ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR BOARD APPOINTMENT

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

Applications will be discarded if no appointment is made after two years.

Name: Joshua Ryan Hicks | Date: 08/13/2009

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Occupation: Consultant | Employer: Self-Employed

Please check box for preferred mailing address.

☐ Work Address:

City/State/Zip:

X Home Address: 4911 Planters Ridge Drive

City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32311

Do you live in Leon County? X Yes ☐ No **If yes, do you live within the City limits?** X Yes ☐ No

Do you own property in Leon County? ☐Yes X No **If yes, is it located within the City limits?** ☐Yes ☐ No

For how many years have you lived and/or owned property in Leon County? __22___ years

Are you interested in serving on any specific Committee(s)? If yes, please indicate your preference

1st Choice: _Human Relations Advisory Committee___ 2nd Choice: _Charter Review_____

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:

Human Services __ Housing __ Health Care __ Science _X_ Library Services __ Growth Management __
Tourist Development __ Transportation __ Bicycle/Pedestrian __ Parks & Recreation _X_
Code Enforcement___
Other Areas _____

Have you served on any previous Leon County committees? ☐Yes X No

If Yes, on what Committee(s) have you served? _____

How many days per month would you be willing to commit for Committee work? ☐ 1 X 2 to 3 ☐ 4 or more
And for how many months would you be willing to commit that amount of time? ☐ 2 ☐ 3 to 5 X 6 or more
What time of day would be best for you to attend Committee meetings? ☐ Day X Night

(OPTIONAL) **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.**

Race : X Caucasian ☐ African American ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian ☐ Other
Sex: X Male ☐ Female Age: __25___ Disabled? ☐ Yes X No

Persons needing a special accommodation to participate in an Advisory Committee should contact Christine Coble by telephone at 606-5300 or e-mail at CobleC@mail.co.leon.fl.us

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.

I have no previous experience on committees but as a candidate for Tallahassee City Commission in 2003, I believe I have the knowledge of the community to work on the committee. Moreover, I have been a Leon County resident for 22 years. I would like to serve on the Human Relations committee because I am passionate about everyone being treated equally in our community. I would appreciate any and all consideration.

I have a degree from Florida State University, in Political Science and Social Science (graduated in 2002, and I attended all local schools while growing up in Leon County. Resume attached.

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

Name: Phillip Perry Telephone: 954-298-5515

Address: 1156 Alachua Avenue Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Name: Commissioner Andrew Gillum Telep hone: 850-519-1098

Address: 1550 Melvin Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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? X Yes No
Are you willing to complete a financial disclosure form, if applicable? X Yes ☐ No
Will you be receiving any compensation that is expected to influence your vote, action, or participation on a Committee? ☐ Yes X No **If yes, from whom?** _____
Do you anticipate that you would be a stakeholder with regard to your participation on a Committee? ☐ Yes X 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 X No **If yes, please explain** _____
Do you or your employer, or your wife or child or their employers, do business with Leon County? ☐ Yes X No
If yes, please explain _____
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 X No
If yes, please explain _____

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

Signature: Joshua Ryan Hicks

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

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EXPERIENCE

Florida Mainstream Democrats — Tallahassee, FL
Political Consultant — January 2009 – February 2009

- Conducted the outreach and recruitment efforts for the 2009 Florida Mainstream Democrats Statewide Conversation held in Sarasota, Florida on February 6-7.
- Planned and executed all recruitment efforts for the Florida Mainstream Democrats Statewide Conversation, including conducting extensive research to invite new individuals to attend and participate in the Florida Mainstream Democrats Statewide Conversation. Researched and corresponded with potential attendees for the Conversation event, which was attended by 150 organization members, elected officials, guests and speakers.
- Served on event support staff for the Florida Mainstream Democrats Statewide Conversation; managed attendee registration process and breakout sessions; responded to event issues.
- Managed online registration process and edited written content for the Florida Mainstream Democrats website.

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) - Healthcare United — Tampa, FL
Field Organizer — August 2008 – November 2008

- Planned and executed Healthcare United events, including phone banks, film screenings, visibility, press conferences, and other events to promote healthcare reform and allow healthcare professionals to participate.
- Served as Healthcare United liaison to healthcare professionals, local organizations and non-profits; reached out to healthcare professionals on a daily basis to inform them about the healthcare reform movement.
- Facilitated daily meet-ups at healthcare facilities to discuss the importance of healthcare reform and how to organize healthcare reform efforts at that location.
- Managed the scheduling, facility visits, contact goals and daily data reporting for a team of 14 staffers.
- Lobbied healthcare professionals on behalf of the Obama for America campaign and distributed materials on Senator Obama's healthcare plans.
- Facilitated voter registration drives to get healthcare professionals registered to vote; reached out to the healthcare professional community through get out the vote efforts.

People for the American Way Foundation - Young Elected Officials Network — Tallahassee, FL
Programs Associate — October 2006 - July 2008

- Maintained membership database of over 500 members; analyzed demographic trends and developed strategies to recruit Young Elected Officials (YEOs) in under-represented communities into the Network.
- Served as liaison to YEOs from across the country; provided support and managed written communications between the Network and YEOs; facilitated issue-specific task force meetings and conference calls, including recruitment of and communication with speakers and participants, as well as development of the agenda.
- Assisted in preparation of content and production of the YEO E-Newsletter; monitored national media for high-profile news on YEO members to include in E-Newsletter and reports to YEO staff.
- Directed the creation of the YEO Network website; ensured that layout meets the needs of YEOs and conveys the mission of the Network; guided new web content through the review and approval process.
- Served on support staff for two national conferences attended by over 125 YEOs; coordinated logistics for all elected officials and trainers; finalized the conference program and agenda; worked with communications staff on pre-convention media promotion.

- Assisted in the selection of fellows for the Front Line Leaders Academy, including the application evaluation and notification process; provided logistical support for conferences and training programs; mentored 40 fellows through the Academy.
- Directed the fundraising, communication and administrative functions for the 501c4 arm of the YEO Network; maintained elections database and identified targeted YEOs to receive financial support from the Network.

Scott Maddox For Governor — Tallahassee, FL
Call Time Manager — July 2006 - October 2006

- Researched potential campaign donors; briefed candidate on fundraising calls and managed call time.
- Maintained financial database; appended donor information and fundraising call results; produced fundraising status reports for Campaign Manager and Finance Director.
- Assisted in the planning and execution of major fundraising events; contacted potential donors by mail and phone to ensure their attendance.
- Participated in planning sessions with the Policy and Communications Directors; ensured candidate talking points were incorporated into fundraising call time.

Florida Bar — Tallahassee, FL
Lawyer Referral Clerk — June 2005 - October 2006

- Processed incoming lawyer referral requests; interviewed individuals on their legal needs and referred them to an attorney in the appropriate legal field.

Department of Corrections — Tallahassee, FL
Word Processing Systems Operator — August 2002 - March 2005

- Processed probation violation orders and affidavits; indexed and managed database inmate files for determination of release date.
- Conducted administrative tasks and general office management for Probation Officers and Supervisors.

EDUCATION

Florida State University — Tallahassee, FL
Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Social Science — August 2005 - December 2007

Tallahassee Community College — Tallahassee, FL
Associate of Arts — August 2002 - August 2005

MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITES

Leon County Democratic Executive Committee, Member	2002 - Present
Leon County Democratic Executive Committee, Corresponding Secretary	April 2008 - Present
Leon County Young Democrats, Executive Vice President	March 2004 - March 2005
Leon County Young Democrats, Member	January 2001 - Present
Florida GLBT Democratic Caucus, Member	June 2008 - Present
Tallahassee Tennis Association	January 2005 - Present
United States Tennis Association	February 2005 - Present
Florida Democratic Party, Volunteer	October 2007 – June 2008
Candidate for Local Office, Tallahassee City Commission, Seat 2	2002 – 2003
Florida House of Representatives, District 9, Intern	2002

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