

Citizen Committee for Implementing the Strategic Framework

ONLINE APPLICATIONS

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DEMOGRAPHICS

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Age Range: Prefer not to answer

Race/Ethnicity: Prefer not to answer

Gender: Prefer not to answer

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I have been working for improved walkability and rebuilding our urban core for the past 8 years as a member of the city plan board.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I have considerable knowledge of land use, business owner for 20 years, lawyer

NAME

Daniel Alves

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 36 - 50

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I'd like to help shape Gainesville's future.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I'm a professional Interactive Designer and I would use my skills to identify which big ideas would best achieve the city's goals and citizens' needs.

NAME

Tyler Black

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: No

Age Range: 27 - 35

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I think my experience as a food truck operator and as a Restaurateur might be helpful, I'm a Gainesville native as well

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I know about restaurant and food trends

NAME

Michelle Cardel

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 27 - 35

Race/Ethnicity: Hispanic

Gender: Female

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I moved to Gainesville almost two years ago and would love the opportunity to become more integrated into the community.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I am a childhood obesity and health disparities researcher at UF and believe I could bring perspective on the health needs of Gainesville's children, particularly those from medically underserved or racially/ethnically diverse groups.

NAME

Jennifer Chance

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 36 - 50

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Female

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

Have lived in Gainesville for 40 years

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I am available anytime for any needs of the committee.

NAME

John "Buzzy" K. Cowvins, Jr.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 36 - 50

Race/Ethnicity: African-American

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I have deep roots (born and raised in Pleasant Street and eastside). I want to be able to make an impact on my community. To do that, I need to be informed. No better way to be informed than to serve on this committee.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I will bring a voice to those who rarely participate in these meetings. I can speak for a large group of people that are rarely spoken for. Plus, I bring a wealth of knowledge from being born & raised in Pleasant Street & the eastside. I also bring specific knowledge of contracting & investing my hard earned dollars into the community I love (currently rebuilding 5 five historic structures in PSHD

NAME

Christopher Dent

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 36 - 50

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

They say that all politics is local, so I figure it must be even better when the statement is actually literal. More to the point though, I'm somewhat disillusioned by governance on the federal level with style meaning more than substance along with the other various forms of gamesmanship involved, so it would be nice to see what's actually possible when our small city puts forth it's best ideas.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

As a resident of Gainesville since 1991, I already have a good sense of the spirit of the city. Utilizing this along with my own broad background in the entertainment, retail, and healthcare industries, I feel as if I may provide a balanced approach to assessing the ideas put forth. The goal in my estimation would be to see the bigger picture and project outwards from any single proposal.

NAME

Pastor Gerard Duncan

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 18 - 26

Race/Ethnicity: African-American

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I mostly interested in participating on the advisory committee to help identify ways to increase community awareness and engagement of youth and families on city programs and resources

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

As a Faith Leader and community leader, i have had the privilege to work within the community with families, as well as help organize community engagement events, through collaborative partnerships with city,government, educational, health,employment and criminal justice organizations. I would also help to make recommendations on best practices in innovation for community engagement.

NAME

Sara Emmanuel

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 36 - 50

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Female

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I love Gainesville and would love the opportunity to be a part of the future of our great community.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I have good leadership and communication skills. I was part of the strategic planning committee for my company.

NAME

Christopher Alexander Flowers

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 18 - 26

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Assigned male at birth, non-binary gender identified.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I want to participate in the citizens advisory committee because I want to become active in a meaningful way with both my community and local government. With an eye towards recent political developments I think now more than ever we need a wide range of citizens to get active, and provide their input and ideas about how to move Gainesville forward, and make sure it grows equitably for all.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I am a young person who is actively engaged and involved with a wide range of persons in and around the downtown Gainesville community. I think I possess a certain degree of social clout that would lend itself to engaging members of the community, as well as rallying new troops to become interested and involved in the uplifting of our community. I can use my resources to help the committee.

NAME

Joseph Floyd

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 36 - 50

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I believe in our city, in the opportunities that exist, and in our ability to come together and remove barriers to those opportunities. This advisory committee provides the opportunity to give back to the community through identification of those barriers and possible steps to removing them.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I have a BBA in General Management, almost a decade of Operations and Logistics Management experience, and have had a fair amount of interaction with the city while hosting a few small events over the last few years.

NAME

Thomas Hawkins

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 36 - 50

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I want to serve on the citizens advisory committee to see through implementation of the blue ribbon committee. A committee on which I also served. I have first-hand experience with city government as a Gainesville City Commissioner. I am a Florida licensed attorney with experience in land use and local government law. I believe I can offer the committee insight into how to implement its ideas and

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Mary Held

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: No

Age Range: 27 - 35

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Female

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

Strategy is one of my biggest strengths and I believe that I can help the community by providing insights and strategies to meet the objectives.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

Strategy and analyzing are two major strengths of mine, I can benefit the committee by providing these natural strengths and skills sets.

NAME

Mary Lou Hildreth

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 51 - 70

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Female

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I want to be a part of moving the strategic goals and initiatives forward. I am excited to see the City of Gainesville take such an inclusive and active approach. It is imperative that projects and ideas move forward. It would be an honor to be part of this important process. As a former elected official and current City Clerk of Hampton, I am well versed in municipal issues.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

In the past I have set on many boards and worked on updating and creating strategic plans for various organizations. I have always been an active participant in the boards I've served on and my experience with community development and visioning in other cities would be an asset.

NAME

Russ Ingram

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 51 - 70

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

To help improve our city

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

Knowledge of development process due to my job reviewing plans for GRU

NAME

Darry Lloyd

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 36 - 50

Race/Ethnicity: African-American

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

Desire to continue my active role in the development of our communities future.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

Born and raisers in Gainesville. I continue to work with all citizen here by listening and being a voice.

NAME

Wallace Mazon

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 18 - 26

Race/Ethnicity: African-American

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

Because I think I can help prioritize the community's idea.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I've live in on both the west and east side of Gainesville. I've been a student at both Santa fe and UF. I have an unique perspective of Gainesville and I would like my experiences to help shape a better environment for all.

NAME

Steven Andrew Mitchell

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 27 – 35

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I simply want to see our city improve and flourish. I want to make sure that as we grow, we grow responsibly both for our residents and for our environment. I am a husband, father, business owner, practicing Catholic and also am the President of Friends Across the Ages Volunteer Group. As a professional, I am a Mechanical Engineer. I am very involved in building and district energy efficiency.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I believe that I would be a good member of the committee based on many diverse experiences that I have lived through. Some of these include travelling to more than two dozen countries around the world, growing up in a predominantly african american and low income neighborhood, serving 8 years in the US Army, and being a small business owner in Gainesville. My politics are moderate and open minded

NAME

Ken Peng

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: No

Age Range: 27 – 35

Race/Ethnicity: Asian-American

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I care deeply about the city of Gainesville, I try to do as much as I can with the efforts of my food blog, promoting local establishments and showing folks what our town has to offer. I see the bigger picture here, there are a lot of people who have misplaced hatred of our city and its leaders based on their perceived direction of our growth. As a young professional, I understand what many seek.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I have a voice in town that has been proven credible with over 18,000 Facebook readers. I would love to provide insight on the service industry as a whole, and what other young professionals like myself would like to see this city become.

NAME

G. David Price

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 51 - 70

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

As a professor of State & Local Gov I'm hoping to draw insights into city gov operations that I can use in class. I have been very involved in Santa Fe's strategic planning process for years. I'm curious if there are lessons that I can draw from to strengthen our planning process. I am committed to Gainesville & would love the chance to help plan its future.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I helped develop Santa Fe's last two strategic plans, giving me experience. When I was Director of Student Life at SF I oversaw our contract with RTS for free student bus service and was on the COA Technical Steering Committee in 2013-14. I also have a general knowledge of city government and responsibilities from years of teaching State and Local Government.

NAME

Nicholas Rivera

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 18 - 26

Race/Ethnicity: Hispanic

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I want to contribute to Gainesville while also applying previous experience from managing and fundraising with multiple organizations.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

Experience as well as a general love for community development

NAME

Barry Sawicki

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 36 - 50

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

To give back to my community in a thoughtful way.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I have an interest in improving the equality of life in our community but no particular ideological commitment to how we get there.

NAME

Randy Wells

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 36 - 50

Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I am dedicated to the success of the community's new strategic vision, and am eager to lend my skills to helping that happen.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

I bring a breadth of business, community, local government, and family experience to the committee's work. My participation will contribute to community engagement & communication.

NAME

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DEMOGRAPHICS

City Resident: Yes

Age Range: 36 – 50

Race/Ethnicity: Hispanic

Gender: Male

WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

I believe that Gainesville is a great city that can become a textbook example of what a city can become with the right guidance and plan.

HOW WOULD YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFIT THE COMMITTEE?

Diversity and progressive ideas. Committed to Gainesville.