

STUDENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT BALLOT

Openings: **One (1) Student Voting Members Opening (City Residency Required)**

Applications: **Two (2) Applications**

PLEASE INITIAL YOUR SELECTION

NAME OF APPLICANT	Comm. Arreola	Comm. Hayes-Santos	Comm. Goston	Mayor Poe	Comm. Budd	Comm. Ward	Comm. Warren
Oliver Telusma (12/7/17 – 9/30/19) <i>*appointed to CACCD</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Alexander Basta (12/7/17 – 9/30/19)		✓		✓	✓		✓
READVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS							



STUDENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

BOARD DETAILS



OVERVIEW



SIZE 7 Seats



TERM LENGTH 12



TERM LIMIT n/a

(7-members) The City Commission appoint three (3) students (from postsecondary educational institutions) for one (1) year terms; and, three (3) non-students for two (2) one-year terms; CITY RESIDENCY REQUIRED. One (1) Voting Administrator, and up to two (2) additional non-voting administrators from postsecondary educational institutions; and one (1) student seat for one (1) year.

Created by Ordinance No. 060431 (December 11, 2006). Board to act as a vehicle for students and non-students to voice their concerns and opinions; to review, discuss, and forward recommendations as appropriate, on issues, concerns, and initiatives relevant to students and non-students; to establish and implement a new member orientation; to assess and address needs of non-students as they pertain to student issues; to provide outlets for action by students and non-students; to be a knowledgeable liaison between the City Commission and the students and non-students of Gainesville; to encourage involvement by non-students and students in planning and implementation of improvements; and, to ensure that student issues are addressed by providing a link between the students, non-students, and the City Commission.



DETAILS

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City of Gainesville

STUDENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

BOARD ROSTER



VALERY E RAYMOND

1st Term Aug 04, 2016 - Sep 30, 2017

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914 SWth 8th ave
APT 11
Gainesville, FL 32601

Appointing Authority City Commission
Category Student Seat



GLORIA LI

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Apt. 1212
Gainesville, FL 32601

Appointing Authority City Commission
Category Student Voting Member



HAROLD G SHAW

1st Term Jan 21, 2016 - Sep 30, 2017

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813-728-0328

Appointing Authority City Commission
Category Student Voting Member



SARAH V BLANC

1st Term Aug 04, 2016 - Sep 30, 2018

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1519 NE 13 Street
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Appointing Authority City Commission
Category Non-Voting Post Secondary Admin



CLARINDA CHOICE

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Appointing Authority City Commission
Category Non-Voting Post Secondary Admin



LAYNE PREBOR

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Appointing Authority City Commission
Category Non-Student Voting Member



NORA L. KILROY

5th Term Nov 17, 2016 - Sep 30, 2018

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352-491-0978
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P.O. Box 114135
Gainesville, FL 32611

Appointing Authority City Commission
Position Chair
Category Administrative Voting Member



JAMES R TYGER

2nd Term Mar 16, 2017 - Sep 30, 2019

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1401 NW 25th Terrace
Gainesville, FL 32605

Appointing Authority City Commission
Position Vice-Chair
Category Voting Non-Student Member



THOMAS D. RIDER

5th Term Mar 16, 2017 - Sep 30, 2019

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Appointing Authority City Commission
Category Voting Non-Student Member

Profile

Oliver

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Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

University of Florida

Employer

Research Coordinator- Latino
Diaspora of the Americas Project

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development: Appointed

Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board: Submitted

Student Community Relations Advisory Board: Submitted

Primary Phone Type☒ Cell

Alternate Phone Type

None Selected

Interests & Experiences

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

The importance of preserving and promoting history and heritage across multiple cultures not only drives my work but also my art. During a period of time in which cultural diversity is under assault in multiple facets, I believe it is more important than ever that we work to honor and protect those cultures and legacies that enrich our community. One of the most important elements of that is working to ensure that protection is prevalent in multiple areas of our community like schools and after school programs. I am a firm believer in the idea that you cannot change someone's reality if you cannot step into it. Whether it is the potential to facilitate collaboration between the University of Florida and the city to expand opportunities for children in underserved communities to learn about their culture and heritage or work to facilitate development, I believe that a leader has to be active in inserting themselves into the communities they wish to see change in. One of the most notable areas of change I believe can be affected is the increase of culture taught in our schools. In my role as a research coordinator in the Latino Diaspora of the Americas Project, I've understood that there is a need to give students a space to learn about how their culture has impacted their local community, and there is a dearth of students of color here at the University of Florida. For the past two years, a fellowship program has been in active development to address both those needs, with the chance to not only give students the chance learn more about the community they live in but also address critical areas of need in curriculum. That project not only is a display of my commitment to preserving culture but also my willingness to ensure others have the same opportunity.

[Resume March 2017.docx](#)

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Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ African American

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?

Oliver Telusma

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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA- INNOVATION ACADEMY | JANUARY 2015-PRESENT

Major: Political Science

Minor: Spanish/Innovation

Extracirricular Activities and Service

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT | DOCTORS ON WHEELS | AUGUST 2014-JANUARY 2016

- Fielding telephone calls for the office manager
- Managing the calendar and organizing appointments between the physician, nurse and patients
- Mailing important documents and correspondences between the practice and lab sites, hospitals and other practices
- Drafting important correspondences between the office manager, lab sites, hospitals and other practices

FELLOW | YOUNG PEOPLE FOR (YP4)-PEOPLE FOR AN AMERICAN WAY FOUNDATION | APRIL 2016-PRESENT

- Selected based on a comprehensive proposal that addresses educational, race-based and income based disparities as well as potential reforms in voting rights/voter registration
- Organizing for educational reform and racial justice within Alachua County, both in high schools and in the university setting

PROJECT COORDINATOR | LATINO DIASPORA IN THE AMERICAS PROJECT | MAY 2016-PRESENT

- Tasked with preserving and promoting Latinx history and the diaspora in North, Central and South America through interviews, transcriptions and audio and video editing
- Established a research project that utilizes innovative educational models to close the achievement gap between white and minority students in Alachua County
- Coordinated interviews and events with nationally and internationally renowned poets like Rossy Evelin Lima and Matt Sedillo

Awards and Honors

OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP-SAVANT LEADERSHIP HONORARY|APRIL 22ND, 2015

- Recognized for superior leadership and service among first year students at the University of Florida for the 2014-2015 academic year

MR. HSA 2015-2016|OCTOBER 1ST, 2015

- Awarded first place in a scholarship pageant to serve as the official representative for the Hispanic Student Association for the 2015-2016 Academic Year

SOPHOMORE SPEAKER- LAUNCH INTO IA 2016|JANUARY 4TH, 2016

- Awarded for being chosen out of 2nd year applicants to deliver sophomore message and introduce the keynote speaker at Launch into IA

BLACK ECONOMICS | BLACK STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE | OCTOBER 28TH, 2016

- Discussed the reality of people of color in navigating spaces that are designed to devalue them financially and make it more difficult for them to become economically independent

GUEST LECTURER | YP4 NATIONAL SUMMIT, WASHINGTON, D.C. | JANUARY 13TH, 2017

- Discussed the reality of people of color in navigating spaces that are designed to devalue them financially and make it more difficult for them to become economically independent

Profile

Alexander

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Middle Initial

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Primary Phone

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Alternate Phone

Employer

Graduate Student

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Adjustment: Submitted

Student Community Relations Advisory Board: Submitted

Primary Phone Type

☒ Cell

Alternate Phone Type

None Selected

Interests & Experiences

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

Student_Community_Relations_Advisory_Board_(SCRAB) _____

As a triple Gator, (BS, JD, MBA) I have lived the life of a student for some time, experiencing it from the graduate and undergraduate levels. I have the personal experience and I am passionate about the issues at hand. A few issues I believe exist today include: (1) "Price Fishing" problem (Presentation attached). - Landlords show student properties for 5-7 months prior to the leasing period without limits for reasonability. Signs in Gainesville are outside of houses saying "Tour for Fall 2018" in September of 2017. The governing Florida Statute (F.S. 83.53) is vague and has been interpreted to provide only a 24 notice without reasonable limitations for this unique market. This could make a students life a living nightmare without any legal infractions. (2) Student Voting. - Students often don't register to vote because of their transient nature in Gainesville and, because of this, the students often go underrepresented. As a party that makes up approximately 37% (50,000/132,000), it is intimidating to think this portion of the population goes underrepresented.

Board_of_Adjustment _____

As someone who has experienced so many sides of real estate, this position calls to me. I hope to serve the community by balancing the needs of the city with those of its constituents in accordance with Sec. 30-354.

[Basta.pdf](#)

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Demographics

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☒ Other

Gender

☒ Male

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

Alexander S. Basta

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EDUCATION

University of Florida

Master of Business Administration (MBA), Hough Graduate School of Business

May 2019
Gainesville, FL

- Concentration: Real Estate
- Full merit scholarship recipient; GMAT: 730 (Top 4%)

University of Florida

Juris Doctorate (JD), Levin College of Law

May 2019
Gainesville, FL

- Presidential scholarship recipient; LSAT: 168 (Top 4%)

University of Florida

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Finance

May 2016
Gainesville, FL

- Graduated *magna cum laude*; GPA: 3.87
- Teaching Assistant – *Business Law*; Tutor – *Business Finance*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Select Investments Network, LLC.

2015 – 2017
Clearwater, FL

Strategy Manager

Oversaw property transactions and strategic project execution for a real estate firm with \$15M in commercial and residential properties. Led a team of 7 administrators and general laborers to coordinate marketing, acquisitions / divestitures, property maintenance, and renovation activities. Utilized tools such as GIS, zoning, MLS, tax and property appraiser records to form a story for unique pieces of property and calculate more accurate valuations.

- Spearheaded overhaul of rental business, transitioning business model from series of manual processes to streamlined electronic / online platform. Designed and implemented web-based tools to manage lease applications, credit checks, maintenance requests, property showings, and rental payments. New approach saved over \$60K in labor costs and facilitated expanded listing distribution that cut time-to-lease by over 50%.
- Personally handled acquisition of 30+ properties (\$2M+ total value) and sale of 5. Instituted variety of financial structures (e.g., lease-to-own) to expand reach to other market segments with less capital to invest up-front.
- Developed suite of operating manuals to define structure for best practices. Conducted interviews and process observations (ethnographic research), creating process maps and operational checklist for property showings, credit checks, and lease approvals. New approach reduced new employee onboarding time and created a scalable / replicable business model for later expansion.

A-Chalet Construction, Inc.

2015 – 2016
Clearwater, FL

Foreman

Supervised new construction and remodeling of commercial and luxury residential structures with projects ranging from \$15K to \$400K. Directed 7-employee team and 5-8 subcontractors (electrical, plumbing, roofing, concrete) to complete over 40 projects. Role concurrent with Select Investments.

- Served as primary interface with clients, which included business owners and high-net-worth individuals. Conducted site walkthroughs, negotiated scope changes, and troubleshoot issues. Established and maintained relationships that resulted in 75% of new work sourced from referrals.
- Collaborated with condominium and homeowner associations to negotiate often highly-restrictive operating regulations.

Boss Electric Corp.

Fall 2013
Clearwater, FL

Apprentice Electrician

Conducted electrical inspections and service calls, apprenticing with licensed electrician. Developed insights into construction and maintenance of commercial and residential properties. Full time worker on new construction of 20K sqft Ocor headquaters.

ADDITIONAL DATA

- Licenses: **Florida Residential Contractor** – successfully passed written examinations and an oral board review, securing ability to contract new residential construction throughout the state of Florida; **Personal Lines Insurance Agent** - able to transact personal property and casualty insurance; **Licensed Florida Notary Public**
- Private Pilot: 130+ hours; able to fly in furtherance of a personal business; proud Cessna owner

Students Getting Stif

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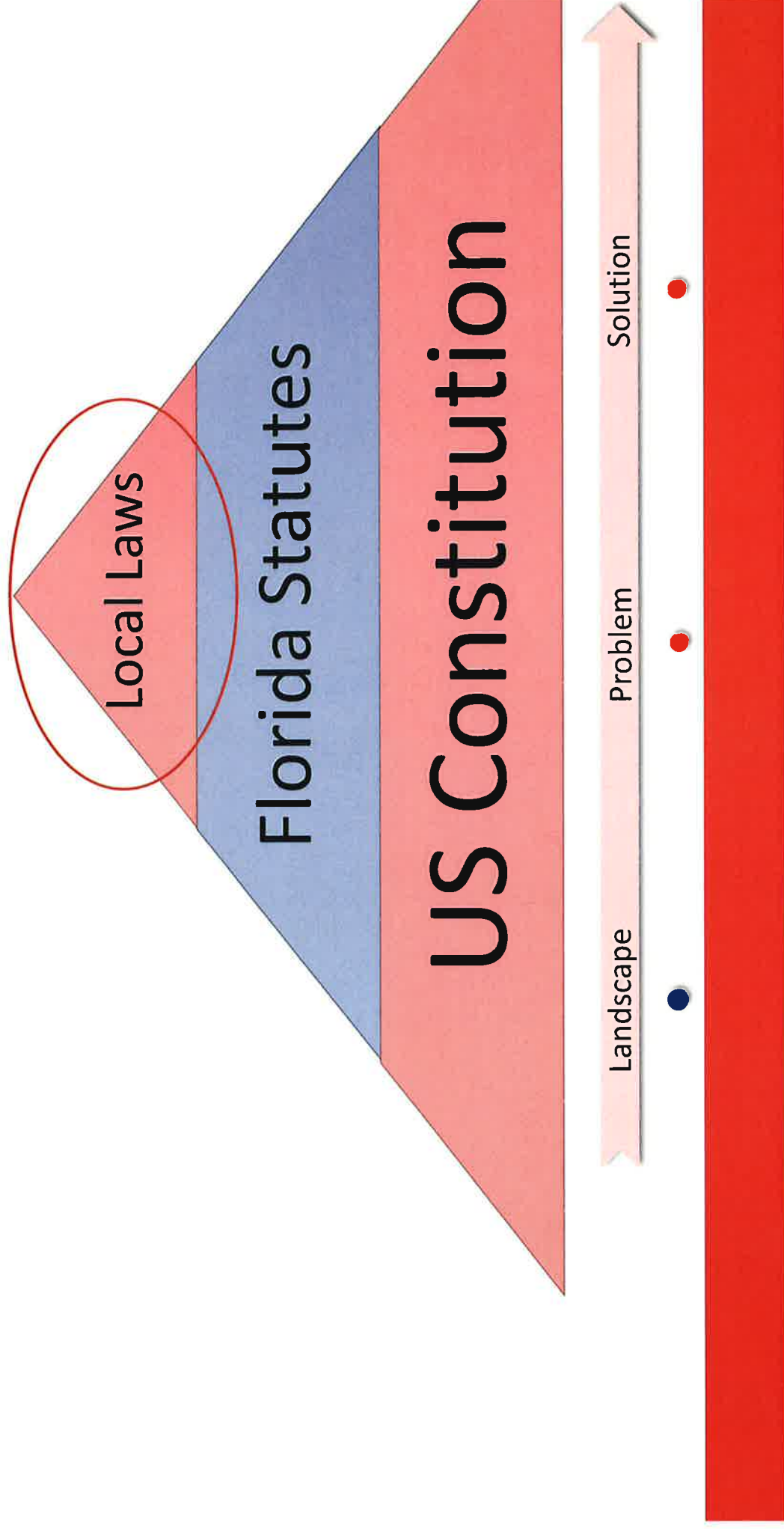


Agenda

Landscape	Problem	Solution
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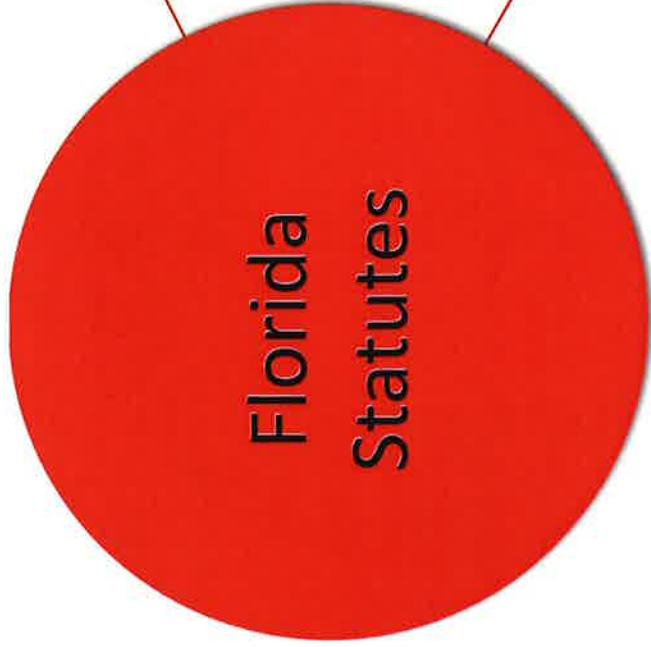


Legal Landscape

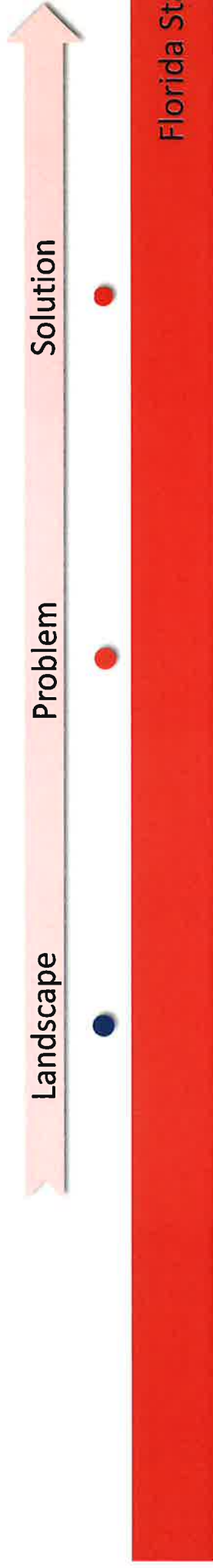




- 24 hour notice
- 2-3 mo. before lease ends



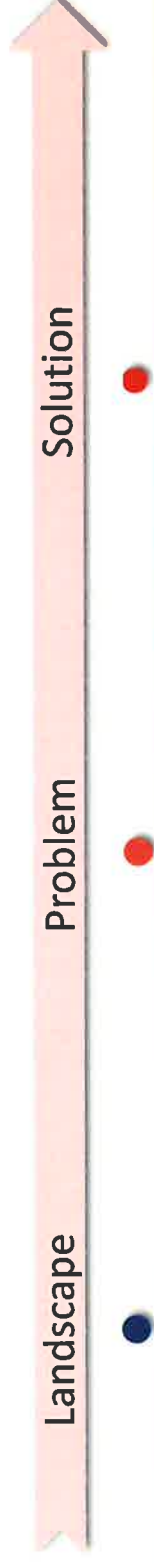
- 24 hour notice
- 5-7 mo. before lease ends



What makes Gainesville different?

Explosive growth & rent increases

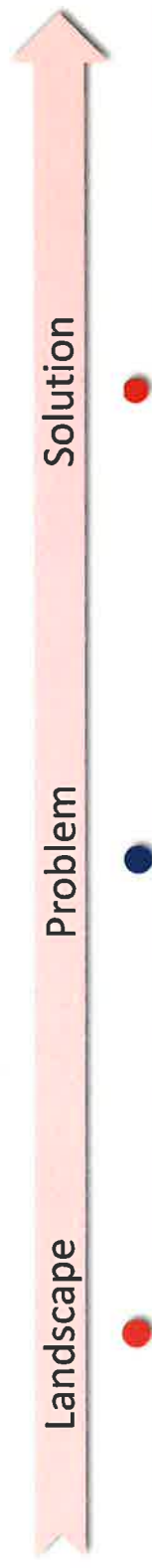
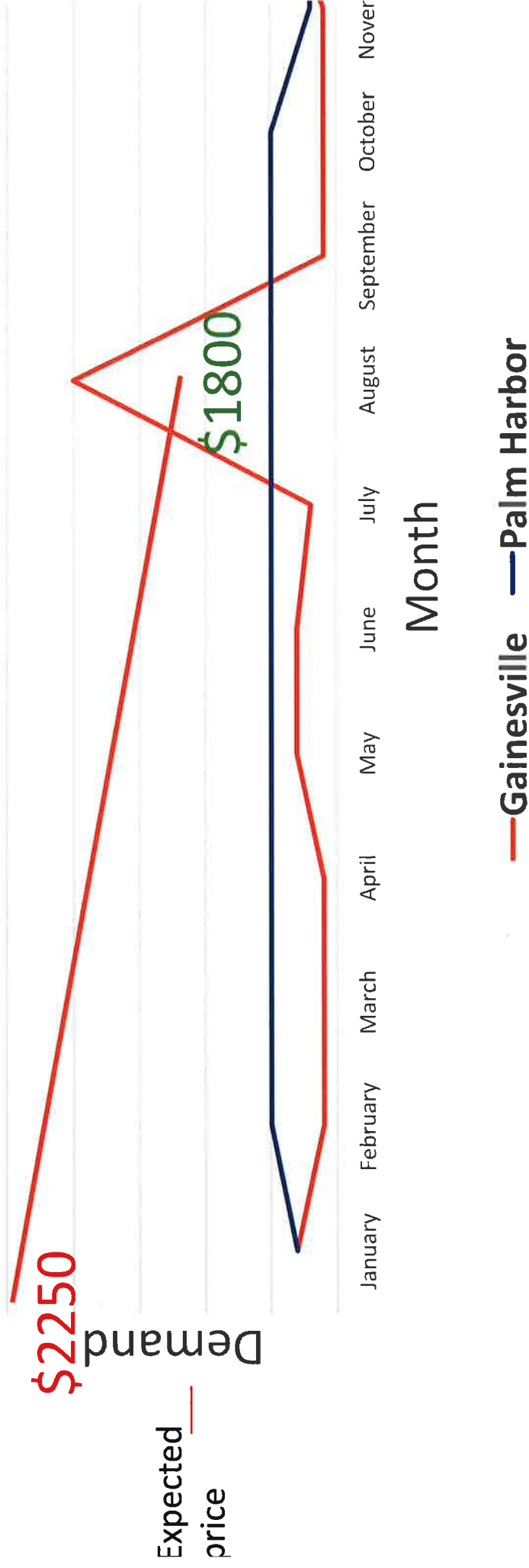
- 5.74% nationally (2016)¹
- 14.8% locally²



Internal sources

¹<http://realtormag.realtor.org/commercial/feature/arti-rent-increases>

Price fishing visualized



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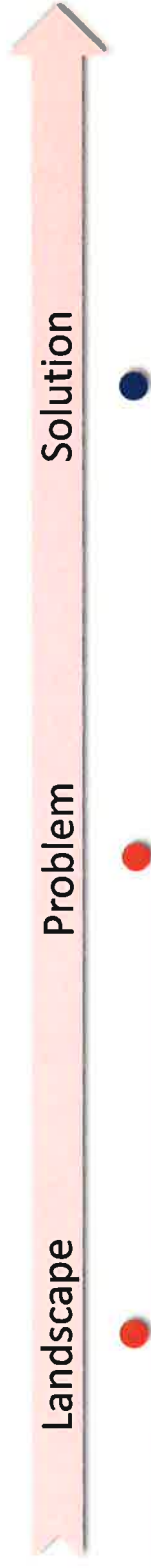
Moving forward

<https://www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu/>

- Pre-paid legal service for students
- Deals in Landlord/tenant disputes

Put SLS resource on Students' leases

- Awareness of resources
- Bargaining power



Source: <https://www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu/>

Conclusion

Landscape

Problem

Solution

