

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2020-242

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** May 12, 2020

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

**Date of Analysis:** May 12, 2020

**Type of Action:** Authorizing the execution of an Economic Development Agreement; recommending Qualified Target Industry (QTI) status for the Company; establishing oversight

**Bill Summary:** The bill authorizes the Administration to execute an Economic Development Agreement between the City and Project Skateboard (the Company). The bill recommends that Project Skateboard be granted Qualified Target Industry (QTI) status through the State of Florida. The Office of Economic Development will provide oversight of the agreement.

**Background Information:** Project Skateboard is an IT company, with a presence in Jacksonville. Skateboard (which designs software for healthcare, transportation and financial institutions) is considering expanding its workforce in Jacksonville. In addition to Jacksonville, a few other cities are under consideration for the proposed expansion. If Jacksonville is selected, the company proposes to create a minimum of 300 full-time jobs by the end of 2024. The average annual wage of the jobs is \$74,300, plus benefits. Project Skateboard has stated that the City of Jacksonville and State of Florida financial incentives are a material factor in their decision to expand their existing operation in Jacksonville, Florida.

**Policy Impact Area:** Economic development

**Fiscal Impact:** The City of Jacksonville proposes to provide participation in the State of Florida Qualified Targeted Industry (QTI) Tax Refund Program. The QTI proposed is \$6,000 per job. The City portion of the QTI is 20 percent of the award, or \$1,200 per new qualified job created, up to a maximum of \$360,000. The QTI award will be payable after the average wage and job created is verified by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity over the proposed six year payout, beginning in 2021. The project has an ROI of 1.62, for the City of Jacksonville. The total amount of City incentives would be up to: \$360,000.

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