

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-772

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

Date of Introduction: October 24, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 23, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Sondra Fetner to the Downtown Investment Authority Board, as an attorney, replacing David Ward, for a partial term to expire June 30, 2027.

(Note: the "partial" term may need to be amended in committee)

Background Information: The Downtown Investment Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 55, *Ordinance Code*, and charged as the sole development and community redevelopment agency for Downtown for the City of Jacksonville pursuant to Chapter 163, Part III, *Florida Statutes*.

Section 55.107, *Ordinance Code* established the Downtown Investment Authority Board to act as a governing body for the Downtown Investment Authority.

Section 55.307(b)(1), *Ordinance Code*, provides that five of the nine members of the board be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, in various categories, including a practicing attorney.

Ms. Fetner holds a bachelor's degree and a JD from UF, and a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Southern California. She is the Director of Placemaking at the Jessie Ball duPont Fund and she worked previously as a consultant for Urban Vision Consulting and as an attorney with the Office of General Counsel. She serves on the Cultural Service Grant Program Committee, the Downtown Vision Board, Riverside Avondale Preservation Board and is a member of the Urban Land Institute. Ms. Fetner resides in Duval County in council district 7.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown Investment Authority Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey