

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2026-80

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

Date of Introduction: January 27, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 30, 2026

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Ilya Soroka to the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission, replacing Michael Montoya, for a first full term to expire March 4, 2028.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 76, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to conduct an ongoing survey and inventory of historic buildings, areas, and archaeological sites in the City of Jacksonville and to plan for their preservation; identify potential landmarks and potential landmark sites and to make recommendations to the City Council as to whether such should be officially designated; recommend that the City Council designate specified areas as historic districts and to identify which structures should be considered to be contributing structures; develop specific guidelines for the alteration, construction, relocation or removal of designated property; promulgate standards for architectural review which are consistent with standards for rehabilitation established by the United States Secretary of the Interior; approve or deny applications for certificate of appropriateness for alteration, construction, demolition, relocation or removal of landmarks, landmark sites, and property in historic districts; initiate plans for the preservation and rehabilitation of individual historic buildings; undertake public information programs including the preparation of publications and the placing of historic markers; conduct public hearings to consider historic preservation issues, the designation of landmarks, landmark sites, and historic districts, applications for certificate of appropriateness and nominations to the National Register of Historic Places; and administer Chapter 307, *Ordinance Code*.

Section 76.102, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the seven members of the commission shall be residents of the City of Jacksonville for their entire term and shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Mr. Soroka develops charter schools, residential and commercial properties. He is the Chairman and Chief Development Officer, Outreach Education LLC. Mr. Soroka resides in Duval County in council district 1.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey