



Mission: To engage, promote & sustain a thriving business climate in Flagler County

A leader is someone who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.

(John C. Maxwell)

With the search for a new county administrator the county has the opportunity to select a leader who will assist in creating a vision for the county in the next decade. There are many forces both inside and outside the city that will shape its future. It is imperative to find the person who will use those influences to implement a plan that benefits all citizens.

The Flagler County Chamber of Commerce represents 720 businesses interested in having a voice in how the government oversees and promotes a business-friendly environment to attract and keep entrepreneurs who will grow our tax base. On behalf of those members, the Business Issues Committee, and the Economic Alliance Committee, I would like to express the characteristics that we believe should be sought in a new city manager.

1. Possess extensive business and government experience.
2. Be willing to interact with the public directly. Is friendly, approachable and humble.
3. Have strong process improvement mindset coupled with sound financial understanding.
4. Have the ability to inspire and motivate and build high-performance result driven teams.
5. Have as a priority empowering our elected officials to set day to day and long-range policies.
6. Have a solid knowledge of the county and various cities' unique history.
7. Have a good working relationship with the federal, state and other local governments or someone who is passionate about building and sustaining partnerships/relationships with all constituents.
8. Be transparent in all actions and media savvy.
9. Excellent communication skills.

One of the goals of the Chamber is to be a good partner with Flagler County, and other municipalities. Our members and I are available to assist in the selection of a new county administrator in any way the county commissioner see appropriate. We have full faith that our elected leaders will have an open and transparent process in making this critical decision for our County's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge Gutierrez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jorge Gutierrez, President & CEO Flagler Chamber of Commerce