

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2023-521

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

**Date of Introduction:** August 8, 2023

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

**Date of Analysis:** August 7, 2023

**Type of Action:** Appointment

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Council President's appointment of Carmen Martinez to the Duval County Election Advisory Panel, filling a seat formerly held by Nancy Chrisman, for a first full term ending April 16, 2025.

**Background Information:** The Duval County Election Advisory Panel is established pursuant to Chapter 59, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study and make recommendations to the Supervisor of Elections to increase the quality of voter registration and education efforts; study and make recommendations to the Supervisor of Elections to enhance the voter's election-day experience, including poll worker training, polling locations, ballot styles, and fraud prevention; evaluate and recommend improvements on the election effectiveness, including number of overvotes, undervotes and spoiled ballots, voter complaints, and voter turnout; review and comment on ballot styles, instructions and absentee ballot appearance; and make an annual report to Council on progress, including an incorporation of any statistics, charts, studies, reports, or other data and materials generated.

Section 59.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the Duval County Election Advisory Panel shall be Duval County registered voters and three of the members shall be designated by the Council President and confirmed by the City Council.

Dr. Martinez is a retired physician, and she holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester and a medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. Martinez is a registered voter in Duval County, resides in council district 13 and she is a manager for precinct 1314 in Mayport.

**Policy Impact Area:** Election Advisory Panel operations

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to the City

**Analyst:** Hampsey