



City of Gainesville

Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board

Board Details

10-members; 3-year terms appointed by the City Commission.


Reference Ordinances 2397, 3154, 3486, and 3913. Add one Student Adjunct Member [Ordinance No. 3427 (03/28/88)]; and changing name of board and method of appointment of five members [Ordinance No. 3586 (11/14/88)]; and consolidation of Art in Public Places Trust (Ordinance No. 3913; 10/18/93); and the separation of the Art in Public Places Trust (Ordinance No. 960440; adopted 01/13/97). City Residency NOT Required.

NO MEMBER MAY BE ON THE STAFF OF AN ARTS ORGANIZATION.

The duties of the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board shall be to advise the City Commission in regard to interest in and promotion of the arts and eco-heritage tourism, to develop local cultural resources and to assist the Cultural Affairs Manager in the planning and implementation of community cultural involvement.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES: 1) Arts Education; 2) Budget and Grants; 3) Planning; 4) Outreach; 5) Cultural and Economic Development

Overview

 **Size** 10 Seats

 **Term Length** 3 Years

 **Term Limit** 2 Terms

Additional

Advisory Board Website

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/ParksRecreationCulturalAffairs/ArtsCulture/SupportingOrganizations.aspx>

Agendas and Minutes are located

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

Ordinance

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Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board

Board Roster



David J Ruiz

1st Term Jun 21, 2018 - Sep 30, 2021

Appointing Authority City Commission

Position Chair



Chelsea E Carnes

1st Term Jun 21, 2018 - Sep 30, 2021

Appointing Authority City Commission



Tatiana Bastian

1st Term Jun 21, 2018 - Sep 30, 2021

Appointing Authority City Commission



Mr. Nathaniel S Courtney Jr.

1st Term Feb 22, 2021 - Sep 30, 2022



Mr. Boisy N. Waiters Jr

1st Term Feb 20, 2020 - Sep 30, 2022



Mr Donald T Niemann Jr

2nd Term Oct 03, 2019 - Sep 30, 2022

Appointing Authority City Commission



Stephanie L Birch

1st Term Nov 07, 2019 - Sep 30, 2022



Taylor L Spangler

1st Term Nov 05, 2020 - Sep 30, 2023



Dr Saeed R Khan

2nd Term Nov 05, 2020 - Sep 30, 2023

Appointing Authority City Commission

Position Secretary



Marcie M Stefan

2nd Term Nov 05, 2020 - Sep 30, 2023

Appointing Authority City Commission

Position Vice-Chair



Vacancy

Category Student Member

Profile

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

Ms Kristyn M Lopez
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

wayfaringpaintergvl@gmail.com

Email Address

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Street Address

Suite or Apt

Gainesville

City

FL

State

32601

Postal Code

In what city district do you live? To find your district visit:

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/CityCommission/CityCommissionDistricts.aspx> *

District 4

Mobile: (352) 815-6919

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Primary Phone Type

None Selected

Alternate Phone Type

None Selected

Wayfaring Painter

Employer

Founder, Teaching Artist

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust: Submitted

Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board: Submitted

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Question applies to Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust

Do you represent one or more of the following classifications: *

professional in the field of art

Question applies to Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust

The Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust has 2 full term endings 9/30/2024 and 2 partial terms ending 9/30/2023. City Residency Not Required

Question applies to Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board

The Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board has 3 full terms ending 9/30/2024. City Residency Not Required

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

Yes No

Review the text of FLA. STAT. Section 119 [HERE](#).

If yes, it is required that you submit a detailed explanation of exemption. Upload additional documentation if necessary.

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Interests & Experiences

Question applies to Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust

Why are you interested in serving on the Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust?

I occupy a multitude of roles as a Gainesville resident - I am a homeowner, parent of young children, graduate student, owner of two businesses, an educator and an arts professional. In this way, I thusly represent and am empathetic the to the interests of our diverse community. My priorities are the well-being of our community at large and development of our bountiful cultural resources that are on par with some of the best art cities in the nation.

Question applies to Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board

Why are you interested in serving on the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board?

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

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Question applies to Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust

Are you applying for a student seat?

Yes No

Question applies to Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board

Are you applying for a student seat?

Yes No

Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behavior or another reason?

Yes No

If you answered yes to the question above, please explain: (upload a file if needed)

[Resume-Lopez.docx](#)

Upload a Resume

Please upload a file

Demographics

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Female

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

Ms Kristyn M Lopez

Kristyn Lopez

kristyn.derosa@gmail.com

1326 NE 14th Street • Gainesville, Florida 32601
(352)815-6919

Objective

To put my experience as an educator and visual artist to work for local residents, and to effectively develop and maximize my management skills to engage the community in the visual arts experience.

Teaching Experience

Wayfaring Painter / Gainesville, Florida / Community Art Founder & Educator / January 2017 - Present

- Development and organization of community cultural programming
- Interactive exhibit "Hecho de Tierra: The Art of Ana Mendieta" at Superfun exhibit space, February 2017
- Monthly workshops at library branches throughout Alachua County
- Taught classes at Marston Science Library, Harn Museum of Art, Florida Museum of Natural History and student groups at University of Florida
- Facilitator of Reggio-inspired toddler art class series
- Work with community partners at MadeNewArts to present instruction at the Department of Juvenile Justice, August 2017

University of Florida / Gainesville, Florida / Graduate Teaching Assistant / August 2015- Present

- Graduate student in the Art Education MA program, School of Art and Art History
- Instruction and research in curriculum development, educational theory and instructional strategies
- Development of community engagement projects during 352 Creates, Active Streets, UF Pop-Up Culture
- Instructed ARE4314 studio, Art in Elementary School, working with pre-service educators in the Elementary Education undergraduate program
- Completed 18 credit hours before taking maternity leave in April 2016, returned to study in August 2021

Alachua Learning Center / Alachua, Florida / Art Teacher / August 2013 - June 2015

- Visual Arts Teacher at K-8 Charter School
- Development and instruction of additional art elective curriculum for middle school students, including Digital Media
- Experience in a small, non-traditional charter school environment

VSAFL / Starke, Florida / Teaching Artist / November 2013 - April 2014

- Teaching artist at two residency sites in middle and high schools in Starke
- Eight week intensive art experiences with a broad range of special needs students
- Facilitated student exhibition in Bradford County Fair

Camp Live Oak / North Miami Beach and Fort Lauderdale, Florida / Art Teacher / Summer 2012-13

- Visual Arts Instructor for an Environmental Science summer camp program
- Experience teaching multinational, multilingual campers age 5 through 15 at two different state park sites
- Responsible for development and implementation of standards-based thematic curriculum
- Experience working outside (literally!) of the typical classroom setting

Rickards Middle School / Oakland Park, Florida Art Teacher / 2011 – 2012

- Visual Arts Teacher at Title I Middle School
- Development of after school Art Club for students and Jr. Art Club for elementary aged children of staff members
- Curation of school gallery space with rotating monthly displays of student work
- Implementation of choice-based instructional models

New River Middle School of Marine Science / Fort Lauderdale, Florida Art Teacher / 2009 – 2011

- Visual Arts Teacher at Marine Science Magnet/Title I Middle School
- Relocation and management of art studio
- YMCA Afterschool & Summer Program Instructor
- Broward Art Educators Association Middle School Art Teacher of the Year, 2010-2011

Deerfield Park Elementary School of the Arts / Deerfield Beach, Florida Art Teacher / 2008 – 2009

- Art teacher at Title I Performing and Visual Arts Magnet School
- Secretary, Multicultural Committee, 2009
- Worked closely with Performing Arts Department in designing sets, costumes, props and publicity materials for various student performances and showcases

Young at Art Children's Museum / Davie, Florida Museum Educator / 2008 - 2010

- Studio Art Teacher, ArtRageous Summer Camp Teacher
- Community Outreach Educator and Museum Tour Guide
- Art Educator, ArtREACH program for homeless youth
- Interaction with students from Pre-Kindergarten through grade 8
- Supervision and mentoring of teen volunteers
- Exhibit curation of student and professional art work

Broward County Schools / Broward County, Florida / Substitute Teacher / 2006 - 2008

- Substitute Teacher at K-12 schools throughout Broward County
- Development of strong classroom management skills
- Immersion in a variety of classroom environments

Education

Florida International University / Miami,

Florida 2006 - 2008

- Bachelor of Arts in Art History
- Thesis on American sculptor Albin Polasek
- Creation of self-published art zine

New World School of The Arts / Miami, Florida 2005 - 2006

- Undergraduate studies in studio art
- Concentration in Printmaking

Tallahassee Community College / Tallahassee, Florida 2004 - 2005

- Undergraduate studies in studio art
- Concentration in Printmaking

Broward College / Fort Lauderdale, Florida 2003 - 2004

- Undergraduate studies in studio art
- Participation in student exhibitions

Charles W. Flanagan High School / Pembroke Pines, Florida 1999 - 2003

- Graduated with a 4.3 GPA
- Club President, Appreciating Women Everywhere
- Honor Thespian Society

Professional Development

Artists in Action: Odalis Valdivieso Workshop, Girls Club Collection, 2012

T-Shirt Reconstruction Workshop, Trash 2 Treasure, 2012

21st Century Arts: Learning in New Ways, 2011

Advanced Reading Processes, Broward Virtual University, 2011

Alternative Certification Program, Florida Department of Education, 2011

ESOL Category III, Broward County Schools, 2011

Art and the Primary Child, Broward Virtual University, 2009

Differentiated Instruction Workshop, Broward County HRD, 2009

Teaching for Success: Educating the Whole Child through the Arts, 2009

New Teacher Academy, Broward County HRD, 2009

Zine/Bookmaking Workshop with TM Sisters, Hollywood Art & Culture Center, 2009

Exercising Creativity: Developing the Whole Child through the Arts, 2008



City of Gainesville

Clerk of the Commission
PO Box 490, Station 19
Gainesville, Florida 32627
352 334 5015

APPLICATION FOR ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES
(Please Print or Type)

PROFILE

_____	Leslie	_____	M	_____	Rios	_____
Prefix	First Name		Middle Initial		Last Name	Suffix

_____ viguerios@gmail.com _____

Email Address
_____ 1052 NE 20th Ave _____

Street Address	Suite or Apt
_____ Gainesville _____	_____ FI _____ 32609 _____

City	State	Postal Code
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In which district do you live?

District 1 XDistrict 2 District 3 District 4 I do not live in Gainesville

Question applies to Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area:
Do you live and/or work within the reinvestment area?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I live in the reinvestment area. | <input type="checkbox"/> I live and work in the reinvestment area. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I work in the reinvestment area. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I neither live nor work in the reinvestment area. |

Employer Address (if in GCRA): _____

Primary Phone: _____ 352-870-6304 _____ **Alternate Phone:** _____

Primary Phone Type: Home Cell Office Other: _____

Alternate Phone Type: Home Cell Office Other: _____

Employer: Santa Fe College

Job Title: Associate Professor

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

- Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board
- Board of Trustees of the Consolidated Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan
- Charter Review Commission
- Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development
- City Beautification Board
- City Plan Board Development Review Board
- Fire Safety Board of Adjustment
- Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority
- Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust
- Gainesville Code Enforcement Special Magistrate
- Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board
- Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board
- Gainesville Housing Authority
- Gainesville Human Rights Board
- Historic Preservation Board
- Nature Centers Commission
- Pension Review Committee
- Police Advisory Council
- Public Recreation and Parks Board
- Regional Transit System Advisory Board
- SHIP – Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Student Community Relations Advisory Board
- Tree Advisory Board
- Utility Advisory Board
- Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee

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Question applies to Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority:

All applicants to the Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority must submit a signed copy of the GACCRA Certification Form.

Download a pdf of the form at:

[http://www.cityofgainesville.org/Portals/0/clerk/GACCRA Certification Form_2015.pdf](http://www.cityofgainesville.org/Portals/0/clerk/GACCRA%20Certification%20Form_2015.pdf)

If applying to GACRAA, attach the completed form to this application.

Question applies to the Police Advisory Council:

Are you currently employed as a Police Officer for the City of Gainesville? Yes No

Question applies to SHIP – Affordable Housing Advisory Council:

Do you represent one or more of the following categories?

- citizen who is actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing
- citizen who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing
- citizen who is a representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing
- citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing
- citizen who is actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing
- citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing
- citizen who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing
- citizen who actively serves on the city plan board
- citizen who represents employers within the jurisdiction
- citizen who represents essential services personnel, as defined in the local housing assistance plan
- none of the above

Question applies to SHIP – Affordable Housing Advisory Council:

If appointed to the City of Gainesville’s SHIP Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, I will attempt to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Represent and work for the benefit of both my specific constituency and the entire community;
2. Serve the entire two-year term;
3. If unable to complete a term, provide the City with a written letter of resignation;
4. Attend monthly meetings, either in-person or virtually;
5. Notify staff in advance, if unable to attend a meeting;
6. Arrive at meetings on-time and stay until the end of the meeting (usually 60-90 minutes);
7. Review backup materials provided by staff and/or other AHAC Members;
8. Thoughtfully complete evaluation forms, if asked to evaluate development proposals;
9. Participate in the development of all AHAC recommendations; and
10. Participate in presenting written and or verbal recommendations to the City Commission, including occasionally attending City Commission Meetings.

Yes or No; I agree with the above statement. (Circle one)

Question applies to Regional Transit System Advisory Board:

Are you a member of one of the following groups? (you may select more than one)

- Regular user of the transit system
- Senior Citizen
- Person with a disability
- Chamber of Commerce Representative
- Major employer in the local area
- University of Florida student nominated from a list of at least three names submitted by the University of Florida Student Senate (attach nomination)
- Environmental community
- Neighborhood/Homeowners Associations
- Student oriented housing developments
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Advisory Committee
- None of the above

Question applies to Utility Advisory Board:

Do you have any of the following experience? (you may select more than one)

- Experience as a utility demand customer
 - Experience as a utility service provider
 - investment banking, financial or certified public accounting experience
 - experience in energy and water conservation
 - experience with business, contract or corporate law experience, or contract law administration
 - Engineering experience
 - None of the above
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Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119?

- Yes No

If yes, please attach a detailed explanation of exemption to this application.

INTERESTS & EXPERIENCES

***Please answer the following three questions for each board you are applying to. Attach additional pages if necessary**

1. Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

Please see attached

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

First time seeking a position with a board

3. Are you applying for a student seat? Yes No

4. Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behavior or another reason? Yes No

If you answered yes to the question above, please explain: (attach extra pages if needed)

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PLEASE ATTACH YOUR RESUME TO THIS APPLICATION.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Ethnicity: Asian or Pacific Islander African American
American Indian/Alaskan Native Aleutian X Caucasian/Non-Hispanic
Other Unknown Prefer not to Answer

Gender: Male X Female Nonbinary or third gender Prefer to self-describe
Prefer not to Answer

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

Paper applications are available in the Office of the City Clerk for pick-up on the first floor of City Hall at 200 E. University Ave. 32601, or may be mailed to those requesting one. Please contact Kristen Bryant at 352.275.8307 or email bryantk1@cityofgainesville.org. Mailed/paper applications must be received by the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline, typically by 5:00 pm on the last business day of the month.

Leslie M. V. Rios, PhD

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Gainesville, FL 32609
(352) 870-6304
Leslie.rios@sfcollge.edu

Santa Fe College
Health Sciences Department
3000 NW 83rd Street
Gainesville, FL 32606

Summary

- 12 years of experience teaching college biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology, and molecular biology
- Facilitator of Santa Fe's Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)
- Faculty Lead for Microbiology Study Abroad to Belize
- Academic Success Coach
- Co-Creator of Student Success Workshop for Health Sciences Department
- Community Partnership with Rural Health Alliance Teacher Institute

Education

Ph.D. May 2008. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Medical Entomology
M.S. September 2000. Oregon State University, Corvallis OR. Agricultural Entomology
B.S. December 1997. Western Washington University, Bellingham WA. Biology, emphasis on Zoology
AAS June 1995. Whatcom Community College, Bellingham WA.

Awards

2013 John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award– League of Innovation
2008 Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education Fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
2003 Alumni Fellowship Award. University of Florida
2000 Outstanding Oral Presentation, Agricultural Sciences, Graduate Student Association.
1997 Entomology Graduate Research Assistantship.
1996 Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Whatcom Community College.

Professional Experience

Associate Professor

August 2009- Present

Santa Fe College, Gainesville, FL

- Use Team Based Learning (TBL), a flipped classroom approach that engages students and allows for higher order problem solving and critical thinking.
- Created a study abroad program in Microbiology.
- Support students in undergraduate research as a faculty mentor
- Academic success coach: work with students to create an individualized success plan

- Co-creator of Health Science Department Student Success Workshop that focuses on active learning strategies and metacognition - offered each semester
- Facilitator at the annual meeting of the Rural Health Alliance Teacher Institute. Goal is to develop strategies and promote community partnership to encourage high school students to enter nursing and allied health professions.
- Recipient of sustainability grant. Funds go to building sustainability into the curriculum.

Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education (ORISE) Fellow 2008-2009
Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA

- Formulated, designed, and implemented studies pertaining to the elucidation of environmental persistence of influenza virus on environmental surfaces.
- Collaborated with scientists from other branches, and divisions within CDC and other agencies and businesses outside of the CDC to develop methods for influenza sample preparation and detection.
- Developed several Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), including MDCK cell culture and maintenance, cell splitting protocol, cell seeding for virus infection, viral infection protocol and TCID50 calculation by ELISA.
- Wrote the Biosafety Lab manual approved by OHS.

Graduate Research Fellow August 2003 to May 2008
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- Conducted research on the temporal and spatial relationships of mosquitoes occurring near horses.
- Coordinated seminars for the UF entomology department, invited guest speakers, made arrangements for out-of-town guests, oversaw speaker reimbursements, and organized the dates of the invited talks.
- Supervised undergraduate students.
- Recipient of the UF Alumni Fellowship.
- Biosafety Level 3 laboratory certified.
- Maintained laboratory equipment and kept quality control records.

Laboratory Technician May 2001 to December 2002

- University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL
- Improved detection of EEE virus in mosquito pools through development of a nested RT-PCR assay.
- Collected and identified mosquitoes.
- Responsible for dead bird testing for West Nile virus in the state of Alabama, maintaining records of all birds tested.

Laboratory Technician September 2000 to May 2001
USDA Entomology Lab, Corvallis, OR

Graduate Research Assistant 1998 to 2000
Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

English Instructor

January 2003 to August 2003

Practical English Language Institute, Morelia, Mexico

- Taught grammar and conversation skills and prepared students for the TOEFL exam.
- Honored different learning styles, incorporated visual aids and encouraged peer to peer learning.

Publications and References available upon request

Application for advisory boards – City of Gainesville
Leslie M. Rios application
August 2, 2021

Interests and Experiences

Cultural Affairs Board:

I have lived in Gainesville since 2003 and love the arts. Gainesville has so much to offer, I am fortunate to live in a community that offers free Friday night shows at Bo Diddley plaza, is home to venues like the hippodrome and heartwood sound stage and supports the arts with festivals and a monthly art walk.

I would like to deepen my community connection by serving on this board. My strengths are budget and grants, planning, and community outreach.

I have worked at Santa Fe college since 2009, and I have managed grants, budgets, and worked in community partnerships during my time there.

Student Community Relations Advisory Board:

I first came to Gainesville in 2003 as a graduate student. I graduated and left in 2007, only to return as a community member a short while later in 2009. I have the perspective of both student and citizen, and I have two children who are growing up here, one in high school and the other in elementary. I care about student and community relations and I would like to be a part of this advisory board.

Profile

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

_____ David _____ J _____ Ruiz _____
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

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Street Address Suite or Apt

Gainesville _____ FL _____ 32608
City State Postal Code

In what city district do you live? To find your district visit:

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/CityCommission/CityCommissionDistricts.aspx> *

District 4

Mobile: (352) 665-0019 _____
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Primary Phone Type

Cell

Alternate Phone Type

Not Specified

GFL/WCA _____ Customer Service Rep _____
Employer Job Title

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Interests & Experiences

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Why are you interested in serving on the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board?

I have had the pleasure of serving on the Cultural Affairs Board (CAB) since it was a joint city/county board. I just recently finished serving as the Chair of the CAB, August 2018 to December 2020. Prior to that, I served as Vice Chair August 2015 to August 2018. For the length of time I have been on this great board, I have missed only a small amount of meetings when ill. I have come to find this advisory board as my true passion in Gainesville and Alachua County. I work closely with the PRCA staff to help publicize and support the dept.'s events and program. You can find me and many of the events. I find it my mission in Gainesville to be helping shape these quality of life programs that enhance our community and are welcoming to all. As Russell, Leslie, etc can attest, I get great joy out of helping in any way that I can.

David J Ruiz

Question applies to Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board

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

I am serving my first time and am looking to serve my second term.

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Yes No

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Yes No

If you answered yes to the question above, please explain: (upload a file if needed)

[David_Joseph_Ruiz_Resume2_Updated_3.6.2017.docx](#)

Upload a Resume

Please upload a file

Demographics

Ethnicity

Hispanic

Gender

Male

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

Cultural Affairs Board and Gainesville appointee to the WSPP Oversight Board

David Joseph Ruiz

Address: 4000 SW 23rd St, Apt. 5-307 Gainesville, FL 32608 ♦ **Email:** davidjrui@gmail.com ♦ **Phone:** (352) 665-0019

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

I have amassed a great deal of customer service experience in my current position as a customer care associate at Infinite Energy. As an employee of Infinite Energy, I have gained a wealth of knowledge in meeting customer needs and anticipating potential issues. In addition, I have attained event coordinator experience in my past employment at the University of Florida campus as an employee of the Dean of Students Office and as a student leader. I have also learned quite a great deal by coordinating programs and events in the local community through a non-profit I am involved with. I am interested in applying for an open position of Director of Community Impact. I have experience that will make me an asset to any team.

I have gained the skills necessary for this position through my extensive experience in marketing and event coordination. I have for the last 4 years been the Director of the annual Downtown Latino Festival. As the Director, I was in charge of gathering vendors and sponsors, coordinating the stage performances, and working with local business, government agencies, and non profits to make the event a great success every year. This position is a volunteer position where I give back because of my love for community service and passion for event programming, etc.

My previous position at the University of Florida's Dean of Students Office's Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures, I gained valuable experience programming events (social, pre-professional, and cultural) for our target population (students).

WORK EXPERIENCE

Infinite Energy, Gainesville, Florida

October 2010 to Present

Customer Care Associate (Bilingual)

- Handle and resolve customer interactions with complete confidentiality to include "one call" resolutions
- Assist customer questions, complaints and billing inquiries
- Complete work processes to maintain, update and/or activate customer accounts
- Manage customer interactions and transactions
- Record details of inquiries, comments, complaints and record details of actions taken
- Act as "on the job trainer" for newly hired representatives
- Identify problem areas and recommends ways to improve efficiency
- Perform other duties as assigned by supervisor
- Identify and resolve problems in a timely manner
- Manage difficult or emotional customer situations

The Oaks Mall, Gainesville, Florida

October 2008 to October 2010

Customer Service Representative

- Provided customer service to mall patrons
- Sold hundreds of dollars worth of lottery sales & gift cards daily
- Balanced sales through nightly audit
- Answered multi-line phones & transferred calls to multiple departments

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Downtown Latino Festival

Director

January 2008 to September 2013

- Coordinate with City of Gainesville staff for festival permit
- Identify and Coordinate potential Sponsors and Vendors for participation in Festival
- Organize UF student groups, local bands/performers for the on stage entertainment
- Publicize event through FB, posters, press releases, newspaper articles, radio interviews, etc
- Direct/Manage entire event

Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board (GACCAB)

Member

January 2012 to Present

- Advise the City Commission, the County Commission, and the Dept of Cultural Affairs regarding the policies and concerns relating to cultural activities
- Attend monthly board meetings
- Advise the Director of the Dept of Cultural Affairs in the promotion of fine arts, literary arts, performing arts and crafts
- Develop local art resources and assist Director of the Dept of Cultural Affairs in the planning and implementation of community arts involvement in and around the City of Gainesville
- Review budget/grant proposals of cultural organizations seeking funding
- Vice Chair, Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (August 2015 to Present)

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Hispanic Heritage Month

May 2005 to December 2005

Programming Director

- Directed seven main events (Opening Ceremony, Soccer Tournament, Pageant Show, Talent Show, Fashion Show, Comedy Night, & Closing Ceremony)
- Interviewed and selected main Event Directors
- Supervised each main Event Director
- Coordinated & led all Programming meetings
- Networked with Hispanic-Latino & non-Hispanic-Latino student organizations interested in sponsoring events
- Outreached to UF Departments interested in conducting events

State of Florida

Latino Leaders Advisory Committee on HIV & AIDS

July 2004 to June 2007

- Participated in conference calls to discuss State's Minority health initiatives
- Communicated and crafted recommendations and analysis on State policy
- Traveled for consultations with the State
- Networked with fellow Advisory Committee Members on new ways for the State to address HIV/AIDS in Hispanic-Latino communities
- Attended 18th Annual East Coast Migrant Stream Forum as committee delegate to discuss migrant health issues (Oct. 2005)

Mexican-American Student Association

Public Relations Director

December 2003 to May 2005

- Arranged all publicity for events
- Attended Hispanic-Latino Student Council meetings as MASA representative
- Administered all carwashes for fundraising
- Networked through several mediums to publicize group's programs
- Prepared and implemented all communication with local businesses
- Represented organization in public
- Coordinated programming planning

Vice President

- Assist the president in the organization's operations
- Supervise appointed officers
- Assist in the coordination of activities/programs

AWARDS

Hispanic/Latino Hall of Fame (Charter Induction Class of 2008), University of Florida	April 2008
Certificate of Appreciation, FL. Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS	June 2007
Impact Award, Dean of Students Office/Center for Leadership & Service	March 2007
Special Recognition, Gainesville Chamber of Hispanic Affairs	September 2006
Association of Hispanic Alumni's Colonel Glenn A. Farris Scholarship	May 2005
Presidential Recognition, University of Florida	April 2005
Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures 2005 Outstanding Leader of the Year Award	April 2005
Pepsi Bottling Group's Fifth Annual Leadership Luncheon	January 2005
Gatorship Leadership Retreat	January 2004
Certificate of Appreciation, Dean of Students Office	September 2003
Appreciation Award from Hispanic Student Association	November 2003
Certificate of Completion, Art of Leadership Conference	October 2003
Hispanic-Latino Leader of the Month Award from Hispanic Student Association	January 2003
Member of the Month Award from Black Student Union	October 2001
President George W. Bush's Student Service Award & Scholarship	May 2001
Community Involvement Nominee, Palm Beach County 2001 Pathfinders Awards	April 2001
Prudential Florida Youth Initiative Institute Graduate, Prudential Youth Leadership Institute	January 2001