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Business Advocacy Committee
Candidate Interview Summary

TALLAHASSEE CITY COMMISSION SEAT 5

	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.
DIANNE WILLIAMS-COX (INCUMBENT)	Believes we can attract businesses by highlighting the positives in our community, including quality schools and healthcare. As a commissioner, she would support greater autonomy for the Office of Economic Vitality and partnership with the business community.	As a commissioner, she would target technology, healthcare, and education industries for new job growth. She believes the partnership between TMH and FSU Health will be a benefit for the entire region.	Housing is the most pressing issue facing our community. We need to increase all types and price points, while balancing protection of our environment. As a commissioner, she would continue to support a balance between expansion and infill to prepare for future population growth.
DOT INMAN-JOHNSON	Believes job growth is important, but that we also need diverse jobs and not just professional degree level positions. As a commissioner, she would encourage supporting current businesses and expanding apprenticeship programs to gain skills for higher paying jobs.	As a commissioner, she would target environmentally-sound industries, finance, technology and healthcare for new job growth. She believes industry growth should be focused on the unincorporated areas.	She is focused on enhancing all neighborhoods and increasing affordable housing, particularly rentals at 50% or below Area Median Income. As a commissioner, she would not support expanding the Urban Service Area. She believes we should not plan future growth with current tax dollars instead of caring for existing neighborhoods.

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