

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR BOARD APPOINTMENT

<p style="text-align: center;">It is the applicant's responsibility to keep the information on this form current.          To advise the County of any changes please contact Christine Coble          by telephone at 606-5300 or by e-mail at CobleC@leoncountyfl.gov</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Applications will be discarded if no appointment is made after two years.</p>		
Name: James VanRiper		Date: 8-10-2009
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Occupation: Project Manager		Employer: City of Tallahassee
<p><b>Please check box for preferred mailing address.</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Work Address: 300 S. Adams</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, FL. 32301</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Home Address 2024 Ted Hines Dr.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, FL. 32308</p>		
<p>Do you live in Leon County? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, do you live within the City limits? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Do you own property in Leon County? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, is it located within the City limits? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>For how many years have you lived and/or owned property in Leon County? <u>6</u> years</p>		
<p>Are you interested in serving on any specific Committee(s)? If yes, please indicate your preference</p> <p>1st Choice: <u>Human Relations Advisory Committee</u> 2nd Choice: _____</p>		
<p>If not interested in any specific Committee(s), are you interested in a specific subject matter? If yes, please check those areas in which you are interested, or describe other areas not listed:</p> <p>Human Services <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Library Services <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Management <input type="checkbox"/>          Tourist Development <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle/Pedestrian <input type="checkbox"/> Parks &amp; Recreation <input type="checkbox"/>          Code Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/>          Other Areas _____</p>		
<p>Have you served on any previous Leon County committees? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, on what Committee(s) have you served? _____</p>		
<p>How many days per month would you be willing to commit for Committee work? <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 to 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 or more</p> <p>And for how many months would you be willing to commit that amount of time? <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 or more</p> <p>What time of day would be best for you to attend Committee meetings? <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night</p>		
<p><b>(OPTIONAL)</b> Leon County strives to meet its goals, and those contained in various federal and state laws, of maintaining a membership in its Advisory Committees that reflects the diversity of the community. Although strictly optional for Applicant, the following information is needed to meet reporting requirements and attain those goals.</p> <p>Race: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>Sex: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age: <u>45</u> Disabled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Persons needing a special accommodation to participate in an Advisory Committee should contact</p>		

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In the space below briefly describe or list the following: any previous experience on other Committees; your educational background; your skills and experience you could contribute to a Committee; any of your professional licenses and/or designations and indicate how long you have held them and whether they are effective in Leon County; any charitable or community activities in which you participate; and reasons for your choice of the Committee indicated on this Application. Please attach your resume, if one is available.

On a professional level, I am an information technology professional and certified Project Manager. I work for the City of Tallahassee, Information Systems Services. I have over 25 years experience in Geographic Information Systems and computer technologies.

I am also an advocate for the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) community. For the past 5 years I have been Co-Chair for The Family Tree, a non-profit LGBT Community Center in Tallahassee. This organization provides services and support to the LGBT population in the Big Bend region. The community center often sees people who face discrimination in the work place. The Family Tree also produces a local LGBT Newspaper reaching over 3000 households every month. I am a monthly contributor to this newspaper.

Prior to my experience with The Family Tree, I was on the board of directors for the Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center in Colorado Springs Colorado. As board member I was responsible for the oversight, budget and direction of that organization.

I am currently on the Board of Directors for Equality Florida, Florida's only statewide LGBT advocacy organization. Equality Florida works to change Florida law so that no one suffers harassment or discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.

**References (you must provide at least one personal reference who is not a family member):**

Name: Greta Langley \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: 850-491-2605

Address: 724 Deer Run Rd. Havana, FL 32333

Name: Karen Richardson \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: 850-893-5299

Address: 2313 Forsythe Ct. Tallahassee, FL. 32308

**IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

AS A MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW ANY APPLICABLE LAWS REGARDING GOVERNMENT-IN-THE-SUNSHINE, CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS, AND PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE. THE CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THESE APPLICABLE LAWS INCLUDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, CIVIL FINES, AND THE VOIDING OF ANY COMMITTEE ACTION AND OF ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. IN ORDER TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THESE LAWS AND TO ASSIST YOU IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS BELOW, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN ORIENTATION BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION IS DEEMED COMPLETE.

Have you completed the Orientation?  Yes  No

Are you willing to complete a financial disclosure form, if applicable?  Yes  No

Will you be receiving any compensation that is expected to influence your vote, action, or participation on a Committee?  Yes  No If yes, from whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate that you would be a stakeholder with regard to your participation on a Committee?  Yes  No

Do you know of any circumstances that would result in you having to abstain from voting on a Committee due to voting conflicts?  Yes  No If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or your employer, or your wife or child or their employers, do business with Leon County?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

As a City Employee, I regularly work with County staff as a normal part of my job responsibilities. The areas I work with are generally centered on information technology support of the Geographic Information System and Growth Management functions. I do not expect this committee to have any areas of conflict due to this relationship.

Do you have any employment or contractual relationship with Leon County that would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict with regard to your participation on a Committee?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

All statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return Application to  
Christine Coble, Agenda Coordinator  
Leon County Board of County Commissioners  
301 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301