

Introduced by Council Members Carlucci and J. Carlucci:

RESOLUTION 2025-562

A RESOLUTION SUGGESTING THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FURTHER CONSIDER DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE AS A POTENTIAL LOCATION FOR THE DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONSOLIDATED ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS AND ENCOURAGING COLLABORATION WITH THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY SUITABLE SITES THAT ADVANCE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO TRANSMIT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION, ONCE ADOPTED, TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Duval County School Board (the "School Board") has expressed a long-standing intent to relocate its administrative headquarters from 1701 Prudential Drive on the Southbank of the St. Johns River, a site which has been deemed surplus and is currently listed for sale; and

WHEREAS, the relocation presents a unique opportunity to consolidate multiple administrative offices into a centralized facility that better meets the operational, technological, and spatial needs of Duval County Public Schools (DCPS); and

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville City Council recognizes that Downtown Jacksonville remains the civic, cultural, and economic heart of the City and is currently undergoing transformational

1 redevelopment and revitalization through major public and private
2 investments; and

3 **WHEREAS,** the presence of major public-sector employers in
4 Downtown, including JEA and the Jacksonville Transportation
5 Authority, contributes significantly to the vitality of surrounding
6 neighborhoods, local businesses, and public infrastructure; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the continued presence of DCPS administrative
8 operations within the Downtown core would support local economic
9 development, sustain daytime workforce population, and contribute to
10 Jacksonville's broader strategic goals for revitalization; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the Jacksonville City Council acknowledges the School
12 Board's fiscal responsibility to Duval County taxpayers and commends
13 its thoughtful evaluation of long-term operational costs, including
14 ownership models, and capital efficiencies; and

15 **WHEREAS,** the City Council believes that a Downtown location
16 for the consolidated DCPS headquarters could align with both fiscal
17 prudence and the public interest by reinforcing civic presence within
18 the urban core and supporting ongoing redevelopment efforts; and

19 **WHEREAS,** the City Council encourages the business and
20 development community to support the Duval County School Board with
21 the long-term goal of School Board ownership of its consolidated
22 headquarters in Downtown Jacksonville, helping to ensure both
23 financial sustainability and continued civic engagement in the urban
24 core; and

25 **WHEREAS,** the City Council requests the Downtown Investment
26 Authority to work in collaboration with the Duval County School Board
27 to identify suitable locations within Downtown that fulfill the School
28 Board's operational needs while advancing the City's long-term goals
29 for urban redevelopment and economic growth; now therefore

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

31 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby urges the Duval County

1 School Board to give full and further consideration to Downtown
2 Jacksonville, including the Northbank, Southbank, LaVilla, and
3 Brooklyn neighborhoods, as a location for its future consolidated
4 administrative headquarters. The City Council further encourages the
5 School Board to collaborate with the Downtown Investment Authority
6 and other appropriate public and private stakeholders to identify
7 viable Downtown sites that align with the School Board's operational
8 needs and contribute meaningfully to the continued revitalization and
9 economic growth of Downtown Jacksonville. The City Council affirms
10 its interest in supporting a fiscally responsible relocation effort
11 that advances shared civic objectives.

12 **Section 2. Direction to Legislative Services Division.** The
13 Legislative Services Division is directed to transmit a copy of this
14 Resolution, once adopted, to each member of the Duval County School
15 Board and the Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools.

16 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22 /s/ S MacGillis

23 Office of General Counsel

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