

1 Introduced by Council President Carrico and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members White and Gay:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-255-A**

6 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S
7 APPOINTMENT OF JAMES C. EDWARDS, A DUVAL COUNTY
8 RESIDENT, AS A MEMBER OF THE EASTSIDE GRANTS
9 COMMITTEE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 118.904,
10 *ORDINANCE CODE*, FOR AN INITIAL TWO-YEAR TERM
11 EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2028; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
12 DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2026-36-E established an Eastside Community
15 Grants Program ("Eastside Grants Program") with the mission and
16 purpose of providing a process by which funds made available for the
17 Eastside Strategic Focus through the Supplemental Jacksonville
18 Stadium Community Benefits Agreement, approved and authorized by
19 Ordinance 2024-905-E, will be distributed within the Eastside to
20 provide public support to organizations operating or administering
21 programs or initiatives for Affordable Housing, Workforce Housing,
22 economic development, and/or mitigation of homelessness in the
23 Eastside; and

24 **WHEREAS**, to administer the Eastside Grants Program, Ordinance
25 2026-36-E also created the Eastside Grants Committee to act as an
26 advisory body for the City of Jacksonville and to review, evaluate,
27 and score grant applications from such organizations that provide the
28 required programs or initiatives in the Eastside and desire to
29 participate in the Eastside Grants Program; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Section 118.904, *Ordinance Code*, outlines the
31 composition of the Eastside Grants Committee which shall consist of

1 nine voting members, four of whom are appointed by the Mayor and
2 confirmed by Council, four of whom shall be appointed by the Council
3 President and confirmed by Council, with the ninth voting member to
4 be a current employee of Jacksonville Jaguars, LLC ("JJL") or its
5 successor organization, to be selected by JJL; and

6 **WHEREAS**, to the extent feasible, the Mayor and Council President
7 shall endeavor to appoint members who reside in or have a substantial
8 economic business interest in each of the five neighborhoods that
9 comprise the Eastside, as follows: Campbells Addition, Fairfield,
10 Longbranch, Oakland, and Phoenix; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in addition, the Mayor and Council President are
12 encouraged to appoint members who also have experience or expertise
13 in one of the following areas: economic development and/or workforce
14 development; affordable housing and/or workforce housing; and
15 mitigation and/or prevention of homelessness which may include, but
16 is not limited to, experience in home repairs, tax relief, heirs
17 property, or related matters; now therefore

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

19 **Section 1. Confirmation of Appointment.** The Council hereby
20 confirms the Council President's appointment of James C. Edwards, a
21 Duval County resident, as a member of the Eastside Grants Committee,
22 in accordance with Section 118.904, *Ordinance Code*, for an initial
23 two-year term expiring on June 30, 2028.

24 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
26 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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