

**Environmental Protection Advisory Committee**

**Applicant Package - Citizen at Large**

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**Term** 01 Jul 2024 - 30 Jun 2027

**Positions Available** 3

**Number of applicants in this package** 1

- Vaina, David

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**Board Name:** Environmental Protection Advisory Committee

**Primary Phone:**

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

statewide education director for Florida Organic Growers; 3 years working professionally to address food insecurity; Phd dissertation in political theory and with an academic interest in climate change and regenerative practices; graduate from Wallace Center's Food Systems Network mentorship program; board service for Slow Food USA, Our Santa Fe River, Sierra Club

**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?:**

I am especially interested in being a fair, data-driven voice for maintaining a healthy County and regional ecosystem specifically for agriculture and the County's food security goals

**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

**Note: This question is for the Gainesville-Alachua County Airport Authority Board**

**Do you currently hold any publicly elected office in the State of Florida?:**

No

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**Have you, as yourself or as an employee, agent or consultant for another person or legal entity, transacted business with the authority within the last 3 years?:**

No

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**If so, please disclose the nature of the transaction.:**

N/A

**Employer :**

Crossover Mission

**Occupation:**

Grants & Outcomes Manager

**Are you currently serving, or have you ever served, on an Alachua County advisory board? :**

No

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**Attachments**

- David\_Vaina\_Resume.pdf



# David Vaina



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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

More than ten years of administrative experience in all aspects of operating non-profit and human services organizations in Florida: program development, staff management, fundraising, marketing, and data analytics. Earned a doctorate in political theory with a lifelong commitment to social justice.

## SKILLS

- Fundraising & development
- Project management
- Program development & evaluation
- Data analytics

## WORK HISTORY

### GRANTS & OUTCOMES MANAGER

07/2021 to CURRENT

#### Crossover Mission | Vero Beach, FL

- Applied for, secured, and managed \$800,000 annually in private foundation, state & county government, corporate, and United Way grant dollars and each year.
- Analyze data trends affecting program operation, performance and outcomes, and make necessary recommendations.
- When necessary, develop new data collection and tracking tools for enrollment, outcomes, and quality oversight.
- Prepare weekly, monthly, annual, and other data reports as needed.

### SENIOR DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

11/2018 to 03/2020

#### Treasure Coast Food Bank | Ft Pierce

- Served as the organizational lead in Feeding America's national workforce development, client-intervention, and social equity cohorts.
- Provided strategic direction to Marketing, Development, Programs, and Political Advocacy departments.
- Managed and evaluated all aspects of organization's four-county Ending Hunger initiative.
- Develops and executes organization's local workforce development initiatives in culinary arts and supply chain industries.

### EDUCATION & OUTREACH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

12/2016 to 10/2018

#### Florida Organic Growers | Gainesville, FL

- Took purview of all education programs, including Fresh Access Bucks, Florida Farmers Market Association, Organic Certification Cost Share, on-farm workshop series, annual statewide training and research

conference, community presentations, and Gainesville-based food systems projects.

- Managed a team of eight program staff and interns.
- Authored and co-authored a large volume of federal grant proposals.
- Oversaw and executed organization's multi-platform marketing and development strategies.

## **DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC RESOURCES**

*03/2014 to 12/2016*

### **Treasure Coast Food Bank | Ft. Pierce, FL**

- Oversaw all editorial content and curation, media relations, brand management and positioning, integrated marketing campaigns, story banking, advertising, project management, advanced online marketing strategies, budget management, reporting, and analyzing hunger-related information and statistics to all constituencies.
- Responsible for writing/editing high-quality, compelling correspondence, letters of inquiry, proposals, reports and annual stewardship reports for corporate, foundation and government funders.
- Managed the development department consisting of five staff members.
- Oversaw website content design and all social media platforms.

## **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**

*03/2011 to 04/2015*

### **Boys & Girls Clubs Of Martin County | Hobe Sound, FL**

- Generated more than \$1M dollars annually by authoring annual appeal and all foundation, government, and corporate grant proposals.
- Collaborated with the CEO and CPO in all aspects of fundraising, including board development, planned giving, special events, online giving, new donor acquisition, and a \$20 million endowment campaign.
- Oversaw all aspects of organization's entry into Afterschool Meals Program (AMP), procuring \$250,000 annually in state funds for healthy snacks and dinners served to 300 children and teens each day at three Club locations.
- Worked with CEO and COO to research, develop, fund, and market Club's first early literacy program, named in 2014 the top overall youth development program in Florida.
- Developed and implemented the annual media and public relations strategy for the organization that positively promoted Clubs' programs, personnel, and accomplishments.

## **RESEARCH ASSOCIATE & WEB EDITOR**

*04/2004 to 04/2008*

### **Pew Research Center | Washington, DC**

- Served as principal writer and project manager on online media and network television research initiatives.
- Acted as Web editor responsible for the design, construction and implementation of five different Pew Web sites.  
Contracted to be speaker on online media trends for the U.S. Department of State's Public Affairs Office.

## **RESEARCH ANALYST**

*09/2000 to 04/2004*

### **Belden Russonello & Stewart | Washington, DC**

- Served as writer and analyst for public opinion research firm contracted to increase fundraising and broaden membership for non-profit organizations, including AARP, ACLU, Amnesty International, National Education Association, University of California, Biodiversity Project, Emily Hall Tremain Foundation, the New York Times, and Smart Growth America.

- Conducted elite interviews with state legislators, federal government officials, NGO directors, corporate executives, and independent school principals.
- Supervised, scheduled, and coordinated firm's focus group research projects.

## EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. | Humanities** 11/2023  
**Union Institute & University, Cincinnati, OH**  
GPA 4.0. Dissertation: "Biopolitical On Ramps: Contemporary Mutual Aid as New Labor, Political, and Ontological Forms"
- **Master of Arts | Government** 05/2006  
**Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD**  
GPA: 3.9
- **Bachelor of Arts | English Literature & Classical Humanities** 12/1997  
**Miami University, Oxford, OH**

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Certificate in Nonprofit Management, University of Illinois (Chicago), 2010