

TALLAHASSEE CITY COMMISSION SEAT 4 (MAYOR) CANDIDATE FACT SHEET

As of September 21, 2026

LORANNE E. AUSLEY

Date Declared	September 19, 2025
Amount Raised	\$405,856.04 in total contributions; \$97,605.24 for Q3 2026
Expenditures	\$360,239.96 in total expenditures; \$180,265.80 for Q3 2026
Campaign Website	Loranne Ausley for Mayor
Background <i>(pulled from publicly available information)</i>	Loranne is a results-oriented leader with 14 years of elected experience in Florida. Throughout her career in public service, she has focused on forward thinking, future-oriented solutions that address not only the challenges of today, but the opportunities of tomorrow. She is a nationally recognized public policy leader who brings the best ideas from across the state and nation and makes them work for Tallahassee, the State of Florida and the organizations she serves. For more than two decades, Loranne has worked to strengthen neighborhoods, support families and expand opportunity, bringing people together to solve problems and get real results. Notable Achievements: • 14 years of elected service in the Florida Legislature • Led successful effort to bring Purpose Built Communities to North Florida • Created Whole Child Leon, a community-based initiative focused on young children • Appointed Member, FCC Precision Ag Connectivity Task Force • Appointed Member, CareerSource Florida • National Co-Chair, NewDEAL Forum Broadband Task Force • Former Board Chair, Florida Healthy Kids Corporation • Six-time Ironman finisher, including the 2024 Women's Ironman World Championship in France
Employment	• Institute for Child Success, <i>March 2026 – Present</i>: Chair, Board of Directors • Mistletoe (family-owned lodging and retreat), <i>December 2022 – Present</i>; <i>seasonal</i>: Owner/Partner • Holloman PA, <i>May 2011 – Present</i>: Attorney • South City Foundation, <i>December 2018 – December 2023</i>: Chair • The Florida Senate, <i>November 2020 – November 2022</i>: Member

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THE CHAMBER

GREATER TALLAHASSEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

	• Florida House of Representatives, <i>November 2016 – November 2020</i>: Member • Whole Child Leon, <i>April 2024 – December 2016</i>: Founding Chair • Project New America, <i>2011 – 2013</i>: Southern Director • Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, <i>2008 – 2010</i>: Volunteer Board Chair • Florida House of Representatives, <i>November 2000 – November 2008</i>: Member • Office of Lt. Governor Buddy MacKay, <i>January 1997 – December 1998</i>: Chief of Staff • Department of Housing and Urban Development, <i>1996 – 1997</i>: Special Assistant • U.S. Department of Commerce, <i>1993 – 1996</i>: Director of White House Conference on Travel and Tourism • Office of US Senator Bob Graham, <i>1986 – 1987</i>: Legislative Assistant
Education	Washington and Lee University School of Law <i>Juris Doctor, 1987-1990</i> Randolph College <i>Bachelor's Degree, Economics and Politics, Minor in Spanish, 1981-1985</i> Leon High School <i>High School Diploma, 1978-1981</i>
Community Involvement	• Foundation Board Member at Claude Pepper Center (civil rights and social action) • Member of Orange Bowl Committee • Leadership Florida Class XX • Honorary Member of Omicron Delta Kappa • Board Member of CareerSource Florida • Founding Board Member at The Oasis Center for Women and Girls • Board Member at Tallahassee Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls • Board Member at Ruth's List Florida • Board Member at United Way of Big Bend • Law Council at Washington and Lee University College of Law • Walk Chair for Tallahassee March of Dimes

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JEREMY MATLOW

Date Declared	August 11, 2025
Amount Raised	\$276,725.40 in total contributions, \$94,761.50 for Q3 2026
Expenditures	\$226,484.97 in total expenditures, \$147,233 for Q3 2026
Campaign Website	Matlow for Mayor
Background <i>(pulled from publicly available information)</i>	Jeremy grew up on the southside of Tallahassee, raised by a single mother of four kids. As a business owner, he knows what it's like to make a dream a reality. Every day he shows up to work to make improvements – to be better than the day before. Jeremy has served as a Tallahassee City Commissioner for the past 8 years. He wants to make sure when he is no longer in public service, he can say he truly made a difference, for our kids and all of the families that call Tallahassee home.
Employment	• City of Tallahassee, <i>November 2018 – Present</i>: City Commissioner • Served on Municipal Code Enforcement Board, CRA, Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency, and Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency • Gaines Street Pies, <i>February 2012 – Present</i>: Owner
Education	Florida State University <i>attended but did not complete</i> Leon High School <i>High School Diploma</i>
Community Involvement	• President of Gaines Street Community Association • Member of Downtown Improvement Authority • Member of Council on Culture and Arts

TALLAHASSEE CITY COMMISSION SEAT 5

CANDIDATE FACT SHEET

As of September 21, 2026

DIANNE WILLIAMS-COX (INCUMBENT)

Date Declared	July 1, 2025
Amount Raised	\$130,200 in total contributions, \$62,239 for Q3 2026
Expenditures	\$88,447.28 in total expenditures, \$37,921.60 for Q3 2026
Campaign Website	Re-elect Dianne Williams-Cox
Background <i>(pulled from publicly available information)</i>	Dianne was born and raised in Quincy, Florida. She's a dedicated public servant and a fearless advocate, who has devoted her life to amplifying the voices of the underserved. Dianne was originally elected in 2018 and was re-elected in 2022. Recognizing the disparities in Southside Tallahassee, she took action — actively engaging in school board meetings and founding the Southside United Citizens Action Alliance, a movement that empowers residents to tackle local challenges and drive meaningful change.
Employment	• DWC Management Consulting Services: Owner • Voices of Florida, <i>Present</i>: Direct Services Quality Assurance Manager • Southside United Citizens Action Alliance: Founder • General Motors (Detroit, MI): Software Developer • Harris Government Systems (Melbourne, FL): Software Defense Contractor • State of Florida ◦ Departments of Children and Families, Department of Education, Department of Management Services, Department of Employment Opportunity, Department of Revenue, Department of Office of Insurance Regulation and Florida Legislature Revenue • Florida A&M University: Adjunct Professor
Education	Nova Southeastern University <i>Master's Degree, Business Administration</i> Florida A&M University <i>Bachelor's Degree, Data Processing Technology</i> James A. Shanks High School

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T H E C H A M B E R

GREATER TALLAHASSEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

	<i>High School Diploma</i>
Community Involvement	• Public Relations Chair for the Leon County Democratic Executive Committee • President of the Capital City Democratic Women's Club • Region 1 Chair for the Democratic Women of Florida • Vice Chairman with the Leon County Democratic Executive Committee. • Board Member for School Advisory Councils, Parent Teacher Student Organizations, Parent Teacher Associations and Athletic Booster groups • Board Member for The Capital Area Action Agency, the Bethel Empowerment Foundation and the Ivy Connection, Inc. • Past President of the Tau Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in Quincy • Past President of the Chi Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in Tallahassee ◦ Former South Atlantic Cluster IV Coordinator of the sorority • South Atlantic Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee • Past President of Capital Park Baseball for 13- to 14-year-olds

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DOT INMAN-JOHNSON

Date Declared	May 6, 2026
Amount Raised	\$33,118.76 in total contributions, \$13,364.50 for Q3 2026
Expenditures	\$26,084.03 total, \$16,760.29 for Q3 2026
Campaign Website	Dot Inman-Johnson for Tallahassee City Commission Seat 5
Background <i>(pulled from publicly available information)</i>	Dot grew up in Birmingham, Alabama and was an active participant in the civil rights marches and department store pickets organized by late Reverends Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Fred Shuttlesworth. She is a married mother of nine adult children through a blended family and grandmother to 29 children. From her time as the Collective Bargaining Representative for the Leon County teacher unions during her 28-year career as a public-school educator to becoming the first Black woman elected to serve as Tallahassee City Commissioner and Mayor, Dot has never been afraid to fight for what is right.
Employment	• Tallahassee City Commission, 1986 – 1994: Commissioner • Florida State University School (Florida High): Art Teacher • Chaires Elementary School: Art Teacher • Teacher in San Antonio and Detroit, Unit 1971
Education	Clark Atlanta University <i>Bachelor's Degree</i>
Community Involvement	• Former Executive Director for the Capital Area Community Action Agency, Inc., serving the needs of low-income residents in eight North Florida counties for over 14 years • Governing Body, Council on the Status of Men and Boys • Board Member for South City Foundation • Past Board President of Capital Area Healthy Start • Past Board Member of Friends of Our Parks Foundation, Whole Child Leon, Children's Defense Fund, Early Learning Coalition, Tourist Development Council, Civic Center Authority, Common Cause FL, Florida Prosperity Partnership, FL League of Cities, TLH Little Theatre, FL Arts Council, FL Affordable Housing Coalition and TLH Historic Preservation Board

TALLAHASSEE CITY COMMISSION SEAT 3

CANDIDATE FACT SHEET

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TOM DERZYPOLSKI

Date Declared	February 9, 2026
Amount Raised	\$142,689.42 in total contributions, \$41,860.78 in Q3 2026
Expenditures	\$119,575.81 in total expenditures, \$91,880.07 in Q3 2026
Campaign Website	Tom for Tallahassee
Background <i>(pulled from publicly available information)</i>	Tom was born in Tallahassee. After high school, he served his country as a U.S. Navy Corpsman (medic) for eight years. He was honorably discharged and returned to Tallahassee to complete his education. After graduating, he co-founded BowStern, a small business in Tallahassee. He has earned a reputation as a trusted advisor among diverse groups across Tallahassee and the surrounding region. Known as a consensus builder, he brings diverse stakeholders together to pursue common goals. Tom's leadership and service has "been honored by several local organizations, including the Rotary Clubs of Tallahassee, Wakulla and Monticello Ethics in Business Award; the ECHO Making a Difference Award; the Bob Lotane Red Cross Service Above Self Award; and recognition as Leader of the Year at the 2019 Distinguished Leadership Awards.
Employment	- BowStern Marketing Communications, <i>June 2010 – Present</i>: Principal and President - Kidd Group, <i>April 2004 – February 2010</i>: Vice President of Client Communications - U.S. Navy, <i>June 1993 – October 2001</i>: U.S. Navy Corpsman Medic
Education	Florida State University Tallahassee State College
Community Involvement	- Chair of local Red Cross - Board Member for Goodwill Industries - Board Member for DISC Village

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PJ PEREZ

Date Declared	January 13, 2026
Amount Raised	\$96,240.71 in total contributions, \$35,538 for Q3 2026
Expenditures	\$74,299.60 in total expenditures, \$52,454.46 for Q3 2026
Campaign Website	Vote PJ Perez
Background <i>(pulled from publicly available information)</i>	PJ moved to Tallahassee to go to Florida State University and stayed “after finding community and a purpose as a high school teacher.” He is a musician, stating his love of music brought him to his wife and later two children. PJ has been a public educator for 15 years.
Employment	• No Money Market (aid project for supply distribution): Founder • Tallahassee Collegiate Academy, 2024 – Present: Teacher • School for Arts and Innovative Learning (SAIL High School), 2010 – 2012: Teacher
Education	Florida State University <i>Bachelor’s Degree, 2001-2005</i>
Community Involvement	• AmericaCorps Vista - Apalachee Ridge Estates Neighborhood