



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

*Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee on
Economic Competitiveness*

November 24, 2015

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee for Economic Competitiveness, we are honored to present you with a draft of the Committees' final report. This report is the culmination of many months of hard work and we believe it represents a significant shift in how cities approach economic competitiveness. As requested by the Mayor, we've looked at economic development in a different way and made recommendations that will mean big changes for both Gainesville and other local governments tackling this question. Thank you for putting us on this path and supporting the Committee throughout this process.

We've received an outpouring of support from the Gainesville community. The engagement of citizens, business owners and city employees enabled a robust and comprehensive examination of the question of economic competitiveness. Community stakeholders came together and supported us through in-kind donations, monetary contributions and most importantly the investment of time. We want to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

The Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee for Economic Development presentation will be on December 3rd, 2015 at City Hall in the City Commission Auditorium at 6:30pm. This is a draft report for your review prior to the presentation. We look forward to sharing our findings and recommendations with you.

Sincerely,

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