

Generational Differences

Together, we can make a brighter tomorrow



President **Lori C. Moseley**

During the recent Legislative Conference, elected city officials joined with several millennials from the **University of Central Florida** for an honest conversation about engaging that generation in municipal government.

This discussion was part of my yearlong initiative that focuses on educating and engaging millennials today to prepare them for their leadership role as municipal leaders of tomorrow.

These bright students were very frank and outspoken, which I encouraged. I found that their view of the world is certainly different from how I viewed the world at their age (something my parents probably said about my generation).

They are passionate about issues, but not necessarily on the workings of government. They are frustrated, much like the rest of us, about the partisan politics that is so front and center.

When asked how we can get them involved in their city (not necessarily job-related), one of the students replied, “We need to be allowed to be creative. We want to strive to be good, but good looks different to us.” That is the challenge and the reason for these discussions.

I believe our job as city officials is to encourage their engagement . . . to let them know that local government is about getting it done. It’s where they can make a significant impact on the lives of others and the future of their community. I believe our future will be in capable hands, but we must provide a path of understanding. Together, we *will* create a brighter tomorrow.

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