

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-817

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: November 14, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 15, 2023

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Thomas Waters to the Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission (JHCDC), as an advocate for low-income persons, for a second term ending November 30, 2027.

Background Information: The JHCDC is established pursuant to Chapter 34, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to provide oversight and guidance to the Housing and Community Development Division; make recommendations on all agreements entered into by the Housing and Community Development Division through the Neighborhoods Department for and on behalf of the City; conduct any required public hearings, undertake the review, take any and all required actions for compliance, and make recommendations to the Council for adoption (and authorize the transmittal) as required by section 420.9076, *Florida Statutes*; and conduct any required public hearings, undertake the review, take any and all required actions for compliance, and recommend to the Council for adoption (and authorize the transmittal) a "Consolidated Plan" as required by 24 CFR Part 91.

Section 34.203, *Ordinance Code*, provides that five of the members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Council, representing various categories related to affordable housing.

Mr. Waters holds a bachelor's degree from FAMU. He is the president and CEO of SUMMIT Center for Resources and Organizational Development LLC., an agency that offers resources development and management assistance; affordable housing advocacy; capital access and financial literacy; asset mapping and consensus building; organizational/board training and development; and entrepreneurship development. Mr. Waters retired in 2025 after 27 years of service to the City, during which time he worked in the Neighborhoods Department, as a project manager for Public Works, and a grants administrator. He is a lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and serves as the chair of the Black Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Waters resides in Duval County in council district 8.

Attendance: Mr. Waters attended 31 of 33 (94%) meetings in his first term.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey