

Resolution #1



**DOWNTOWN
HAMMOND**
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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2 W THOMAS ST, HAMMOND, LA 70403 | (985) 277 5681

January 12, 2026

RE: DDD Board of Directors Appointments

Dear Hammond City Council,

The Hammond Downtown Development District is seeking your appointment of following nominees to serve on our Board of Directors. I've attached supporting documents for each nominee including nomination letters, resumes, and evidence of business and/or property ownership in the district.

Terms effective immediately though December 31, 2026

Largest Assessed Property Owner - First Guaranty Bank (400 E Thomas St)

- Nominee: **Evan Singer of First Guaranty Bank**

Terms effective immediately through December 31, 2027

City of Hammond Mayor

- Nominee: **Todd Delaune of Red, White & Brew, Inc.**

Chamber of Commerce Seat - Tangipahoa Chamber (400 NW Railroad Ave)

- Nominee: **Mary Mowad Guiteau of Holly & Smith Architects**

East Side Property/ Business Owner

- Our Mom's Restaurant (205 E Thomas St)
- Modified: A Beauty Bar (209 E Thomas St)
- Lady Phoenix Rising (209 E Thomas St)
- Cena; Hammond (123 S Cate St)
- Movement Mortgage (109 E Charles St)
- Nominee: **Eddie 'Ryan' Oliphant of Benteaux LLC**

In compliance with our statute (RS 33:2740.15; attached), all nominating parties and nominees are current on property tax and sales tax (where applicable), as well as current on occupational licenses issued by the City of Hammond (where applicable). All nominees are registered voters in Tangipahoa Parish.

Please note that our 'West Side Property/ Business Owner' seat remains open for nominations.

My best,

Michelle Kendall

Executive Director, Hammond Downtown Development District



§33:2740.15. The Hammond Downtown Development District; Downtown Development Authority; creation, composition, and powers; preparation of plans; levy of ad valorem taxes and issuance of bonds

C.(1) The governing authority of the district shall be a board of eight members. The board shall be known as the Downtown Development Authority, hereafter referred to as the "authority". Seven members of the authority shall be appointed by the council of the city of Hammond, hereafter referred to as the "city council". The mayor shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the authority. One of the members shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the mayor. Three of the members shall be appointed from lists of nominees submitted by each of the six largest assessed property owners within the district. One member shall be appointed from a list of three nominees submitted by the Hammond Chamber of Commerce. Two members shall be appointed from nominations submitted by property owners subject to the ad valorem tax provided for in Subsection E of this Section, or who are licensed business owners within the district. Nominations shall be compiled separately for the areas east and west of the ICG Railroad tracks, and each such nominee shall be nominated by a minimum of five business owners from within the respective districts before being considered a valid nominee for the Hammond City Council's review. A nominee shall be eligible only if all taxes and licenses of the nominee as well as the taxes and licenses of those placing the nominee's name into consideration are current. If any list of nominees provided for herein is not submitted by any nominating group or person within fourteen days after notification by the city council, the city council may appoint a member of its own choosing. Each member of the authority shall own property in the district, be the owner of a business within the district, or be an officer of a corporation or other business entity owning property in the district and shall be a registered voter of Tangipahoa Parish. The city council may remove any member for cause.



MARY MOWAD GUILTEAU

CONTACT

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Hammond, LA 70401

EDUCATION

Louisiana State University
Bachelor of Interior Design, 1997

Certification

National Council for Interior Design
Qualification, 2001, NCIDQ #17391

Louisiana Registered Interior Designer,
2001, LSBID #1181

Texas Registered Interior Designer,
2022, TBAE #12955

WORK EXPERIENCE

Holly & Smith Architects, APAC
Hammond / New Orleans / Lafayette
1997 – Present
Associate Principal / Director of Interior Design

Leslie Herpin Interior Design, Inc.
Baton Rouge
2007 – 1997
Interior Designer

PROFESSIONAL

International Interior Design Association (IIDA)
1997 – Present

- Recipient of over 15 regional interior design awards

International Facility Management Association (IFMA)
2010 – Present

- Published 5 times in IFMA's national Facility Management Journal magazine

COMMUNITY

New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute, Class of 2024
Baton Rouge Business Report Leadership Academy 2.0, Class of 2022
Baton Rouge Business Report Leadership Academy, Class of 2021
Leadership Tangipahoa, Class of 2014
Southern Federation of Syrian Lebanese American Clubs

- President, 2022 – 2023
- Vice President, 2021 – 2022
- Board of Directors, 2003 – 2005, 2013 – 2015
- Benefactor Committee Chairman, 2000 – 2021

LSU Alumni Association, 1999 – Present
Phi Mu House Building Committee, 2022 – Present
Phi Mu Ladies of Louisiana, Founding Member, 2018 – Present
Louisiana Governor's Mansion Circle of Friends, 2017 – Present
Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Lector, 2022 – Present
Oak Creek Homeowners' Association, Architectural Review Committee
Member 2020 – 2022

November 29, 2023

Hammond Downtown Development District
#2 West Thomas St.
Hammond, LA 70401

RE: Mary Mowad Gulteau

Please be advised that Mary Mowad Gulteau is a Shareholder / Owner in Holly and Smith Architects, A Professional Architectural Corporation, located at 208 North Cate Street, Hammond, Louisiana.

Should you require any further information, please contact me at 985-345-5210.

Thank you,

HOLLY AND SMITH ARCHITECTS
A Professional Architectural Corporation

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Robin B. Gray'.

Robin B. Gray
Business Manager and Treasurer

Tangipahoa Chamber nominee for Hammond DDD Board of Directors

Messages

Melissa Bordelon <melissa.bordelon@tangipahoachamber.org>

Tue, Jan 6, 2026 at 4:39 P

Michelle Kendall <kendall_ml@hammond.org>

: Mary Guiteau <mary@hollyandsmith.com>, "matt@crescenttitle.com" <matt@crescenttitle.com>

Michelle –

The Tangipahoa Chamber is pleased to submit our nomination for our seat on the Hammond Downtown Development District Board: **Mary Mowad Guiteau of Holly & Smith Architects.**

As you know, Mary is an outstanding professional in our community with the experience and perspective to help your organization continue to thrive. She is an active and engaged member of the Tangipahoa Chamber and understands the pro-business priorities that guide our work. She will keep those priorities front of mind while championing initiatives as part of the DDD leadership team. Most importantly, Mary shares our strong belief that the success of the Hammond DDD is critical to the continued growth of our community, and that the Tangipahoa Chamber stands ready to remain a committed partner as we move forward into 2026.

Mary's paperwork has been submitted, and we understand your team will follow up with her if any additional information is needed. Please let me know the date of the Hammond City Council meeting at which Mary's nomination will be presented, as I would appreciate the opportunity to be there in support of her appointment.

Melissa Bordelon, IOM

President and CEO

Tangipahoa Chamber

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Visit us at www.TangipahoaChamber.org.

Michelle Kendall <kendall_ml@hammond.org>

Wed, Jan 7, 2026 at 1:17 P

Melissa Bordelon <melissa.bordelon@tangipahoachamber.org>

: Mary Guiteau <mary@hollyandsmith.com>, "matt@crescenttitle.com" <matt@crescenttitle.com>

Hi Melissa,

I am thrilled to have Mary continue her service to the DDD through the Tangipahoa Chamber's board nomination. Our board nominees will be presented to the Hammond City Council for official appointment on Tuesday, January 13th. The meeting starts at 5:30pm, but our appointments are later in the agenda. Once the agenda becomes available, I will send it to you.

Thanks again!

Michelle

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Michelle Kendall, MPH

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