

DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING NEW AND ESTABLISHED MEMBERS OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH TERMS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 420.9076, Florida Statutes, DeSoto County adopted Ordinance 1993-02 establishing the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for DeSoto County; and

WHEREAS, Section 420.076, Florida Statutes, was amended by Chapter 2007-198, Laws of Florida, to increase the number and qualifications of members of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee required for cities and counties receiving State Housing Initiatives Program (SHIP) funds; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the aforementioned legislative changes, Ordinance 1993-02 was amended by Ordinance 2008-14 on August 12, 2008 and now appears as section 11-107, DeSoto County Code of Ordinances (the "County Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee can have at least 11 members and must consist of 1 representative from at least 6 of the 11 demographic categories, and

WHEREAS, the persons appointed hereby below are duly qualified and have agreed to serve on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 11-107(a) of the County Code, the members of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds adoption of this resolution is in the best interest of the residents of DeSoto County, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The following persons are appointed as members of the DeSoto County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for a three (3) year term and may be reappointed for subsequent terms and whose general duties are specified in Section 11-

107, DeSoto County Code of Ordinances, including to produce an annual report with recommendations on local affordable housing incentives.

APPOINTEES:

- (1) Judy Schaefer
- (2) Jennifer Bowser
- (3) Holly Layport
- (4) Thelma Guice
- (5) Melanie Brown
- (6) Oralia Ramirez
- (7) Donna Doubleday
- (8) Jeorgia Sutton
- (9) Derek Taylor

Section 3. Two additional members shall be appointed by separate Resolution when identified and available.

Section 4. Upon acceptance of this appointment, the members commit to attend meetings for a term of (3) years to begin July 21, 2026 and to end July 21, 2029.

Section 5. The committee hereby appointed, shall meet within 3 months of the effective date of their term, at the call of the Social Services Director, and in compliance with the public notice and public access provisions of state law and the said county code provision, to adopt an annual report with recommendations on local affordable housing incentives and perform other duties as specified in section 11-107, DeSoto County Code of Ordinances.

Section 6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2026

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Mandy Hines
County Administrator

Steve Hickox
Chairman

Valerie Vicente
County Attorney