

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 24-63 (Executive Order of Suspension)

**WHEREAS**, Regina I. Hill is presently serving as a member of the City Commission of the City of Orlando, Florida, representing District 5; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2024, Regina Hill was indicted in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County on three counts of Exploitation of Elderly Person or Disabled Person Greater than \$50,000, a first-degree felony under sections 825.103(1)(a), (1)(c), (1)(e), and (3)(a), Florida Statutes; one count of Scheme to Defraud of \$50,000 or More, a first-degree felony under section 817.034(4)(a)1., Florida Statutes; one count of Fraudulent Use of Personal Identification Over \$100,000, a first-degree felony under sections 817.568(2)(c) and (6), Florida Statutes; one count of Fraudulent Use of Personal Identification, a second-degree felony under section 817.568(7), Florida Statutes; and one count of Mortgage Fraud Greater than \$100,000, a second-degree felony under section 817.545, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement special agent in charge of the investigation publicly stated that Regina Hill “became aware of [the alleged victim] because of her position as a city commissioner, and that because of that, she was able to lend what appeared to be some benefit services that then turned into the acts” giving rise to the indictment and agreed that Regina Hill “used her position as a city commissioner to her own advantage”; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, section 7(c) of the Florida Constitution states: “[b]y order of the governor 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”; and

**WHEREAS**, section 112.51(2), Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor may suspend from office any elected municipal officer who is indicted or informed against for the commission of a state felony or misdemeanor; and

**WHEREAS**, section 112.51(1), Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor may suspend from office any elected municipal officer for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, habitual drunkenness, incompetence, or permanent inability to perform official duties; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Orlando, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Regina Hill be immediately suspended from the public office which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS**, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, section 7(c) of the Florida Constitution and section 112.51, Florida Statutes, find as follows:

- A. Regina I. Hill is, and at all times material was, the City of Orlando Commissioner for District 5.
- B. The office of City of Orlando Commissioner for District 5 is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, section 7(c) of the Florida Constitution and section 112.51, Florida Statutes.
- C. The attached indictment, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order, charges Regina I. Hill with the commission of state felonies.
- D. The indictment indicates misfeasance and malfeasance on the part of Regina I. Hill.

**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 today:

Section 1. Regina I. Hill is suspended from the public office, which she now holds, to wit: City of Orlando Commissioner for District 5.

Section 2. Regina I. Hill is 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 today until a further Executive Order is issued or as otherwise provided by law.

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 1st day of April, 2024.



  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

FALL TERM 2023

THE STATE OF FLORIDA

VS.

REGINA IRENE HILL

INDICTMENT

CASE NUMBER # 2024. CF. 4145.1

DIVISION -

1. EXPLOITATION OF ELDERLY PERSON OR DISABLED PERSON >\$50,000 (Breach Power of Attorney) (F1-L8)
2. EXPLOITATION OF ELDERLY OR DISABLED PERSON >=\$50,000 (Position of Trust and Confidence) (F1-L8)
3. EXPLOITATION OF ELDERLY OR DISABLED PERSON >=\$50,000 (Intentionally or Negligently Misuse) (F1-L8)
4. SCHEME TO DEFRAUD OF \$50,000 OR MORE (F1-L7)
5. FRAUDULENT USE OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION, OVER \$100,000 (10 Year Minimum Mandatory) (F1-L7)
6. FRAUDULENT USE OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION - Parent/Guardian/Custodian (F2-L9)
7. MORTGAGE FRAUD (Greater than \$100,000) (F2-L4)

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

The Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that REGINA IRENE HILL, between on or about the 29th day of April, 2021, and on or about the 13th day of March, 2024, in Orange County, Florida and Seminole County, Florida, did, in violation of Florida Statutes 825.103(1)(c) and 825.103(3)(a), while having a fiduciary duty to [REDACTED] an

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elderly or disabled person, as her agent under a power of attorney, violate said fiduciary duty by abusing her power, or wasting, embezzling or intentionally mismanaging the assets of the principal or beneficiary, or acting contrary to the principal's sole benefit or best interest; or violate the aforesaid fiduciary duty by actions which result in an unauthorized appropriation, sale, transfer of property, or receipt of an improper benefit in which [REDACTED] did not receive the reasonably equivalent financial value in goods or services; and the funds, assets, or property involved in the exploitation of [REDACTED] is valued at \$50,000 or more.

### COUNT TWO

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that REGINA IRENE HILL, between on or about the 29th day of April, 2021, and on or about the 13th day of March, 2024, in Orange County, Florida and Seminole County, Florida, did, in violation of Florida Statutes 825.103(1)(a) and 825.103(3)(a), while standing in a position of trust and confidence with [REDACTED] an elderly person or disabled adult, knowingly obtain or use, or endeavor to obtain or use, [REDACTED]'S funds, assets, or property, valued at \$50,000 or more, with the intent to temporarily or permanently deprive [REDACTED] of the use, benefit, or possession of the funds, assets, or property, or to benefit someone other than [REDACTED]

**COUNT THREE**

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that REGINA IRENE HILL, between on or about the 29th day of April, 2021, and on or about the 13th day of March, 2024, in Orange County, Florida and Seminole County, Florida, did, in violation of Florida Statutes 825.103(1)(e) and 825.103(3)(a), while being a caregiver to or standing in a position of trust and confidence with [REDACTED], an elderly person or disabled adult, intentionally or negligently fail to effectively use, [REDACTED] S income and assets, valued at \$50,000 or more, for the necessities required for [REDACTED] S support and maintenance.

**COUNT FOUR**

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that REGINA IRENE HILL, between on or about the 1st day of April, 2021, and on or about the 13th day of March, 2024, in Orange County, Florida and Seminole County, Florida, did, in violation of Florida Statutes 817.034(4)(a)(1), engage in a systematic, ongoing course of conduct with intent to defraud one or more persons, to-wit: [REDACTED] or to obtain property from said one or more persons by false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises, or willful misrepresentations of a future act, and who so obtained property, to-wit: United States money current, which has an aggregate value of \$50,000 or more, from one or more of said persons, to-wit: [REDACTED]

### COUNT FIVE

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that REGINA IRENE HILL, on or about the 19th day of August, 2022, in Orange County, Florida and Seminole County, Florida, did, in violation of Florida Statutes 817.568(2)(c) and 817.568(6), willfully and without authorization fraudulently use, or possess with intent to fraudulently use, personal identification information concerning [REDACTED] a person 60 years of age or older, without first obtaining the consent of [REDACTED] and the pecuniary benefit, the value of the services received, the payment sought to be avoided or the amount of the injury or fraud perpetrated was \$100,000 or more.

### COUNT SIX

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that REGINA IRENE HILL, on or about the 19th day of August, 2022, in Orange County, Florida and Seminole County, Florida, did, in violation of Florida Statutes 817.568(7), willfully and fraudulently use the personal identification information of [REDACTED] while exercising custodial authority over [REDACTED] a person 60 years of age or older.

## COUNT SEVEN

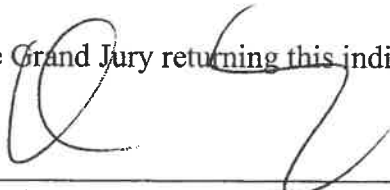
And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that REGINA IRENE HILL, between on or about the 19th day of August, 2022, and on or about the 23rd day of August, 2022, in Orange County, Florida and Seminole County, Florida, did, in violation of Florida Statutes 817.545, with intent to defraud knowingly: make any material misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission during the mortgage lending process with the intention that the misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission will be relied on by HOMEBRIDGE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. d/b/a REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE NETWORK, a mortgage lender, borrower, or any other person or entity involved in the mortgage lending process or uses or facilitates the use of any material misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission during the mortgage lending process with the intention that the material misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission will be relied on by HOMEBRIDGE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. d/b/a REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE NETWORK, a mortgage lender, borrower, or any other person or entity involved in the mortgage lending process and none of the omissions on the loan application regarded employment, income or assets for a loan which does not require this information; or REGINA IRENE HILL received proceeds or any other funds in connection with the mortgage lending process that she, REGINA IRENE HILL, knew resulted from a violation of Florida Statutes 817.545 (a) or (b) or filed or caused to be filed with the Orange County Comptroller, acting as clerk of the circuit court of Orange County, Florida for the recording of a document involved in the mortgage lending process, which contains a material misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission and the value of the loan stated on the documents used in the mortgage lending process exceeds \$100,000.



A TRUE BILL

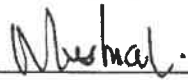
  
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Foreperson of the Grand Jury

As authorized and required by law, I have advised the Grand Jury returning this indictment.

  
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Robert C. Finkbeiner, Designated  
Assistant State Attorney

Filed and presented in Open Court, in the presence of the Grand Jury this 27 day of March, 2024.

Tiffany Moore Russell  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By:   
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Deputy Clerk