

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 26-226

(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Article IV of the Florida Constitution vests the State's "supreme executive power" in the Governor and requires the Governor to "take care" that the laws of Florida are faithfully executed. Art. IV, § 1(a), Fla. Const.; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Governor's executive responsibility, "any elected municipal officer indicted for crime may be suspended from office until acquitted and the office filled by appointment for the period of suspension, not to extend beyond the term, unless these powers are vested elsewhere by law or the municipal charter." Art. IV, § 7(c), Fla. Const.; and

WHEREAS, section 112.51(2), Florida Statutes, further provides that "[w]hensoever any elected or appointed municipal official is arrested for a felony or for a misdemeanor related to the duties of office or is indicted or informed against for the commission of a federal felony or misdemeanor or state felony or misdemeanor, the Governor has the power to suspend such municipal official from office."; and

WHEREAS, city mayors and city commissioners are municipal officers subject to the Governor's suspension power; and

WHEREAS, Eva Jacquelyn Espinosa was elected as mayor of the City of Kissimmee (Commissioner Seat 5) in November 2024 and currently holds that office; and

WHEREAS, Eva Jacquelyn Espinosa was arrested on October 21, 2026, and charged with the following two felony counts: grand theft in violation of section 812.014(2)(b)(1), Florida Statutes, and scheme to defraud in violation of section 817.034(4)(a)(1), Florida Statutes.

WHEREAS, the arrest warrant and affidavit, as well as the Information, are attached hereto and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, under my administration, Florida is a law-and-order State; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Kissimmee, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Eva Jacquelyn Espinosa be immediately suspended from public office.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find and, for the purposes of article IV, section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 112.51, Florida Statutes, determine as follows:

A. Eva Jacquelyn Espinosa is the Mayor of the City of Kissimmee (Commissioner Seat 5), in Osceola County, Florida; and

B. The office of mayor is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 112.51, Florida Statutes; and

C. Eva Jacquelyn Espinosa has been informed against and arrested for the commission of two felonies.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

Section 1. Eva Jacquelyn Espinosa is hereby suspended from the public office that she now holds, to wit: Mayor of the City of Kissimmee (Commissioner Seat 5).

Section 2. Eva Jacquelyn Espinosa is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which

period shall be from the effective date hereof until a further executive order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.

Section 3. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement, assisted by other law enforcement agencies as necessary, is requested to: (i) assist in the immediate transition of Eva Jacquelyn Espinosa from the office of the Mayor of the City of Kissimmee (Commissioner Seat 5); and (ii) ensure that neither Eva Jacquelyn Espinosa nor her staff remove any files, papers, documents, notes, records, computers, or removable storage media from the office of the Mayor of the City of Kissimmee (Commissioner Seat 5).

Section 4. If, after execution of this Executive Order, additional facts are discovered that illustrate other constitutional or statutory grounds for suspension of Eva Jacquelyn Espinosa, this Executive Order may be amended to incorporate those additional facts.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 30th day of October, 2026.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



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