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Leon County Commissioner  
District 5

Dear Friends,

As we begin the Commission's 2016-17 year, I am reminded of the challenges that our community has faced, but I am also optimistic about the great things that are happening in our community, I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as your County Commissioner and always welcome your feedback.



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](mailto:dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov). You can also find me on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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## A Look into your County Commission Office

**When I was elected, I decided that I would make this my full-time job and dedicate my time to understanding and tackling the issues that face our community.**

**After 6 years on the job, I am still asked what does a Leon County Commissioner do on any given day? I thought I would try and answer that question by giving you a glimpse in to my office and my role as your County Commissioner.**

Let me start by introducing Gary Zirin, my fabulous assistant, and the other half of your District 5 office. On any given day, he is busy assisting constituents on issues ranging from building permits to debris removal to road maintenance. Gary has served the residents of District 5 and Leon County for more than 3 years helping resolve countless issues and connect you with our staff. We are lucky to have him!

**During most weeks, I spend hours participating on appointed committees and speaking to community groups working on important issues. Here are a few highlights from some October meetings and events:**

- Chaired the first meeting of the Jump Start Committee (JSC) at Innovation Park. The JSC will be creating a business accelerator and incubation programs at Innovation Park. During my six (6) years on the board we have been working to this point, and the JSC is the first of many projects that will help boost our local economy.
  - Facilitated a meeting between the Tallahassee Builders Association and TCC's Workforce Development Division to discuss training, apprenticeships and other programs that can help connect skilled workers with local businesses. This conversation will continue and will expand to include Leon County Schools, the Tallahassee Chamber's "Grow Business Committee" and many others who are working on similar issues.
  - Met with community stakeholders and other local and state elected officials, such as Senator Bill Montford, to discussed options for regional economic development initiatives.
  - Spoke at the 'Year of the Girl Summit', DOMI's Women's Wednesdays launch of their new speakers series and emceed TCC's Manufacturing Day discussion with high school students.
  - Worked with the Big Bend Continuum of Care to secure funding for homelessness in our 8 county region, worked with HUD on a range of issues, and concluded 2 years as Chairman of the Board of Directors.
  - Met with a variety of community groups to discuss housing issues in preparation for our Joint Housing meeting with the City on October 27th. Also, met with Capital City Youth Services staff to discuss their annual 'Sleep Out for Homeless Youth.'
  - Attended the District 5 Hurricane Hermine listening session, The Village Square's 'Faith Food Friday', and the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting.
  - Attended the Florida Association of Counties Policy Conference, which provides an opportunity to coordinate with County partners around the state and learn more about a variety legislative proposals, from Mental Health to Water Quality.
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## Leon County Partnering on Big Initiatives

### **October 27, 2016 @ 9:30am (City Commission Chamber in Tallahassee City Hall)**

Along with the City of Tallahassee and local non-profits partners, we are participating in a Joint County/City Workshop focusing on Affordable Housing. The meeting will look at the issues surrounding affordable housing for professionals, low-income residents and the homeless population.

### **October 27, 2016 @ 1:00pm (City Commission Chamber in Tallahassee City Hall)**

The Office of Economic Development (OEV) was recently formed to serve as our community's first public Economic Development Organization. After months of community meetings, the OEV will present its new Strategic Plan at this meeting. The plan will include strategies for creating jobs and growing and attracting businesses in and to our area. Read the Strategic Plan [here](#).

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## Join a Citizen Advisory Committee Today

Currently, applications are being accepted for the following Leon County Committee vacancies.

Applications for appointment can be completed online [here](#) or downloaded, completed, and either e-mailed or faxed to -- Fax: (850) 606-5301 or Email: [HollowayS@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:HollowayS@LeonCountyFL.gov)

- Audit Advisory Committee
- Canopy Roads Citizens Committee
- CareerSource Capital Region
- Education Facilities Authority
- Tourist Development Council

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## Events in the Community

October 21-22 - [Halloween Howl and Haunted Trail 2016](#) at the Tallahassee Museum (6:00pm-10:00pm) - Ticket prices vary

October 21-22 - [Greek Food Festival](#) at Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church (10:00am-10:00pm) - FREE

October 27-28 - [Over the Edge Tallahassee](#) a public safety partnership and an urban adventure fundraiser at the Doubletree By Hilton

October 30 - Whole Child Leon [Chopped Junior Competition and Silent Auction](#) at The Moon (5:00pm-7:30pm)

November 3 - Capital City Youth Services, [Sleep Out for Homeless Youth](#)

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## Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

### October 18, 2016

1:30pm: Workshop on the 2017 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

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

#### 6:00pm - Public Hearings:

- 1) First and Only Public Hearing for the Site and Development Plan for the Crowder Sand Mine
- 2) First and Only Public Hearing on an Ordinance Establishing Mosquito Control Procedures
- 3) First and Only Public Hearing Renouncing and Disclaiming Certain Interests and Rights of the County and the Public in and to the Use of a Portion of Orchard Pond Road Lying West of the Orchard Pond Parkway Known as the Orchard Pond Road West Segment
- 4) First and Only Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance Regarding "Human Trafficking"
- 5) First and Only Public Hearing on an Ordinance Regarding Affordable Housing Assistance
- 6) First and Only Public Hearing on Adoption of the Annual Update to the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Schedule

### October 25, 2016

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

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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## Helpful Links and District 5 Amenities

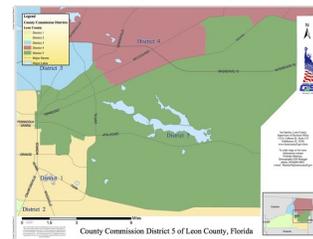
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