

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-594

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President White

Date of Introduction: July 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: July 22, 2024

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation and one-cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's appointment of Jitan Kuverji as a member of the Homelessness Initiatives Commission, for an initial two-year term expiring February 28, 2026. One cycle emergency passage of this legislation is requested because there is an urgent need for the Commission to be fully seated as soon as possible so that it can commence its work in a timely manner, including development of an annual Action Plan by September 1st.

Background Information: Chapter 89, *Ordinance Code* established the Homelessness Initiatives Commission as an advisory body of the City to assess the current unmet needs of Duval County's homeless and chronic unhoused populations and to make recommendations regarding programs, initiatives and services to be funded by the City's Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund.

Pursuant to Section 86.103 (a), *Ordinance Code*, four members of the general public shall be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Council, and three members of the general public shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council. To the extent possible, each of the members of the general public should possess specialized knowledge about the needs of the homeless and chronic unhoused populations.

Mr. Kuverji holds a bachelor's degree from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and he is a certified hotel administrator. He is the owner/operator of the Comfort Suites Orange Park and Baymeadows, and he was integral in the implementation of the TIPSAs safety initiative that uses social media to share information with JSO about suspicious people and events around the hotels. Mr. Kuverji serves as a member of the Tourist Development Council and the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association Board of Directors. He resides in Duval County in council district 11.

Policy Impact Area: Homelessness Initiatives Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey