

Your Name	Angie Gray
Seat running for	Delray Beach City Commission
District	Seat 4
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How long have you lived in Palm Beach County?	47 Years

JOBS

For the past several years, I have served as the Vice Chair of the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). Part of what we do is work with the community to fund new start-up businesses and create good paying jobs for our residents. I have assisted numerous start-ups the past few years. As a city commissioner, I will retain a seat on the CRA Board.

TALENT

As a former Delray Beach City Commissioner and Vice Mayor, I was always looking for job training opportunities for our residents. Often, those training opportunities were in partnership with local non-profit agencies and with organizations like the AFL-CIO and Associated Builders and Contractors through their apprenticeship programs. The more skilled our workers are, the higher salaries they can command.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

Delray Beach has a welcoming business climate. The growth and popularity of the city and our downtown is second to none. Continuing to promote a successful business climate is a priority of mine. As the Vice Chair of the city's CRA, I have helped numerous new start-up businesses open and be successful.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Like most of South Florida, Delray Beach has a housing crisis. As the current Vice Chair of the city's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), we have been working hard to build new affordable housing units in Delray Beach. They include Corey Isles and Carver Square. We recently partnered with and gave \$1 million dollars to the housing authority to build more affordable housing. With the new housing bond recently approved by voters in Palm Beach County, we should be able to build even more units. The city and the county must also work with the state to bring down more dollars for affordable housing in our area. The Florida Legislature must stop raiding the Sadowski Fund to ensure those dollars are available for their intended purpose. If the city, county, and state work together, we can make a real dent in the shortage of affordable housing.

TAXES

The City Commission has lowered the city's property tax rate every year for the past few years. As the city continues to grow and property values continue to rise, I want to continue this trend to reduce the tax rate and give property owners as much tax relief as possible.

COLLABORATION

As I mentioned previously, recently the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency gave \$1 million dollars to the housing authority to assist them with their efforts to build affordable housing. By partnering together, we can build even more housing faster.

WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE

Many working women are also single mothers raising children. Family leave benefits are critical and afford women the opportunity to be responsive to their children's needs without jeopardizing their job or status in the workplace.

WORKPLACE CULTURE

As a former City Commissioner and Vice Mayor, I always supported the practice of promoting from within whenever possible. Municipal government tends to have a high rate of turnover, so the opportunity to train, invest in, and promote women to higher office is a real possibility. When elected, I will work with the city manager to ensure we promote from within whenever possible.

OUR COMMUNITY

I believe Delray Beach is moving in the right direction. We are a desirable place to live, work, and play. Available housing is scarce. Our shops and restaurants are full. Of course, we have our challenges like over development, traffic, parking issues, affordable housing, etc. However, the city commission and the CRA are working diligently to address them and to protect the quality of life in our "Village by the Sea."

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I would appreciate your support and vote.