

Equal Opportunity Director City of Gainesville, Florida

Home to over 126,000 residents, Gainesville is approximately 60 miles southwest of Jacksonville and is located about a 1.5 hour drive from the Atlantic Ocean beaches or the Gulf of Mexico. Gainesville is the largest city and county seat of Alachua County serving as the cultural, educational and commercial center for the north central Florida region.

The City of Gainesville operates under a Commission-Manager form of government. The City Commission consists of the Mayor and six (6) Commissioners. The Equal Opportunity Director is a Charter Officer reporting directly to the Mayor and City Commissioners.

The Mayor and Commission seek an aggressive, highly responsible and forward thinking Director with a demonstrated record of a pro-active commitment to diversity. An Equal Opportunity Director who is visible and active in the community will be valued, as will one who ensures that citizens' varied opinions and input are heard and respected. The Director will be a team builder, politically astute yet apolitical, sharp, confident, and concise.

The new Director should have a Bachelor's degree with five years experience in the EEO, AA, MBE, SBE, Diversity field, including two years in a supervisory or management position preferably in the public sector; an advanced degree is preferred and a law background and college environment experience are desirable. The City Commission will consider an equivalent combination of related training or experience, which provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.

The starting salary is expected to be within a range of \$110,000 to \$130,000 with an excellent fringe benefit package.

Candidates should send a letter of interest and resume by the close of business, May 29, 2015, electronically to: WDHiggin@mercergroupinc.com

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