

Introduced by the Council Member Newby and twice amended on the Floor
of Council:

RESOLUTION 2021-683-A

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE AT-LARGE GROUP 3
COUNCIL MEMBER VACANCY AND SPECIAL ELECTION;
PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION THAT SHALL BE
HELD PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.06, *CHARTER*, TO FILL
SAID VACANCY; PROVIDING FOR A QUALIFYING PERIOD
FROM 12:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
THROUGH 12:00 P.M. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021, FOR
A FIRST SPECIAL UNITARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021, AND FOR A SPECIAL
UNITARY GENERAL ELECTION, IF NECESSARY, TO BE
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022; PROVIDING
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFYING BY
PETITION DEADLINE; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE
UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a vacancy has been created in the City Council Member
Group 3 At-Large Group due to the death of Honorable Tommy Hazouri,
September 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.06 of the *Charter of the City of Jacksonville*
provides that upon a vacancy occurring under these circumstances, a
special election is called by resolution of the Council; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

**Section 1. Special Elections Called - At-Large Group 3
Council Seat; Qualifying Period, First Special Unitary Election and
Special Unitary General Election Provided for.** The Council hereby

1 declares the vacancy in the At-Large Group 3 seat of the City Council
2 as the result of the death of the Honorable Council Member Hazouri
3 on September 11, 2021. In accordance with the provisions of Section
4 5.06, *Charter of the City of Jacksonville*, a First Special Unitary
5 Election will be held on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021**, for the purpose
6 of electing the At-Large Group 3 Council Member for such vacated
7 Office, to serve the unexpired term of the previous At-Large Group 3
8 Council Member. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes of
9 the Special First Unitary Election, then, in that event, the two
10 candidates with the highest vote totals in the First Special Unitary
11 Election shall participate in a Special Unitary General Election to
12 be held on **Tuesday, February 22, 2022**. In the event more than one
13 candidate receives the second highest vote total, then each such
14 candidates' name, as well as the name of the candidate with the
15 highest vote total, shall be on the ballot for the Special Unitary
16 General Election. The qualifying period for candidates to be voted
17 upon in the First Special Unitary Election hereby called shall begin
18 at **12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2021**, and close at **12:00 p.m.**
19 **on Friday, October 1, 2021**.

20 **Section 2. Establishing the Candidate Qualifying by**
21 **Petition deadline.** For those candidates seeking to qualify for this
22 special election for the At-Large Group 3 City Council seat via the
23 voter petition process, the Council hereby establishes the candidate
24 qualifying by petition deadline to be **12:00 p.m. on Wednesday,**
25 **September 22, 2021.**

26 **Section 3. Requesting Emergency Passage Pursuant to Council**
27 **Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage of this legislation upon
28 introduction is requested. The nature of the emergency is that a
29 vacancy has been created in the Office of the At-Large Group 3 City
30 Council seat and time is needed for a qualifying period and to
31 establish the candidates to be included on the printed ballot, as

1 well as sufficient time to afford the Duval County Supervisor of
2 Elections the opportunity to properly assess petitions and meet the
3 ballot printing deadlines.

4 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
5 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
6 without the Mayor's signature.

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8 Form Approved:

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10 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

11 Office of General Counsel

12 Legislation Prepared by: Margaret M. Sidman

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