

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Jan Smith, Chair - Ms. Smith is a native Floridian and is the office manager for Earl A. Smith, MD. Ms. Smith's community affiliations include Friends of Hillsborough County Parks, Tampa & Ybor City Railway Society, Lutz Civic Association, Lutz-Land O'Lakes Women's Club, Kappa Delta Sorority and USF Alumni Affairs. Ms. Smith served two terms (8 years) on The Planning Commission and she served as their Chair for 3 years. Ms. Smith is also serving on the HARTline Board of Directors, her other service to Hillsborough County includes: ELAPP, Hillsborough County's Affordable Housing Steering Committee, Municipal Services Committee, and the Committee of 99.

David Hurley, Vice-Chair – Mr. Hurley is the president of Landmark Engineering & Surveying Corporation. Mr. Hurley has served as the State Chair of the National Federation of Independent Business, Past President of the South Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce, Past President of Florida Society of Professional Land Surveyors, Member of the Builders Association of Greater Tampa, the MacDill Response Team and the Tampa Bay Society of Professional Land Surveyors. Mr. Hurley was appointed to the Hillsborough County Citizens Advisory Committee and also served as their Chair. Mr. Hurley service to Hillsborough County also includes the Blue Ribbon Committee on County Finances.

Kevin Ambler - Mr. Ambler is an attorney – Law Offices of Kevin C. Ambler, PA in Tampa. He has served three years as Chair, Hillsborough County Bar Association – Entertainment, Sports, and Intellectual Property Law Section. He is in the US Air Force Reserves and serves as a Judge Advocate. For the past six years, Mr. Ambler has served as President, Board of Trustees of the Northdale Taxing District. His other associations include: Sertoma Club of Carrollwood, Rotary Club of Hyde Park, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Cornell University Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network and the Reserve Officers Association of The US Air Force.

John C. Bales – Mr. Bales is an attorney with Bales & Weinstein, PA in Tampa, Florida. He is a native Floridian and has served on several charitable, professional, and governmental committees. Recent Board was the Tampa Variance Review Board and is currently serving as the President of the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

Terry Ballard – Mr. Ballard is currently serving as vice-president with SouthTrust Bank, NA in Plant City. He is a native Floridian and was born in Tampa. He is a member and past president of the Plant City Rotary Club and the Florida Strawberry Festival. Mr. Ballard is a retired Brigadier General in the Florida Army National Guard, the former Commander - Headquarters, 83rd Troop Command, Jacksonville, FL. He also has served as Mayor of Plant City, a Plant City Commissioner, a Special Deputy Sheriff for Hillsborough County, Member and Chairman of the Council Of Governments, Hillsborough County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, the MPO, the Tourist Development Council of Hillsborough County, Double Taxation Committee of Hillsborough County, Member of the I-75 Task Force, DACCO Board of Directors, Plant City Traffic Study Advisory Committee, Florida League of Cities, and as a member of Plant City "201" Technical Advisory Committee. In 1981, he was award the Plant City Jaycees Good Government Award. The Plant City Junior Women's Club named the Terry Ballard Family Plant City's 1976 Family of the Year.

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Michael Bedke - Mr. Bedke is an attorney with Piper, Marbury, Rudnick, Wolfe, LLP. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Florida Bar Association, Bay Area Legal Services (Board of Directors), and is serving on the Board of Directors for The Spring of Tampa Bay, Inc. Mr. Bedke believes strongly that we have the obligation to improve our Community and feels that the Charter Review Board will help look at ways to systematically improve our form of Government.

Henry Beltran – Mr. Beltran is the owner of Beltran’s Fashions. He was born in Bejucal, Cuba and also retired from the Hillsborough County School System, he was a former teacher and administrator. Mr. Beltran has been very involved in the community and is very dedicated to making the community a better place for all of us.

Stephen LaBour – Mr. LaBour is the Director of Governmental and Public Affairs at Time Warner Communications. He is a long - time neighborhood activist, worked for the City of Tampa in the Mayor’s Office for seven years, and is a past president of Umbrella Group of Tampa Neighborhoods. Mr. LaBour is a member of THAN (Tampa Homeowners Association of Neighborhoods), Palma Ceia Neighborhood Association, the League of Women Voters, and PRSA (Public Relations Society of America).

Denise Lasher – Ms. Lasher is currently working as a Consultant with Lasher Associates and she is working on her Masters Degree in Public Health at the University of South Florida. She previously was with Bayer; Pharmaceutical Division where she worked with marketing and sales programs for area hospitals and with the University of South Florida College of Medicine. Ms. Lasher has worked in the medical field and has developed many successful marketing programs for area hospitals and managed care organizations. Lasher Associates is currently developing a long-range plan with community outreach programs in the University Community area. Since arriving in Hillsborough County, she has been very active in her community serving on the Lutz Civic Association Board of Directors, League of Women Voters, University Missions Team, Chairman – St. James United Methodist Church, as Vice Chairman of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center Producers Support Group, Tampa Bay Tiger Bay Club, Girl Scouts of America, Hillsborough County Citizen Advisory Committee, and the Hillsborough County Blue Ribbon Task Force on County Finances

Arlene Waldron – Ms. Waldron is a native Floridian, born in Tampa and grew up in Brandon. She is with Bank Atlantic and is a Vice President – Business Banker in Brandon. Ms. Waldron is a member of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce, Seffner Chamber of Commerce, Board Member of the YMCA, Board Member of Brandon Outreach, and serves on the Brandon Main Street Steering Committee. Ms. Waldron has been very involved in community activities that make a difference in trying to improve our schools, transportation, and business growth in the Brandon area.

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Gerald White – Mr. White is a native Floridian and is an eighteen year employee of Tampa Electric Company. Mr. White's community and political services include: Hillsborough County Citizen Advisory Committee, Florida Workers Compensation Oversight Board (former Chairman), Allocation Committee of United Way, Hillsborough County CDBG Grant Review Committee, Elected delegate three times to Democratic National Convention and member of Temple Crest Civic Association. Mr. White is married to Ann White and they have four children.

Danny L. Wilkes – Mr. Wilkes is a native Floridian born in Plant City. He is a Regional Manger for Tampa Electric Company in the Plant City Office. He is a member of the Plant City Rotary Club, Plant City Chamber of Commerce, Florida Economic Development Council and Tampa Committee of 100.

Dee Williams – Ms. Williams is a retired employee of AT &T and lives in Sun City Center. She has served on the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Sun City Center Community Association and has been very active in her community since arriving here in 1990. She became politically active with Government in 1960 beginning with school board races. Ms. Williams has served her community as a representative and has actively participated with many boards and agencies throughout Hillsborough County.

Mary Lou Tuttle – Ms. Tuttle is a native Floridian and a retired employee of Hillsborough County. She served thirty-two and half years in government at the state and local levels. Ms. Tuttle has served in an administrative capacity to the County Administrator and well as political appointment to elected officials. She has a feel for the governmental organization from the top down or bottom up. Ms. Tuttle is a board member of Nourished Mental Health Center, Leadership Hillsborough, member of Tiger Bay Club and the Exchange Club.