

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-588

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

Date of Introduction: July 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: July 23, 2024

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Helena Atalla Parola as the Chief of the Community Planning Division within the Planning and Development Department.

Background Information: Section 30.402, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Chief of Community Planning shall have a bachelor's degree or higher in an accredited college or university in urban or regional planning, geography or civil engineering, community planning, architecture, landscape architecture, public administration or related field and at least seven years' experience in comprehensive community planning or at least five years' of experience with a master's degree in any of the listed fields, or commensurate training and experience, and shall have proven administrative experience. The Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Ms. Parola holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Florida. She has served in the Planning and Development Department since 1998 with roles including senior planner (historic preservation) and City planner supervisor. Ms. Parola resides in Duval County in council district 5.

Policy Impact Area: Planning and Development Department / Community Planning Division operations

Fiscal Impact: The salary range for this position is \$99,474.72 - \$162,407.40 annually

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