in Duval County.

Ms. Thomas is a certified nursing assistant, holds a bachelor's degree from Liberty University, and is working towards her master's in social work. She is a survivor mentor at the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center.

Policy Impact Area: Sex Trafficking Survivors Leadership Council operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey