

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-581

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: August 22, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 21, 2023

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Dennis Chan to the Duval County Tourist Development Council (TDC), as a representative of the tourist industry, for a second term ending June 30, 2027.

Background Information: The TDC is established pursuant to Chapter 70, *Ordinance Code*, and Section 125.0104, *Florida Statutes*, and charged to recommend a method of coordination of existing tourist development efforts by both public and private agencies, organizations and business and of new or additional tourist development efforts; identify and recommend methods of eliminating unnecessary duplications in existing tourist development efforts; identify and develop new tourist development efforts; create, prepare and submit to the Council a tourist development plan; and review the expenditures of revenues from the Tourist Development Trust Fund and report any unauthorized expenditures to the Council and State Department of Revenue.

Section 70.102(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that three of the members of the Duval County Tourist Development Council shall be persons who are involved in the tourist industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development, but are not associated with tourist accommodation.

Mr. Chan holds a bachelor's degree from UF and graduated from the Culinary Institute of America. He is the chef/owner of Blue Bamboo Canton Bistro, a cookbook author, and he was honored with the Small Business Person of the Year Award in 2022. Mr. Chan previously served as the Chapter President of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association. He resides in Duval County in council district 11.

Attendance: Mr. Chan attended 18 of the 19 TDC meetings in his first term (95%)

Policy Impact Area: Tourist Development Council operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey