

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-877

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: December 12, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 12, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill appoints Wen Raiti as a member of the Better Jacksonville Plan Financial Administration Committee, as a citizen member, for a first full-term expiring March 31, 2028.

Background Information: Section 761.107, *Ordinance Code* established the Better Jacksonville Plan Financial Administration Committee (BJP FAC) to provide additional oversight and review of the projects, as financed by The Better Jacksonville ½ Cent Sales Surtax. BJP FAC must also report twice a year regarding the revenues received, implementation, progress, status and completion of the projects related to the use of the local option gas taxes.

Pursuant to Section 761.107 (a), *Ordinance Code*, the Better Jacksonville Plan Financial Administration Committee, shall consist of the Managing Director of JEA, and the Chief Administrative Officer of the City or their respective designees. Additionally, two citizen members shall be appointed by Council, two citizen members of shall be appointed by the Mayor to be confirmed by Council (one of whom shall be a citizen within the financial business community of the City), and two shall be recommended by JTA to be confirmed by Council, each for a five-year term.

Ms. Raiti holds a bachelor's degree from Carlow College and a master's degree in accounting from UNF. She is the founder and president of the House of Leaf & Bean, and she worked previously as a corporate tax manager for EverBank Inc. Ms. Raiti has served as the VP of the Jacksonville Sister City Association and as the chair of the Mayor's Asian American Advisory Board. She resides in Duval County in council district 13.

Policy Impact Area: Better Jacksonville Plan Financial Administration Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey