

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD BALLOT**

**Openings:**    **One (1) full term ending 11/1/2023 and**  
                  **One (1) student term ending 9/30/2021     (City Residency Required)**

**Applications: Two (2) Applications**

**PLEASE INITIAL YOUR SELECTION**

| <b>NAME OF APPLICANT</b>  | <b>Comm. Simmons</b> | <b>Comm. Ward</b> | <b>Comm. Arreola</b> | <b>Comm. Hayes-Santos</b> | <b>Comm. Johnson</b> | <b>Comm. Saco</b> | <b>Mayor Poe</b> |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Jamie Bell (member SHIP-AHAC)   |                      |                   |                      |                           |                      |                   |                  |
| Sophia Corugedo (Student member of DRB wanting to become a full member, Student member of CAB, also applied to CPB) |                      |                   |                      |                           |                      |                   |                  |
| READVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS   |                      |                   |                      |                           |                      |                   |                  |



City of Gainesville

## Development Review Board


### Board Details

(7-members; 3-year terms) (Initial terms: two (2) one-year terms to expire November 1, 1991; three (3) two-year terms to expire November 1, 1992; and two (2) three-year terms to expire November 1, 1993). (60 Day Probationary Period). CITY RESIDENCY REQUIRED. Created by Ordinance No. 3679 (November 19, 1990) and Ordinance No. 3777 (June 10, 1992).

The Development Review Board is a citizen board to review and approve or deny development plans submitted for its review pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 30 of the Gainesville Code of Ordinances; and shall be composed whenever possible of at least one from each of the following: 1) An architect or landscape architect; 2) A Civil Engineer; 3) A person engaged in real estate sales or development; 4) A professional with experience in natural or environmental sciences.

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### Overview

 **Size** 7 Seats

 **Term Length** 3 Years

 **Term Limit** N/A

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### Additional

#### Advisory Board Website

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/PlanningDepartment/CitizenBoards/DevelopmentReviewBoard.aspx>

#### Agendas and Minutes are located

<https://gainesville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

#### Ordinance

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City of Gainesville

# Development Review Board

## Board Roster



### Sophia E Corugedo

**1st Term** Oct 17, 2019 - Sep 30, 2020

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Category** Student Member

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### Uretha Bostic

**1st Term** Aug 16, 2018 - Nov 01, 2020

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Position** Vice Chair

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### Debra A Neill-mareci

**1st Term** Oct 18, 2018 - Nov 01, 2021

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

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### Ewen M Thomson

**2nd Term** Nov 02, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Position** Chair

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### Brent D Hartman

**2nd Term** Nov 02, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

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### Rebecca Herrin

**1st Term** Nov 02, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

**Appointing Authority** City Commission



**Barbara Vandermeer**

**2nd Term** Nov 02, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

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**Rick E. Cain**

**2nd Term** Nov 02, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Profile**View current Advisory Board and Committee openings [online](#).

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 Prefix      **Jamie**      \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name

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 Middle Initial      **S**      \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Street Address

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 Suite or Apt

**Gainesville**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City

**FL**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 State

**32601**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code

**In what city district do you live? To find your district visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yxd2kvwn> \***

District 4

**Mobile: (954) 245-9720**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone

**Business: (352) 377-5821**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

Cell

**Alternate Phone Type**

Office

**Jones Edmunds & Associates**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer

**Engineer**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Job Title

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Development Review Board: Submitted

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Question applies to Development Review Board

Development Review Board has 1 full term opening which ends on 11/1/2023 and 1 student seat whose term ends on 9/30/2021. City Residency Required

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**Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please submit a detailed explanation of exemption.**

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Consistent with Section 2-247 of the City Code, board and committee members can be removed from the board or committee for poor attendance.

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## **Interests & Experiences**

Question applies to Development Review Board

**Why are you interested in serving on the Development Review Board?**

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I am interested in serving on the Development Review Board because I want to help ensure that the City of Gainesville continues to grow in a responsible, sustainable, and equitable manner. As a professional engineer (Civil - Water Resources), I can help ensure that new development not only meets City ordinances but also follows responsible engineering practices. But responsible growth is more than just following the rules - it also involves environmental stewardship and maintaining a level of growth commiserate with demand - two items that I believe the Board should focus on. Overall, it is important that any new development in the City take into account the full spectrum of demand, with a focus on equity, affordable housing needs, and access to basic goods and services, and I would like to join the Development Review Board to bring these important topics into focus.

Question applies to Development Review Board

**How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?**

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Question applies to Development Review Board

**Are you applying for a student seat?**

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Yes  No

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## Demographics

### Ethnicity

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Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

### Political Party

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Democrat

### Gender

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Female

### Sexual Orientation

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Bisexual

05/06/1990

Date of Birth

**Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?**

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Yes  No

**Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?**

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Yes  No

**Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?**

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SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee



**Profile**

View current Advisory Board and Committee openings [online](#).

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| _____  | <b>Sophia</b> | _____ | <b>E</b>       | _____ | <b>Corugedo</b> | _____  |
| Prefix | First Name    |       | Middle Initial |       | Last Name       | Suffix |

**scorugedo@ufl.edu**

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Email Address

|                |                       |              |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| _____          | <b>237 SW 4th Ave</b> | _____        |
| Street Address |                       | Suite or Apt |

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|-------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| _____ | <b>Gainesville</b> | _____ | <b>FL</b> | _____       | <b>32601</b> |
| City  |                    | State |           | Postal Code |              |

**In what city district do you live? To find your district visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yxd2kvwn> \***

District 1

|               |                             |                 |              |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| _____         | <b>Home: (786) 282-9027</b> | _____           | <b>Home:</b> |
| Primary Phone |                             | Alternate Phone |              |

**Primary Phone Type**

Cell

**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

|          |                            |           |  |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------|--|
| _____    | <b>City of Gainesville</b> | _____     | <b>Research Fellow, Office of the<br/>City Manager</b> |
| Employer |                            | Job Title |  |

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

City Plan Board: Submitted  
Development Review Board: Appointed

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Question applies to City Plan Board

The City Plan Board has 4 full terms ending on 11/1/2023. City Residency Required

Question applies to Development Review Board

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**Why are you interested in serving on the City Plan Board?**

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I am interested in serving on the City Plan Board because I feel as though I represent a missing demographic from the board. Being a graduate student (in urban planning), I am aware of the impact students like myself have on Gainesville and respective development, and feel as though I can bring that awareness and understanding to the table for important conversations that happen around new and proposed development which is sometimes oriented towards student populations I have also been working at the City for nearly two years now, and simultaneously volunteering with local community organizers, all resulting in a broad perspective of how recent development has impacted the City, what long-term residents of the City are asking, and what impact students like myself are having on the City. Lastly, having been a member of the Development Review Board for this last full year, I gained experience on City advisory board and learned about the processes through which we work to advise the Commission and deliberate on development changes. I am confident in my ability to contribute to the conversation, bring a different perspective, listen to applicants and my fellow board members and work to make decisions that will positively impact Gainesville as a whole.

Question applies to Development Review Board

**Why are you interested in serving on the Development Review Board?**

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I have served on the Development Review Board for this past year as a student member and I am grateful for the experience I have been able to gain thus far. I feel prepared to continue working with my colleagues on the board and to review proposals and applications that come before the board with an understanding of the process and of the current needs and goals of the community. Right now is an exciting time as the Comprehensive Plan is being updated, and it is important to have the right questions in mind and be prepared to help shape the document into an impactful and appropriate plan that reflects where the community is at and where they hope to be in the near future.

Question applies to City Plan Board

**How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?**

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**Are you applying for a student seat?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to Development Review Board

**Are you applying for a student seat?**

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Yes  No

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Upload a Resume

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**Demographics****Ethnicity**

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 Hispanic**Political Party**

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None Selected

**Gender**

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 Female**Sexual Orientation**

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 Bisexual

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Date of Birth**Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?**

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 Yes  No**Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?**

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 Yes  No**Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?**

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 Yes  No**If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?**

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Development Review Board, Cultural Affairs Board

# Sophia Elise Corugedo

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## Professional Summary

Highly driven and detail-oriented intern or employee with more than five years of combined experience in customer service, sales, marketing, both the housing and food industries, city planning, and policy research all to be combined with a specialized focus on sustainable development through urban planning, public policy, and education.

## Work History

**Research Fellow, 08/2020 - Present**

*Gainesville City Manager*

- Perform research as assigned by the Gainesville City Manager, Lee Feldman, and comprehensively review topics related to the needs of the community. Such topics include housing, houselessness, and food deserts.

**Student Assistant for Online MURP, 05/2020 - 09/2020**

*University of Florida, Department of Urban and Regional Planning*

- Work with URP Staff to ensure the continued progress and development of the Online Master's in Urban and Regional Planning program by streamlining e-mail and inquiry communication, as well as streamlining organization of student, Canvas and program data.

**Research & Prototyping Fellow, 01/2019 - 04/2020**

*Gainesville City Commission*

- Work in rotation with City Commissioners and the Mayor to develop and present research reports that help City Charters update and develop policies for the City. Topics of research and development have included Composting, Abandoned Shopping Carts, Pet Policies, Commissioner Ethics Guidelines, Public Campaign Financing, and Youth Advisory Boards.

**Intern, Planning and Zoning Department, 08/2018 - 12/2018**

*City of Miami Government*

- Worked with department head and employees on projects spanning GIS Graphics, the Wynwood Streetscape Master Plan and the Miami Marine Stadium Development.
- Expedited the City of Miami's Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan Review while maintaining thorough updates and introducing new goals and resiliency initiatives.
- Conducted insightful and consistent research that was later reported and presented to city staff. Research topics included Waterfront Development Standards, Storm Surge Modeling, Sustainable Design Standards, Urban Agriculture, and Master Planning.

**Hostess & Waitress, 08/2018 - 12/2018; 07/2017 - 12/2017**

### *Harry's Pizzeria - Coconut Grove, FL*

- Followed safety and sanitation policies when handling food and beverage to uphold proper health standards, while consistently offering professional, friendly and engaging service.

### **Housing Consultant**, 03/2018 - 08/2018

#### *The Scion Group, LLC. - Gainesville, FL*

- Greeted prospective and current residents in a courteous and timely fashion. Adhered to needs and requests with high standards of customer service while maintaining organization in the leasing office.
- Pushed sales and signed over 50 leases in a competitive atmosphere.

## **Education**

### **University of Florida** - Gainesville, FL

#### **Master of Arts:** Urban and Regional Planning, 2022

- Coursework in Planning Information Systems, Quantitative Data Analysis, & Planning Ethics
- Student Planning Association (SPA): Treasurer, May 2020 - Present

#### **Bachelor of Science:** Sustainability and the Built Environment, 2021

- **Minor:** Florida Teaches - Certification Program to be a Public-School Teacher in FL
- Coursework in Sustainable Development, Landscape Architecture, Economics, Community Resilience, Natural Resource Ethics
- Campus Bicycle Workgroup: Student Member, August 2019 - Present
- United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Rinker Chapter: Vice President (VP), April 2018 - August 2020
- Student Advisory Council for Undergraduate Affairs (SACUA): Chair, May 2020 - Present
- Meditation Club: President, August 2019 - Present

### **Miami Dade College** - Miami, FL

Dual Enrollment Courses; 2016, 2017

### **New World School of the Arts** - Miami, FL

High School Diploma; 2017

## **Volunteer Experience**

### **Development Review Board** - City of Gainesville, FL

- Student Member - Review and approve or deny development plans submitted for review; October 2019 - Present

### **Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board** - City of Gainesville, FL

- Student Member - Advise the City Commission about the arts and eco-heritage tourism, develop local cultural resources; November 2019 - Present

**Bo Diddley Plaza - City of Gainesville, FL**

- Yoga Instructor - Teach free classes every Monday; October 2019 - January 2020

**Skills**

Community Outreach  
Time Management  
Marketing

Quantitative & Qualitative Data Research  
Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, & Excel  
Planning, Coordinating, and Directing

**Languages**

Fluent: English  
Professional Working Proficiency: Spanish, Portuguese

**Certifications**

Green Business Certification, Inc.: LEED Green Associate