

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2019-777

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: October 22, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 23, 2019

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of David Ward, to the Downtown Investment Authority, as an Attorney, replacing W. Braxton Gillam, IV, for a first full term ending June 30, 2023.

Background Information: The Downtown Investment Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 55, Part 3, *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(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.

Mr. Ward has a Juris Doctorate Degree from Florida State University College of Law and he is currently the Senior Corporate Counsel at Global Payments, Inc.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown Investment Authority Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Distel