



Jacksonville Community Council Inc.

Mission: JCCI is a nonpartisan civic organization that engages diverse citizens in open dialogue, research, consensus building, advocacy and leadership development to improve the quality of life and build a better community in Northeast Florida and beyond.

History: JCCI was formed in 1975 to provide an impartial, nonpartisan forum to keep City leaders and citizens informed of local issues and to provide citizen-led solutions to issues facing the entire community. JCCI developed an effective process that is built upon impartial research and the participation of informed citizens who represent the diversity of Jacksonville and Northeast Florida. JCCI has been described as a “citizen-led think-and-do tank”, as well as the “conscience of the community.”

JCCI has a 36-member governing Board. Members may serve for a total of four consecutive one-year terms. Board members are trustees and fiduciaries, bearing responsibility for setting policy and direction of the organization and holding the executive director responsible for execution. It has been fortunate to draw from among the most influential and civic-minded leaders of our community.

JCCI has been recognized by the Pew Partnership of the Pew Charitable Trusts of Philadelphia as a “*Solution for America*” and cited by its president as “...the preeminent civic engagement organization of its kind in the United States.” JCCI pioneered work with community indicators in the *Quality of Life* report which tracks data over a 25 year period. JCCI provides an effective training ground for engaged and informed leaders and has studied more than 70 issues from growth management and air quality to race relations and infant mortality, with more than an 80 percent success rate in implementing study recommendations. JCCI’s accomplishments are noted in more than 40 publications across the country and around the world, including two recent reports from the Government Accountability Office.

Programs: JCCI’s programs address the organization’s mission by bringing citizens together to examine local issues and to find solutions that will improve the quality of life in Jacksonville and Northeast Florida. JCCI’s work is guided by a board-approved strategic plan that guards the integrity of the organization and ensures that our work supports the JCCI mission. JCCI tracks progress in achieving organizational goals through an internal self-evaluation process. Our major programs include our studies, the annual Quality of Life Progress Report and Race Relations Progress Report, and JCCI *Forward* – a leadership program to engage and empower tomorrow’s community leaders.