

Land Conservation Board
Applicant Package - Citizen at Large

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Term: 12 Dec 2023 - 30 Sep 2027

Positions Available: 2

Number of applicants in this package: 1

- Robinson, Leela

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Board Name: Land Conservation Board

Primary Phone:

3525078128

Please list any civic and professional accomplishments/honors, training or experience related to this appointment::

Resume is attached. Background in Environmental Planning and Public Policy. Board and committee experience in OR and FL.

Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:

n/a

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board?:

Conservation and sustainability are core values that I practice daily. Given ownership and work at Deep Spring Farm in Alachua, I can relate and empathize with land owners who are interested in protecting land through Alachua County Forever. Having professional planning experience, I also identify with the roles of county planning staff. I focus on listening and learning to integrate diverse viewpoints with a systems thinking approach to collaborative decision making. I appreciate how systems mapping conducted by staff and partner agencies supports the LCB's process. I practice focusing on how the acquisition contributes to the systems targeted for change, rather than emphasizing the action of acquisition. I have the time and interest to participate cooperatively in the Land Conservation Board's advisory capacity. Thank you.

Please Agree with the following statements:

I understand this application is the property of Alachua County and subject to public records laws. I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. I understand that Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees". I understand that some boards and committees require Financial Disclosure (Chapter 112, Florida Statutes) and I am willing to file if required. I affirm that my personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?:

Yes

Time of Submission: 11/15/23 3:11:59 PM

Attachments:

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Practicing Sustainable Agriculture and Conservation in North Central Florida

Co-Founder/Owner Deep Spring Farm, Alachua FL, est 2015

Restoring ecological balance to 22ac of land and springfed ponds for people, productivity, and biodiversity. Farmscape systems design + installation; crop planning + marketing; native springfed ecosystem restoration; social media + website design; onsite event planning/production

Partnered with UF IFAS to host workshops on agritourism, land access; with Florida Organic Growers for a blueberry workshop; with Florida Springs Institute for two music festival benefits; with rental clients for weddings and private parties; with local culinary artist for blueberry benefit dinner.

Produced yoga + U pick blueberry class series with guest instructors.

Local Food + Conservation Volunteer

Assisting local farmers and chefs with farm to table events. Food and drink service at Swallowtail Farm dinners and festivals at former Alachua location. Volunteer administrator for FOG workshops at Lola Farms in Lake Butler and High Springs Orchard Bakery.

Skills + Experience

Planning + Systems Thinking: 4 years as Assistant Planner at Lane Council of Governments in Eugene OR, after BS major Planning, Public Policy, Management at University of Oregon.

Ecology: Minor Environmental Studies. Permaculture Design Certificate. Florida Master Naturalist Freshwater Systems Certificate.

Teamwork + Leadership: Served on State of Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board.

Currently serving on Florida SARE Advisory Council: Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

Communications Technology: Capable with software, online meeting formats, online research.

Thanks and Be Well

