

INIE Candidate Questionnaire - Summer 2020

The Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence (INIE) is a non-profit management support organization. The mission of INIE is to strengthen the capacity and impact of the nonprofit sector through education, collaboration and advocacy. We are comprised of over 180 members with a reach of over 2,400 registered nonprofit organizations.

Collaboration with all sectors is vital to having a vibrant community and a thriving nonprofit ecosystem that is prepared to serve the needs of all residents in the Tallahassee and surrounding area.

Please complete and submit this questionnaire to provide YOUR VOICE regarding the nonprofit sector. We ask that this questionnaire be SUBMITTED by Friday, July 31st. This questionnaire was originally sent in February and other candidates have responded. We are offering another opportunity for your feedback. You can view the received candidate responses at <https://www.theinstitutefornonprofits.org/2020-candidate-voice>

We commend you for your desire to serve our community and look forward to hearing YOUR VOICE. Thank you.

Email address *

rocky@rockyhanna.com

Candidate Name *

Rocky Hanna

Name of desired commission seat and/or position. *

Leon County Superintendent of Schools

1. Please describe how you have been personally involved in, supported, or been affected by the nonprofit sector. *

During the course of my career I have been a member of both Capital City Youth Services and the Big Bend Homeless Coalition. Currently, I am on the board of directors for the United Way of the Big Bend and serve as a champion for their mission with our public school system.

2. There are over 2,400 nonprofit organizations registered in Tallahassee and they have an economic impact of \$3.1 Billion in Revenue. How do you plan to ensure that the nonprofit sector has a voice in the decisions being made in the commission? *

As Superintendent of Schools, I will actively lobby in support of the many nonprofits who assist children in our community.

3. How would you use the nonprofit sector to advance the vitality of our community? *

The Leon County Schools District has wonderful relationships and partnerships with many non-profit organizations in our community for education purposes and support including The Riley House, Southern Shakespeare Company, Challenger Learning Center, Capital City Youth Services, Big Bend Homeless Coalition, Children's Home Society, Pace Center for Girls and Second Harvest Food Bank of the Big Bend just to name a few. The United Way of the Big Bend also has Reading and Math Pals Programs in our Title I elementary schools. Needless to say non-profits play a very important role in our public school system.

4. What suggestions do you have to improve the financial deficit that exists among nonprofits to serve the needs of our community? *

Each year employees in the Leon County School System are asked to contribute to the United Way in order to financially support many non-profits in our community. Annually our organization contributes around \$150,000 to support the mission of the organizations on their contribution list. In addition many schools also support other non-profits such as Second Harvest and the TMH Foundation.

5. 1 in 10 jobs in Tallahassee are in the nonprofit sector. If our community is concerned about retaining and attracting talent, how would you encourage government leaders to assist in growing the workforce in the social sector? *

I think we need to do a much better job of educating our students at a young age of what non-profits are and the valuable role they play in our community. Currently, many of our students either volunteer or are employed with a number of non-profit groups. These experiences give our youngest citizens a purpose and a sense of fulfillment. I have said for many years that what our students do in the classroom, in the arts and on the athletic field is important but to learn at a young age to give back to others is probably the most important lesson we could ever teach them.

This content is neither created nor endorsed by Google.

Google Forms