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Candidate for Election: City of Gainesville Commissioner

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4. Education:
M.B.A., St. Leo's University '15
B.A., Flagler College '14
Proud BHS grad
5. Occupation:
City Commissioner
6. Employer:
City of Gainesville
7. Previous Employment:
2018 - Feathr, Sales Rep.
2015-2018 - 21st Century Communications, Sales Manager.
2013-2015 - Law Offices of David M.W. Setzler, Legal Assistant



8. Three Qualities Leaders Must Possess and Why:

1. **Courage in order to face all odds**
2. **Vision to lead people**
3. **Stamina to finish the marathon**

9. Civic Involvement:

Citizens Academy 101

10. Board(s) I've Served On and What Prompted Me to Serve On Them:

The City Commission to faithfully serve the people of Gainesville

11. Have you ever served in elected public office? If yes, how many years total have you served in elected public office?

Yes, 2.5 years representing District 3 on the City Commission

12. Why are you running for this office?

I want to complete the work I've started on the City Commission working for Gainesville's youth, housing issues, and creating more job opportunities in Gainesville.



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13. What do you perceive are the three most important concerns facing the City of Gainesville and what would be your top priorities, if elected?

Capturing the full potential of our youth, the issue of affordable housing, and the need for more high value jobs

14. Significant achievement and opportunity gaps exist in our community. Recently, the City Commission and the Alachua County School Board agreed to a county-wide goal to achieve 100% reading proficiency for all children by the end of third grade within three years. Do you support this goal? Do you have other ideas to help close the gap?

Yes, working with the SBAC we can support students and their parents inside and outside of the school day.

15. The City of Gainesville has worked to reduce homelessness by emphasizing rehousing. Soon, Dignity Village will be closed. Do you support the City's recent efforts? Why or why not?

Yes, however, we must continue to be patient in solving the issue of chronic homelessness.

16. The City restructured its Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) last year in its ongoing efforts to revitalize Gainesville's urban core. What steps do you think are necessary to encourage live-work-play downtown?

I want to create a downtown master plan with UF and SF so we can build off the success of the renovated Bo Diddley Plaza, Depot Park, and the new businesses popping up.

17. What do you feel the City's economic development priorities should be over the next four years?

Building out space for new local companies, urban in-fill for housing and businesses, and job training opportunities.

18. Why should members of the business community support your candidacy?



I extended the City Commission's hand to rejoin the Chamber of Commerce after a period of ill-feeling. I support Gainesville businesses and have been working with local start-ups to help them get a firm foot in Gainesville. I believe we can enhance the growth we are experiencing, but it will take leadership from our city. I believe I can provide this leadership.

I hereby certify to the veracity and completeness of the information herein and that no other party other than myself completed this questionnaire.

Signed,

Commissioner David Arreola

1/21/2020

Original or Electronic Signature