

# GAINESVILLE REINVESTMENT AREA ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT

**Openings:** One (1) partial term expiring 10/3/2021 (City Residency Required)

**Applications:** Three (3) Applications

**PLEASE INITIAL YOUR SELECTION AND INDICATE WHICH TERM LENGTH**

NAME OF APPLICANT	Comm. Duncan - Walker	Comm. Ward	Comm. Arreola	Comm. Hayes-Santos	Comm. Johnson	Comm. Saco	Mayor Poe
Jaokim Nordqvist (county member of BPAB)							
Matthew Ryals							
Andre Soucy (also applied to RTS)							
READVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS							

**VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE 6/3 COMMISSION MEETING**



City of Gainesville

## Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board


### Board Details

Per Section 2-408 of the Ordinance No 181001 (Draft), The Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area (GCRA) Advisory Board shall consist of fifteen (15) members appointed by the City Commission to serve in an advisory capacity on matters of community redevelopment within the GCRA. To the extent possible, members of the advisory board should live or work in the community reinvestment area. Each member shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and shall hold office until a successor has been appointed and qualifies. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the City Commission for the unexpired term of any member whose term becomes vacant. The advisory board should meet monthly and may adopt rules of procedure, subject to approval by the City Commission, to govern the conduct of its meetings. Staff support for the advisory board will be under the direction of the City Manager.

Applicants are encouraged to submit a resume and any additional information relevant to their application.

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### Overview

 **Size** 15 Seats

 **Term Length** 2 Years

 **Term Limit** 2 Terms

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### Additional

#### Advisory Board Website

coming soon

#### Agendas and Minutes are located

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

#### Ordinance

Ord. No. 181001 , § 1, 9-5-19




City of Gainesville

# Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board

## Board Roster

 **Evelyn T. Foxx**  
1st Term Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021


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 **Mr. Armando R Grundy-gomes**  
1st Term Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021


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 **Jason Mitchell**  
1st Term Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021

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 **Jessica Turner**  
1st Term Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021

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 **Jacob G Ihde**  
1st Term Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021


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 **Mr. K Richard Richard Blount RN, AICP**  
1st Term Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021

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 **Michael Palmer**  
1st Term Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021

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 **Mr Bradley S Pollitt**  
1st Term Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021

**Position** Chair

**Office/Role** Chair



**Warren Nielsen**

**1st Term** Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021

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**Ms. Stephanie R Seawright**

**1st Term** Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021

**Position** Vice Chair

**Office/Role** Vice Chair

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**Dr. Carrie B. Bush**

**1st Term** Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021

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**Linda B. Dixon**

**1st Term** Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021

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**Mr Jason P Atkins-tuffs 2194563**

**1st Term** Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021

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**Mr. Christopher M Merritt**

**1st Term** Oct 03, 2019 - Oct 03, 2021

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**Vacancy**

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

Mr Joakim (jay) B Nordqvist  
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

joakimbnordqvist@hotmail.com  
Email Address

14313 SW 70 Street  
Street Address Suite or Apt

Archer FL 32618  
City State Postal Code

**In what city district do you live? To find your district visit:**<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/CityCommission/CityCommissionDistricts.aspx> \* I do not live in Gainesville

Question applies to Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board

**Do you live or work within the Reinvestment area? Input your address at:**<http://arcg.is/1OeTWu> if you don't know. \* I neither live nor work in the Reinvestment Area

Question applies to Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board

**Employer Address, if you work in the community reinvestment area:**

Home: (352) 495-6300  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type** Home**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

GSE Engineering & Consulting, Inc  
Employer

Principal Engineer/CEO  
Job Title

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

Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board: Submitted

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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**

## **Why are you interested in serving on the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board?**

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I am eager to contribute to and advise the City in its reinvestment visioning, planning, and implementation process. The City is at a unique crossroads and the choices we are making will forever define our future community soul and character. Although I live outside the City limits, I regularly visit and take advantage of the Downtown and Urban core restaurants, cultural events, music venues, Hippodrome, parks, bicycle paths, and other areas. I own property in the Pleasant Street and Spring Park areas. I most recently served as Chair of the Alachua County EDAC. I am currently interim Chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board. I also served on the recent Chamber strategic plan initiative committee. As a local small business owner I understand issues we face as a community. I believe we should pursue a sustainable, equitable business friendly, bicycle and pedestrian interconnected, safe, friendly and culturally vibrant City. Having lived in, worked in, and served the Gainesville community continuously since 1994, I believe I can bring sensible constructive contributions to this committee. Thank you for your consideration of this application.

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## Demographics

### Ethnicity

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Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

### Gender

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Male

### 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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I am a County appointment to BPAB



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

_____	<b>Matthew</b>	_____	<b>T</b>	_____	<b>Ryals</b>	_____
Prefix	First Name		Middle Initial		Last Name	Suffix

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 Street Address

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 Suite or Apt

Gainesville  
 City

FL  
 State

32603  
 Postal Code

**In what city district do you live? To find your district visit:****<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/CityCommission/CityCommissionDistricts.aspx> \*** District 4

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**Employer Address, if you work in the community reinvestment area:**

Home: (352) 331-7831  
 Primary Phone

Mobile: (352) 219-0315  
 Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

None Selected

**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

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Employer\_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

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## **Interests & Experiences**

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**Why are you interested in serving on the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board?**

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I briefly served on the local district board of the previous iteration of the GCRA. By the time I joined, unbeknownst to me at the time, things were starting to wind down and transition to the new version of the GCRA. Nevertheless, my interest in participating in the revitalization of long overdue areas of town remains. My LinkedIn profile provides an overview of my work history: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tucker-ryals/>

Matthew T Ryals

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Male

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Yes  No

### Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

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Yes  No

Matthew T Ryals

**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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_____	<u>Andre</u>	_____	<u>B</u>	_____	<u>Soucy</u>	_____
Prefix	First Name		Middle Initial	Last Name		Suffix

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Email Address

_____	<u>1116 SW 1st Ave</u>	_____	<u>Apt. 305</u>
Street Address		Suite or Apt	

_____	<u>Gainesville</u>	_____	<u>FL</u>	_____	<u>32601</u>
City		State		Postal Code	

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Question applies to Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board

**Employer Address, if you work in the community reinvestment area:**

_____	<u>Home: (561) 779-9726</u>	_____
Primary Phone		Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type** Cell**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

_____	<u>University of Florida</u>	_____	<u>Student Research Assistant</u>
Employer		Job Title	

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Question applies to Regional Transit System Advisory Board

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

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Regular user of the transit system

Question applies to Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board

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Question applies to Regional Transit System Advisory Board

The Regional Transit System Advisory Board has 1 partial term ending 9/30/2022. City Residency Required

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**Interests & Experiences**

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**Why are you interested in serving on the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board?**

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I want to be involved in how the City of Gainesville invests funds to complete projects that help uplift and improve communities around the city, especially those most marginalized and at risk.

Question applies to Regional Transit System Advisory Board

**Why are you interested in serving on the Regional Transit System Advisory Board?**

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I want to be involved in how RTS plans its routes and operations to ensure an effective public transit system that serves ALL members of the community, especially those who are in transportation disadvantaged areas or populations.

Question applies to Regional Transit System Advisory Board

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

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Question applies to Regional Transit System Advisory Board

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

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Yes  No

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## Demographics

### Ethnicity

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Hispanic

### Gender

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Male

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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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# Andre Soucy

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Florida</b> <i>Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering</i> <i>Bachelor of Science</i> <b>Major: Civil Engineering, Minor: Urban Planning</b> <b>GPA: 3.63</b> Relevant Coursework: Transportation Engineering, Transportation Modelling (VISSIM and Civil3D), Engineering Communication (AutoCAD and Revit), Intro to GIS (ArcGIS), Transit Planning	Gainesville, FL May 2022
<b>Global E3 Exchange @ City University of Hong Kong</b> <i>Civil Engineering</i>	Hong Kong SAR, China Spring 2019

## SKILLS

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- Software: Microsoft Office, ArcGIS Pro, VISSIM, AutoCAD, Civil3D, Revit, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, After Effects
  - Programming: Excel VBA, MatLab, Javascript, SQL, Python, HTML/CSS
  - Languages: English (Native), Spanish (Limited), Mandarin (Beginner)

## EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of Florida, College of Design, Construction &amp; Planning</b> <i>Student Research Assistant</i>	Gainesville, FL August 2018 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Performing GIS and Data Envelopment Analysis of Gainesville RTS operational efficiency and spatial effectiveness with regards to transportation disadvantaged populations using GTFS data and preparing documentation to present to the transit agency</li><li>● Conducted literature review on urban freight distribution concepts, strategies, and plans across varying global contexts</li><li>● Created and manipulated spreadsheets to catalog and analyze journals and research papers</li><li>● Conducted comprehensive literature review of state transportation planning policies and prepared reports based on literature review</li></ul>	
<b>Fehr &amp; Peers: Unfiltered Career Insights</b> <i>Participant</i>	Online July-August 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Prepared and presented a proposal for a 30 minute RFP interview with a team of 4 other participants</li><li>● Participated in 6 weekly training sessions, learning about transportation consulting, complete streets design, land use and transportation, communication and visualization, and shared modes and good movement</li><li>● Worked with a team on various activities leading up to the final proposal presentation.</li></ul>	

## ACTIVITIES

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<b>UF Institute of Transportation Engineers</b> <i>Member</i>	Gainesville, FL September 2018 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Attend seminars with various companies working in the transportation engineering and planning industries</li><li>● Attend presentations and guest lectures from academics working on a range of transportation research projects</li><li>● Participated in the District 10 2020 Student Leadership Summit at FIU</li><li>● Participated in a connected and autonomous vehicle demonstration hosted by Traffic Technology Services</li><li>● Attended field trip to Jacksonville Port and Transportation Authorities facilities, including presentations on future development, such as the Ultimate Urban Circulator project</li></ul>	
<b>UF Student Planning Association</b> <i>Member</i>	Gainesville, FL September 2019 - Present
<b>UF Students for New Urbanism</b> <i>Secretary</i>	Gainesville, FL September 2019 - Present

**Reference: Dr. Ruth L. Steiner** – [rsteiner@dcp.ufl.edu](mailto:rsteiner@dcp.ufl.edu) – (352) 294-1492