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**RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSONVILLE ETHICS COMMISSION**

**April 3, 2019**

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Ethics Commission has a duty under section 602.911 of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code and section 1.202(d) of the Charter of the City of Jacksonville to “recommend changes in legislation to City Council in the areas of ethics laws and administration”; and

WHEREAS, in connection with such duties, the Commission has reviewed Ordinance No. 2019-54, introduced to City Council on January 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2019-54 is substantially similar to Ordinance 2017-346, which the City Council considered and withdrew in 2017 after hearing from members of the Commission, the Office of Ethics, Compliance & Oversight, and the then-chair of the Florida Commission on Ethics in opposition to Ordinance 2017-346; and

WHEREAS, the Commission supports current law on the process for selection of Commission members and finds that Ordinance No. 2019-54 will impede the administration of the Commission’s duties in its various committees, threatens to erode the independence of the Commission, opens the door to political manipulation of the process by which the Commission handles ethics complaints against City officials, and, therefore, is not in the best interests of the people of Jacksonville;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jacksonville Ethics Commission as follows:

1. The Jacksonville Ethics Commission recommends that City Council withdraw or deny Ordinance No. 2019-54.
2. This resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Jacksonville Ethics Commission on this 3rd day of April, 2019.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ see original for signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Rogan, Chair

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ see original for signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Carla Miller, Ethics Director

Vote (4/3/19): In Favor: 8 Opposed: 0