

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-956**

5 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT  
6 OF WILLIAM C. GENTRY, A DUVAL COUNTY RESIDENT,  
7 AS A MEMBER OF THE JACKSONVILLE JOURNEY FORWARD  
8 BOARD WITH EXPERIENCE IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION OR  
9 INTERVENTION, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY  
10 ENGAGEMENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 85.105,  
11 *ORDINANCE CODE*, FOR AN INITIAL FOUR-YEAR TERM  
12 EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2028; PROVIDING AN  
13 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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15 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2024-635-E established the Jacksonville  
16 Journey Forward as a public body within the executive branch of the  
17 City to assess and make recommendations regarding community-based  
18 programs, services, activities, and contracts related to factors  
19 contributing to crime prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation  
20 as well as neighborhood safety and stability, and the prevention of  
21 juvenile and adult recidivism; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Journey Forward also serves as a  
23 convenor to organize and engage City agencies, offices, departments,  
24 independent agencies, and community leaders and stakeholders to  
25 establish a community-based, Citywide plan and alignment of resources  
26 to reduce factors contributing to crime and to improve public safety;  
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28 **WHEREAS**, Section 85.105(a), *Ordinance Code*, outlines the  
29 composition of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board ("JF Board")  
30 which shall consist of eleven voting members, four of whom are  
31 appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, three of whom shall

1 be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Council with  
2 the following persons making one appointment for confirmation by  
3 Council, to wit: the Sheriff of Duval County, the State Attorney of  
4 the Fourth Judicial Circuit, the Superintendent of Duval County Public  
5 Schools, and the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit; and

6 **WHEREAS**, to the extent feasible and preferred, but not required,  
7 members appointed to serve on the JF Board shall include individuals  
8 with experience in one or more of the following areas, recognizing  
9 these qualifications would best serve the mission and objectives of  
10 the Jacksonville Journey Forward: public health, education, workforce  
11 development, contracts and compliance, afterschool/camp operations,  
12 juvenile diversion programs, violence prevention or intervention, ex-  
13 offender re-entry programs, law enforcement and community engagement;  
14 now therefore

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

16 **Section 1. Appointment Confirmation.** The Council hereby  
17 confirms the Mayor's appointment of William C. Gentry, a Duval County  
18 resident, as a member of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board with  
19 experience in violence prevention or intervention, education, and  
20 community engagement, in accordance with Section 85.105, *Ordinance*  
21 *Code*, for an initial four-year term expiring on September 30, 2028.

22 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
23 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
24 without the Mayor's signature.

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26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Harry M. Wilson, IV

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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