

INIE Candidate Questionnaire - Spring 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 FEBRUARY 21st. We will release candidates' responses, including "no response", to our members and the public on Friday, February 28th.

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

Email address *

erik.m.david@gmail.com

Candidate Name *

Erik David

Name of desired commission seat and/or position.

*

Leon County Commissioner - At Large (Group 1)

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

Following my campaign for Mayor in 2018, I donated the remaining funds in my campaign account to the Boys & Girls Club of the Big Bend to support their efforts to help students in need in our community.

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? *

One of my goals if elected is to make it easier for ordinary citizens to attend commission meetings and make their voices heard, and this of course includes members of nonprofit organizations here in Leon County. In addition to scheduling meetings later in the day, I'd also work to promote and strengthen citizen advisory boards, so that more innovative ideas are brought before the commission for consideration.

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

I'd work to identify specific areas where local nonprofit organizations can take the lead (and where the potential exists for productive cooperation among the business community, local government, and nonprofit sectors).

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

We need to look for ways to bring in additional revenue to fund important county projects and local initiatives, but it's important that we do so in an equitable way. One idea that I'm considering is a proposal to make the millage rate here in Leon County progressive, increasing based on a property's taxable value.

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 would focus on identifying specific issues where the nonprofit sector is best positioned to make a difference and work to highlight the important contributions that local nonprofits have made to our community.

This content is neither created nor endorsed by Google.

Google Forms