

1 Introduced by the Council Member Newby:

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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-683**

5 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE AT-LARGE GROUP 3  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER VACANCY AND SPECIAL ELECTION;  
7 PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION THAT SHALL BE  
8 HELD PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.06, *CHARTER*, TO FILL  
9 SAID VACANCY; PROVIDING FOR A QUALIFYING PERIOD  
10 FROM 12:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021  
11 THROUGH 12:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29,  
12 2021, FOR A FIRST SPECIAL UNITARY ELECTION TO BE  
13 HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021, AND FOR A  
14 SPECIAL UNITARY GENERAL ELECTION, IF NECESSARY,  
15 TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022;  
16 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFYING  
17 BY PETITION DEADLINE; REQUESTING EMERGENCY  
18 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN  
19 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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21 **WHEREAS**, a vacancy has been created in the City Council Member  
22 Group 3 At-Large Group due to the death of Honorable Tommy Hazouri,  
23 September 11, 2021; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Section 5.06 of the *Charter of the City of Jacksonville*  
25 provides that upon a vacancy occurring under these circumstances, a  
26 special election is called by resolution of the Council; now therefore

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

28 **Section 1. Special Elections Called - At-Large Group 3**  
29 **Council Seat; Qualifying Period, First Special Unitary Election and**  
30 **Special Unitary General Election Provided for.** The Council hereby  
31 declares the vacancy in the At-Large Group 3 seat of the City Council

1 as the result of the death of the Honorable Council Member Hazouri  
2 on September 11, 2021. In accordance with the provisions of Section  
3 5.06, *Charter of the City of Jacksonville*, a First Special Unitary  
4 Election will be held on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021**, for the purpose  
5 of electing the At-Large Group 3 Council Member for such vacated  
6 Office, to serve the unexpired term of the previous At-Large Group 3  
7 Council Member. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes of  
8 the Special First Unitary Election, then, in that event, the two  
9 candidates with the highest vote totals in the First Special Unitary  
10 Election shall participate in a Special Unitary General Election to  
11 be held on **Tuesday, February 22, 2022**. In the event more than one  
12 candidate receives the second highest vote total, then each such  
13 candidates' name, as well as the name of the candidate with the  
14 highest vote total, shall be on the ballot for the Special Unitary  
15 General Election. The qualifying period for candidates to be voted  
16 upon in the First Special Unitary Election hereby called shall begin  
17 at **12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2021**, and close at **12:00 p.m.**  
18 **on Wednesday, September 29, 2021**.

19 **Section 2. Establishing the Candidate Qualifying by**  
20 **Petition deadline.** For those candidates seeking to qualify for this  
21 special election for the At-Large Group 3 City Council seat via the  
22 voter petition process, the Council hereby establishes the candidate  
23 qualifying by petition deadline to be **12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September**  
24 **22, 2021**.

25 **Section 3. Requesting Emergency Passage Pursuant to Council**  
26 **Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage of this legislation upon  
27 introduction is requested. The nature of the emergency is that a  
28 vacancy has been created in the Office of the At-Large Group 3 City  
29 Council seat and time is needed for a qualifying period and to  
30 establish the candidates to be included on the printed ballot, as  
31 well as sufficient time to afford the Duval County Supervisor of

1 Elections the opportunity to properly assess petitions and meet the  
2 ballot printing deadlines.

3       **Section 4.       Effective Date.**   This Resolution shall become  
4 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
5 without the Mayor's signature.

6 Form Approved:

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9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared by: Margaret M. Sidman

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