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Noticed Meeting CM Jimmy Peluso and CM Raul Arias Eastside Community Benefits Agreement March 31, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Location: In The Word International Church at 925 Spearing Street, Jacksonville, FL, 32206

Attendance: Council Member Jimmy Peluso, Council Member Raul Arias, Council Member Dr. Rahman Johnson, Bill Delaney Council Liaison -Mayor's Administration, Brittany Norris Inter-governmental Liaison- Mayor's Administration, Together Eastside Coalition Member Ariane Randolph, Historic Eastside CDC CEO Suzanne Pickett, Executive Council Assistant Evin Herzberg, Executive Council Assistant Andrew Powers, Executive Council Assistant Brooks Dame, see sign-in sheet for full attendance.

Meeting Convened: 6:09 p.m.

Discussion:

Council Member Jimmy Peluso and Council Member Arias thanked the audience for their attendance. Attendees introduced themselves.

Council Member Peluso and Council Member Areas discussed the current status of the Community Benefits Arereement, and the \$40 million allocated to the East Side. They share the City Council had approved \$115 million for the CBA with \$75 million from the Jaguars over 30 years, starting at stadium completion, and \$40 million from the City of Jacksonville, starting 2025/2026 through 2031/2032, with a minimum contribution of \$4 million annually.

Lift Jax Chief Executive Officer Travis Williams and Ms. Ariane Randolph shared the handout and walked the group through it. He emphasized the Strategic Funding Areas recommended by the Eastside neighbors and volunteers who had been working together for 18 months: Economic Development, Affordable Housing and Workforce Development. Mr. Williams thanked the community for their many hours of work and dedication to reach this point. Ms. Randolph shared the outstanding Council action for the governance structure and a possible tax increment financing, which was well received by the audience.

Public comment from 15 community members included discussion on concerns about transparency, accountability, and the selection process for board members. The Council Members and community shared the importance of using the dollars effectively and equitably. They discussed the need for audits, sunshine oversight, term limits for members, and continuous community engagement .

Council Member Arias confirmed the Committee would meet in May and complete the work in June. Council Member Peluso thanked everyone for attending and Mr. Williams encouraged everyone to attend future meetings to stay involved.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Brooks Dame, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Jimmy Peluso. The following items were submitted for public record and can be accessed by contacting the Legislative Services:

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