

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Chief Judge
2 for the Fourth Judicial Circuit and Co-Sponsored by Council Members
3 Miller, Carlucci, Boylan, Carrico, White, Freeman, Howland, Johnson,
4 Pittman and Amaro:

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7 **RESOLUTION 2025-263-A**

8 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CHIEF JUDGE FOR THE
9 FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT'S APPOINTMENT OF BERNIE
10 DE LA RIONDA, A DUVAL COUNTY RESIDENT, AS A
11 MEMBER OF THE JACKSONVILLE JOURNEY FORWARD
12 BOARD, PURSUANT TO SECTION 85.105, *ORDINANCE*
13 *CODE*, FOR AN INITIAL THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING
14 SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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16 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2024-635-E established the Jacksonville
17 Journey Forward as a public body within the executive branch of the
18 City to assess and make recommendations regarding community-based
19 programs, services, activities, and contracts related to factors
20 contributing to crime prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation
21 as well as neighborhood safety and stability, and the prevention of
22 juvenile and adult recidivism; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Journey Forward also serves as a
24 convenor to organize and engage City agencies, offices, departments,
25 independent agencies, and community leaders and stakeholders to
26 establish a community-based, Citywide plan and alignment of resources
27 to reduce factors contributing to crime and to improve public safety;
28 and

29 **WHEREAS**, Section 85.105(a), *Ordinance Code*, outlines the
30 composition of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board ("JF Board")
31 which shall consist of eleven voting members, four of whom are

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

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

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

17 **Section 1. Appointment Confirmation.** The Council hereby
18 confirms the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit's appointment
19 of Bernie de la Rionda, a Duval County resident, as a member of the
20 Jacksonville Journey Forward Board, in accordance with Section
21 85.105, *Ordinance Code*, for an initial three-year term expiring on
22 September 30, 2027.

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

26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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