



ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

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**Teresa Jacobs, Orange County Mayor
Official Biography**

The citizens of Orange County elected Teresa Jacobs to serve as Mayor in November 2010 with 68 percent of the vote. She was re-elected without opposition in 2014 for another four-year term.

Known as a champion of ethics reform and a strong advocate for public participation in the governmental process, Mayor Jacobs has established a set of core values to guide county employees in their daily duties: professionalism, integrity, strong work ethic, innovation, fairness and accountability.

Before her election as Mayor, she served two terms as an Orange County Commissioner (2000 to 2008). Prior to holding public office, she was president of the Orange County Homeowners Association Alliance (an organization that represented approximately 100 neighborhoods) and enjoyed a successful nine-year career in banking.

As Mayor, she remains focused on maintaining Orange County's reputation as the world's top tourism destination while simultaneously launching a new branding campaign, "Orlando. You Don't Know the Half of It," in order to publicize the region's workforce and business sector capabilities in high tech, digital media and medical research, as well as our world class quality of life, including sports, recreational and performing arts venues.

Mayor Jacobs wants the world to know that Orange County is the best place to live, work, and raise a family. She is a staunch advocate for citizen involvement, broadening our innovation-driven economy by partnering with UCF and other institutions of higher learning, and leading far-reaching sustainability efforts to ensure that Orange County's future will be healthy and prosperous.

While working to achieve economic prosperity, Jacobs is also deeply committed to providing opportunity for all of Orange County's children and families. Jacobs is leading efforts aimed at reducing family homelessness by expanding affordable housing inventories and boosting opportunities for success. She has chaired or appointed regional commissions focused on domestic violence, child abuse and youth mental health.

Mayor Jacobs is a cum laude graduate of Florida State University with a degree in economics. She and her husband Bruce are the proud parents of four young adults.

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