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Business Advocacy Committee
Candidate Interview Summary

TALLAHASSEE CITY COMMISSION SEAT 3

	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS GROWTH	INNOVATION, EDUCATION & WORKFORCE	HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE
GTCC POLICY STATEMENT	Recruit, retain and grow the employers that drive wages and investment.	Turn research into companies and align talent with high-growth sectors.	Build the housing, permitting and systems a competitive region requires.
TOM DERZYPOLSKI	Economic development is a top priority. He believes Tallahassee needs high-paying jobs and enhanced focus on recruiting employers. He believes we should unleash economic development organizations and work closely with state level efforts.	As a commissioner, he would target biomed, technology and healthcare industries for new job growth. He believes local government should engage in proactive outreach to CEOs considering Tallahassee.	As a commissioner, he would work toward providing white glove permitting services to increase affordable housing. He believes in equitable community investment.
PJ PEREZ	As a commissioner, he would work to revitalize downtown with businesses that cater to young professionals. He believes Tallahassee needs to incentivize graduates to stay and use their talents in our community.	As a commissioner, he would target renewable energy and light manufacturing industries for new job growth. He believes we need to prioritize early intervention and education.	As a commissioner, he would focus on growing where infrastructure is already available. He is interested in exploring the “Montgomery Model” for affordable housing, where mixed-income projects are built through public-private partnerships.

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