

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Chief Judge  
2 for the Fourth Judicial Circuit:  
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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-263**

6 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CHIEF JUDGE FOR THE  
7 FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT'S APPOINTMENT OF BERNIE  
8 DE LA RIONDA, A DUVAL COUNTY RESIDENT, AS A  
9 MEMBER OF THE JACKSONVILLE JOURNEY FORWARD  
10 BOARD, PURSUANT TO SECTION 85.105, *ORDINANCE*  
11 *CODE*, FOR AN INITIAL THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING  
12 SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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14 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2024-635-E established the Jacksonville  
15 Journey Forward as a public body within the executive branch of the  
16 City to assess and make recommendations regarding community-based  
17 programs, services, activities, and contracts related to factors  
18 contributing to crime prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation  
19 as well as neighborhood safety and stability, and the prevention of  
20 juvenile and adult recidivism; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Journey Forward also serves as a  
22 convenor to organize and engage City agencies, offices, departments,  
23 independent agencies, and community leaders and stakeholders to  
24 establish a community-based, Citywide plan and alignment of resources  
25 to reduce factors contributing to crime and to improve public safety;  
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, Section 85.105(a), *Ordinance Code*, outlines the  
28 composition of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board ("JF Board")  
29 which shall consist of eleven voting members, four of whom are  
30 appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, three of whom shall  
31 be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Council with

1 the following persons making one appointment for confirmation by  
2 Council, to wit: the Sheriff of Duval County, the State Attorney of  
3 the Fourth Judicial Circuit, the Superintendent of Duval County Public  
4 Schools, and the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit; and

5 **WHEREAS,** to the extent feasible and preferred, but not  
6 required, members appointed to serve on the JF Board shall include  
7 individuals with experience in one or more of the following areas,  
8 recognizing these qualifications would best serve the mission and  
9 objectives of the Jacksonville Journey Forward: public health,  
10 education, workforce development, contracts and compliance,  
11 afterschool/camp operations, juvenile diversion programs, violence  
12 prevention or intervention, ex-offender re-entry programs, law  
13 enforcement and community engagement; now therefore

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

15 **Section 1. Appointment Confirmation.** The Council hereby  
16 confirms the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit's appointment  
17 of Bernie de la Rionda, a Duval County resident, as a member of the  
18 Jacksonville Journey Forward Board, in accordance with Section  
19 85.105, *Ordinance Code*, for an initial three-year term expiring on  
20 September 30, 2027.

21 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
22 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
23 without the Mayor's signature.

24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Harry M. Wilson, IV

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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