

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2024-596

**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 19, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of John Hirabayashi to the Downtown Investment Authority Board, as a person with substantial business interest in the Northbank CRA, replacing W. Braxton Gillam, IV, for a first full term ending June 30, 2028.

**Background Information:** The Downtown Investment Authority is established pursuant to Section 55.104, *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 55.307(a) *Ordinance Code* provides that the Downtown Investment Authority Board is the governing body for the Downtown Investment Authority. Section 55.307(b)(1), *Ordinance Code*, provides that five of the nine members of the Downtown Investment Authority board be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, in various categories, including as a person with commercial real estate experience.

Mr. Hirabayashi holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder and an MBA from Virginia Polytechnical University. He is the president and CEO of Community First Credit Union of Florida. Mr. Hirabayashi serves on the boards of the Community Foundation of NE Florida and Jacksonville Public Education Fund. He 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