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Dear Friends,

Today I participated in my 5th Board Retreat which allows the Commission and staff time to review our Strategic Initiatives. I'm excited about the progress we made, including a new focus on entrepreneurs, research to drive economic growth, and capital projects that have improved our quality of life. Despite the recession that required us to cut \$62 million or 22% from the budget over the last 6 years, we have accomplished so much!



I am honored to have served Leon County and District 5 since 2010 and remain committed to an efficient, effective and collaborative County government. While the work of the Commission is dynamic and keeps us busy, I also serve on numerous Boards that provide essential services to our community.

I just concluded 3 years as Chair of the Leon County Research and Development Authority, which manages Innovation Park. The organization faced many challenges when I joined the Board, but I am energized by the progress we've made. We will invest in new development at Innovation Park and continue to support economic development through a renewed focus of research and start-ups that can, and will create new jobs. LCRDA will be announcing new initiatives early in 2016, so stay tuned!

This year I also served as Chair of the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency, where we made progress towards streamlining transportation planning to help maximize the dollars we bring to our community from our state and federal partners.

I also served as Chair for our regions newly-created Continuum of Care Board, which coordinates efforts to help our homeless neighbors in 8 counties. The CoC has gotten off to a great start to address the important issues related to homelessness throughout our region.

The last 5 years have been busy, but my love for Leon County and our dedicated and passionate citizens has never been stronger. I look forward to another great year and I wish you all the best throughout the holidays and for a great 2016!

If there is ever anything I can help you with, please feel free to call me (850) 606-5375 or just email me at dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov. You can also find me on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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2015/16 County Commission Strategic Planning Retreat

On Monday, December 7th, the County Commission held its annual retreat to establish the priorities of the Board for the upcoming year. It was also a time for the Commission to focus on the five-year Strategic Plan.

The Board reviewed the progress made to its current initiatives and used the time to identify new initiatives which support and advance the Strategic Priorities: the Economy, Environment, Quality of Life and Governance.

View the retreat agenda and backup materials [here](#).

Domi Annual Report

In October 2013, Leon County entered in to a public-private partnership with Domi Education, Inc., to operate an urban business incubator program in a County-owned warehouse. In May 2014, Domi Station held its grand opening and since has worked with new businesses to generate \$2.9 million in revenue, hosted/organized more than 175 events and create more than 30 full-time jobs. The total number of companies with membership to Domi increased to 94 with 38 of these member companies being housed in Domi Station.

Domi helps entrepreneurs develop their companies through mentorship and business support resources. The development of the Domi incubator is a result of Leon County's support of entrepreneurs, and a vision to transform a former warehouse into the urban business incubator to become a catalyst for idea exchange.

View the Domi Annual Report [here](#).



Events in the Community

December 8 - [Tallahassee Winds](#) at Opperman Music Hall (7:30pm) - FREE

December 10 & 15 - [The Capital Chordsman](#) at The Tallahassee Senior Center (7:00pm)

December 11 - [22nd Annual Miccosukee Land Co-op Holiday Art Affair](#) at Miccosukee Land Cooperative (5:00pm - 9:00pm) - FREE

December 11 & 12 - [Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra Presents Holiday Magic](#) at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall (8:00pm) - ticket prices vary

December 12 & 13 - [Winter Solstice Celebration](#) at Mission San Luis - ticket prices vary

December 18 & 19 - [The Tallahassee Ballet: Nutcracker](#) at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall - ticket prices vary

December 19 - ["Tiny Giants 3D"](#) at the Challenger Learning Center - ticket prices vary

Upcoming Commission Meetings & Workshops

December 8, 2015

3:00pm: County Commission Meeting (view the Commission agenda [here](#))

6:00pm Scheduled Public Hearings:

- 1) First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Amendments to the Stormwater Management System Ordinance
- 2) First and Only Public Hearing on Adoption of the Annual Update to the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Schedule
- 3) Joint County/City Public Hearing on Cycle 2015-2 Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- 4) First and Only Public Hearing to Adopt a Resolution on Intent to Use the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for Qualifying Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy Improvements, or Wind Resistance Improvements (SITTING AS THE LEON COUNTY ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT)

The Leon County Commission generally meets every other Tuesday at 3pm on the 5th Floor of the County Courthouse. (Commission schedules and agendas are listed [here](#).) Residents can view live coverage of Commission meetings on Comcast channel 16 or stream it live through the [County's website](#). All meetings are open to the public.

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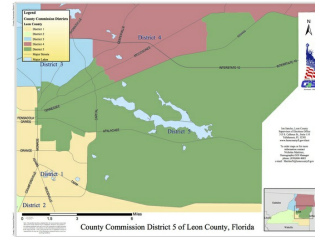
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