

# 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;"><i>Applications will be discarded if no appointment is made after two years.</i></p>		
Name: Joshua Ryan Hicks		Date: 08/13/2009
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Occupation: Consultant	Employer: Self-Employed	
<p>Please check box for preferred mailing address.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Work Address:</p> <p>City/State/Zip:</p>		
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home Address: 4911 Planters Ridge Drive</p> <p>City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32311</p>		
<p>Do you live in Leon County? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, do you live within the City limits?</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Do you own property in Leon County? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, is it located within the City limits?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>For how many years have you lived and/or owned property in Leon County? <u>22</u> years</p>		
<p>Are you interested in serving on any specific Committee(s)? <i>If yes, please indicate your preference</i></p> <p>1st Choice: <u>Human Relations Advisory Committee</u> 2nd Choice: <u>Charter Review</u></p>		
<p><i>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:</i></p> <p>Human Services <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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><i>If Yes, on what Committee(s) have you served?</i> _____</p>		
<p>How many days per month would you be willing to commit for Committee work? <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 to 3 <input 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><i>(OPTIONAL)</i> 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>25</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          Christine Coble by telephone at 606-5300 or e-mail at CobleC@mail.co.leon.fl.us</p>		

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?  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 \_\_\_\_\_
- 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: 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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## Joshua Ryan Hicks

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### EXPERIENCE

#### **Florida Mainstream Democrats Political Consultant**

Tallahassee, FL  
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 Field Organizer**

Tampa, FL  
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 Programs Associate**

Tallahassee, FL  
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  
Call Time Manager**

Tallahassee, FL  
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  
Lawyer Referral Clerk**

Tallahassee, FL  
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  
Word Processing Systems Operator**

Tallahassee, FL  
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  
Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Social Science**

Tallahassee, FL  
August 2005 - December 2007

**Tallahassee Community College  
Associate of Arts**

Tallahassee, FL  
August 2002 - August 2005

**MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES**

- 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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