

ARIAS FLOOR AMENDMENT

Council Member Arias offers the following Floor Amendment to File No. 2023-781:

- (1) On **page 2, lines 30-31 and page 3, lines 1-5, strike** Section 1 in its entirety and **insert** a new Section 1 to read as follows:

"Section 1. Findings. It is hereby ascertained, determined, found and declared as follows:

(a) The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.

(b) The locations of the projects referenced herein (collectively, the "Projects") in Jacksonville, Florida, are more particularly described in the term sheets attached hereto. The Projects, which include workforce development and training programs and facilities, will promote and further the public and municipal purposes of the City.

(c) Enhancement of the City's tax base and revenues, are matters of State and City policy and State and City concern in order that the State and its counties and municipalities, including the City, shall not continue to be endangered by unemployment, underemployment, economic recession, poverty, crime and disease, and consume an excessive proportion of the State and City revenues because of the extra services required for police, fire, accident, health care, elderly care, charity care, hospitalization, public housing and housing assistance, and other forms of public protection, services and facilities.

(d) In addition to the foregoing, the Edward Waters University, Inc. project will provide an opportunity for the City, community organizations and members of the public to have

access to and use of the facility funded herein and provides benefits to the surrounding community as set forth above.

(e) The provision of the City's assistance as identified in the term sheets is necessary and appropriate to make the Projects feasible; and the City's assistance is reasonable and not excessive, taking into account the needs of the recipients to make the Projects economically and financially feasible, and the extent of the public benefits expected to be derived from the Projects, and taking into account all other forms of assistance available.

(f) The recipients are qualified to carry out and complete the construction and equipping of the Projects, in accordance with the Agreement.

(g) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for public uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a county, municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of Florida and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination.

(h) This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 163, 166 and 125, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, the City's Charter, and other applicable provisions of law.";

- (2) On **page 1, line 1**, amend the introductory sentence to add that the bill was amended as reflected herein.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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