

# 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.

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Candidate Name \*

Walt McNeil

Name of desired commission seat and/or position. \*

Sheriff of Leon County

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

Given the fact that Tallahassee ZIP Code 32304 has the highest property right away sector about community. I have worked with second harvest, farm share, the good Samaritan network, The Kearney center for homeless persons, a Rotarian working with children section 8 households. In fact we created when I called the all in initiative, directed at unifying social service organizations under one roof tomorrow effectively deal with persons returning from prison.

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? \*

My hope is to convince the County Commission to restructure the public safety council. I believe the public safety council is under used, underfunded , and the Commission could do a better job of supporting and directing community assets to more effectively meet the needs of those struggling in our community. Finally, I plan to continue our monthly meetings with social service organizations.

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

The mobilization of the nonprofit sector in our community is an essential component of a crime reduction efforts. Building better relationships with a non-profit sector has been built into the strategic plan of the Leon County Sheriff's Office. Over the next four years, The Leon county sheriffs office Has plans to complete a prison Re-entry facility. The Re-entry facility will be co-located with nonprofit organizations to more effectively reduce prison recidivism.

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

I truly believe that it is in the best interest of nonprofits to seek and build several partnerships with other community nonprofits that perform Similar services in the community. Also it is important to have a strategic plan that includes growing the number of volunteers. Finally, I serve on the board of the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Bend ,what we do for the Community Boyd and Girl club is to increase the number of fund raising benefit based on strategic suggestions.

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? \*

There are several ways that we in the Leon County sheriffs office are working to support our non-profits. First of all, government agencies like the sheriffs office can continue to support no l'm properties l'm making resources available and sharing information. One of the the major factors that government can help with is that of building public trust of non-profits in the community. Moreover, local government should make every effort to provide annual funding of programs.

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