James O Cook, IV
Treasurer-Clerk, City of Tallahassee
300 South Adams St
Tallahassee, FL 32301

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Dear Mr Cook,

I would like to apply to fill the open seat on the City of Tallahassee Commission

I believe that my skills, experience, and leadership are a good fit for the Commission I served a 28 year career in the Army, almost 17 years serving in state government, and 3 years teaching government at FSU My volunteer jobs in the community have also prepared me well – coach, Scout leader, church elder, and drug prevention leader Throughout my career in public service beginning in 1974, I have always been passionate about helping people and making a difference wherever I served I have the ability and desire to do the hard work of thoughtful legislation and ask the tough questions to ensure that taxpayers are getting their money's worth I will bring fresh ideas and a new perspective to the Commission

I want to be a City Commissioner because government matters – it has great potential to do good things for our citizens I believe that with my skills, knowledge, and experience I can help the Commission become more effective in doing its job I would like to serve and give back for the enjoyment of living in this great city for the past 18 years

I would like to help the City Commission restore trust and confidence in our city government That begins with strong ethical leadership on the City Commission I believe that my personal background and service on the Tallahassee Ethics Board will be valuable to the Commission I want to be part of the solution and contribute to a team that works together for the citizens I intend to listen to citizens, evaluate their feedback and work with them to get thing done for our city

I think it is important to build strong relationships with those who manage the day-to-day affairs of the city We have great city workers who work hard and provide excellent services and facilities People are our most important and precious asset I would like to be part of the leadership team that recognizes these folks, communicates with them and lets them know how important they are to the success of the city

Finally, I want to help city government get things done I understand that governance is a cooperative process, but it is ultimately about policy, tackling current problems and planning for the future I have been a problem solver and doer all my life and would welcome the opportunity to work with other Commission members to foster a strong sense of community and find solutions that benefit the city

Sincerely,

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QUALIFICATION SUMMARY

Professional with 30+ years of senior leadership, management and policy-making experience in both military organizations and state government Served full military career attaining rank of Colonel Demonstrated record of ethical decision-making as a career Army officer and leader in state government Chairman of the Leon County drug prevention coalition and member of the Tallahassee Independent Ethics Board Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at Florida State University teaching government and public sector leadership to college students

EXPERIENCE

Vice President, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida, Inc. **2016 - Present**

Supervises Florida's military and defense section to support the Florida Defense Alliance and the Florida Defense Support Task Force in protecting Florida's military installations and missions Coordinates defense related efforts with the Florida Legislature, state agencies, Congressional delegation and local defense communities across the state

Executive Director, FL Defense Support Task Force, Enterprise Florida, Inc. **2016 - 2018**

Organized and advised state-mandated council charged with preserving, protecting and enhancing Florida's military installations and missions Coordinated efforts of all local defense communities, advised state legislators and state agencies on all military and defense matters State subject matter expert on military and defense issues for the state of Florida.

Director, Governor's Office of Drug Control **2009 – 2011**

Directed state drug policy initiatives to reduce substance abuse in Florida through prevention, treatment, and law enforcement Streamlined government utilizing a small, but efficient office that effectively mobilized and coordinated statewide drug control efforts Supervised the Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention and served with FDLE as Florida's seaport security authority

- Passed legislation to shut down illegally operating pain clinics, eliminate methamphetamine labs, and provide access to suicide prevention training for educators
- Worked successfully with the private sector to acquire funding for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to reduce prescription drug diversion and abuse in Florida

Assistant Secretary, Florida Department of Corrections **2007 – 2009**

CEO for 3500 probation officers and administrative support staff throughout the state of Florida, managed a budget of over $200 million Coordinated closely with community leaders, law enforcement officials, judges and state attorneys throughout Florida to protect public safety and improve success of felony offenders on probation

- Improved success rate for offenders on supervision by over 50%
- Implemented process improvements and innovations to increase efficiency and success with felony offenders resulting in five State of Florida Davis Productivity awards
- Developed and implemented first-ever leadership training program for first line supervisors

U.S. Army, Deputy Director, Provincial Reconstruction Team, Iraq **2005 – 2006**

Returned to active military duty as deputy and chief of staff for a Department of State-led joint, interagency organization designed to teach, coach, and mentor all state-level Iraqi government officials in the province of Nineveh on building a democratic government from scratch Chief of military security responsible for safety of 80 personnel in a combat zone Our mission was to establish democratic governmental processes and institutions, implement an effective rule of law, provide economic incentives, and execute an infrastructure reconstruction budget and project prioritization system in the province

- Implemented a first-ever outreach program to transport the formerly insulated provincial government officials throughout the province and establish a genuine dialogue with the people they governed
- Successfully operated the only fiscally self-sufficient business center in Iraq using a system of micro-loans that created over 400 small businesses in the province

Chief of Staff and Law Enforcement Director, **2001 - 2005**
Governor's Office of Drug Control

Directed and coordinated all staff activities to reduce substance abuse throughout Florida Synchronized multijurisdictional law enforcement operations, drug prevention activities, and drug treatment programs to accomplish goals of the Governor's Drug Control Strategy

EDUCATION

- Ph D , Public Administration, Florida State University 2014
- M A , Public Administration, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma Washington 1977
- B S , U S Military Academy, West Point New York 1974
- Executive Management College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama 1986
- U S Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 1998