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### **COUNCIL MEMBER TO ADDRESS COLONIAL FOREST APARTMENTS CONDEMNATION**

Jacksonville, FL, November 6, 2023 – Jacksonville City Council Member Rahman Johnson will hold a press conference at the Colonial Forest Apartment complex, 5928 Firestone Road, Jacksonville, FL 32244. The press conference is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in front of the complex, near the intersection of Firestone and Wheat Roads.**

Johnson will address the recent condemnation of specific portions of the Colonial Forest Apartments and the comprehensive measures being taken by the city to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents affected by this situation.

“This issue has been a major concern for everyone in the city, and we are doing the work to ensure that our community gets the attention they deserve,” said Johnson.

The Mayor’s Office has worked closely with Council Member Johnson on this issue and will provide insights into the plan to ensure the affected residents remain housed. The press conference will serve as a platform to communicate transparently with the public and the media about the gravity of the situation and the city's commitment to the safety and welfare of the community.

Since the condemnation order was made, the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) has been on-site 24 hours a day on *‘fire watch’* to be available in case of an emergency event.

Johnson also plans to share the legal actions that the city is taking. Representatives from the JFRD, Code Enforcement, and the Neighborhoods Department will also be on-site.

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#### **About [Rahman](#) ([RAAK] + [MUHN] Johnson**

Jacksonville City Council Member Rahman Johnson was elected to represent District 14 in May 2023. The district encompasses the southwestern portion of the city to the Clay County line, including Argyle Forest and Oak Leaf Plantation. Council Member Johnson is dedicated to improving Jacksonville through responsible governance and community-focused initiatives. He is committed to fostering economic development, enhancing public safety, and addressing critical infrastructure needs in his district and throughout the city.

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