

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-438

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

Date of Introduction: June 10, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: June 10, 2025

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation, establishment of substantial business interest and *Ordinance Code* waiver

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Josh Martino as a member of the Kids Hope Alliance Board, replacing Connie S. Hodges for a partial term to expire on December 31, 2025, followed by a first full term to expire on December 31, 2029. This bill establishes the appointee's substantial business and philanthropic interest in Duval County, and waives Subsection 77.106(a), *Ordinance Code* as to the KHA Board residency requirement.

Background Information: The Kids Hope Alliance is established pursuant to Chapter 77, *Ordinance Code* to offer a comprehensive and integrated system of essential children and youth programs and services to address the critical needs of children and youth. KHA is responsible for comprehensively developing, overseeing, managing and implementing the Essential Services Plan for Kids, and managing the children and youth programs, services, and activities permitted under the Plan through third-party service providers and other City agencies.

Section 77.106, *Ordinance Code*, provides that Kids Hope Alliance Board be comprised of seven voting members who are permanent residents of the City, appointed by the Mayor, and confirmed by the Council.

Mr. Martino holds a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and a law degree from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. He is the founder and president of the Home Team Restaurant Group and President/Legal Counsel for Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q Inc. Mr. Martino resides in St. Johns County, but works for Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q, Inc. which owns and operates several restaurants within Jacksonville. Additionally, he serves on advisory councils at UNF and Jacksonville University.

Policy Impact Area: Kids Hope Alliance Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey