

Political Leadership and Citizen Participation (2002)

Pathways to Power: Moving Younger Adults into Political Leadership Roles

This forum explored the various leadership opportunities by which younger adults can develop and enrich Jacksonville's political landscape. It discussed the ramifications of various political leadership roles, including power, influence, and progress.

Key findings:

- Be prepared. Partner your passion with knowledge of your issue.
- Learn to friendraise and fundraise.
- Get involved in a campaign by volunteering.
- Don't bite off more than you can chew. Only commit to what you can fulfill.

Action plan:

The committee will use the Issue Forum meeting summaries as a basis for a resource guide/report to assist individuals interested in learning the 'Pathways to Power'. The many valuable tips and 'how to' information that the committee learned will be accessible to anyone who has a desire to enter political life, either as a candidate or a volunteer.

Once this information is reorganized, it will be available on the JCCI Forward webpage. A hard copy will be mailed to all resource speakers and a news release to raise awareness of the guide/report will be written and sent to all major media contacts. A recommendation for Forward to co-host a future mayoral debate was also brought before the JCCI Forward Executive Committee.

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