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**Lowndes County Board/Agency Appointee Information Sheet - Submission #147**

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Board/Agency Applying For:

Conference Center & Tourism Authority

Last Name

smith

First Name

michael

Street Address

4033 Cane Mill Cir

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Valdosta Ga 31602

Phone Number

Email Address

Occupation

Greater Valdosta United Way CEO

Professional Experience

I have owned multiple small businesses in Valdosta and Lowndes County, supported by tourism and highway traffic. I am now the CEO of Greater Valdosta United Way and understand the opportunities and challenges of Lowndes County and the region. I am a homeowner and own rental and commercial property in the County.

Knowledge & Skills

I have served on the Tourism Authority for six years and am the chair. There has been a lot of turnover in the Director and board chair positions in the last few years. The authority is moving positively, and the board leadership is vital. I want to continue to help grow tourism dollars into the County, increase tax revenue, and improve the Rainwater. I love our community and work well with community leaders and passionate about growing the region and helping Lowndes County stay the capital of South Georgia.

What knowledge or skills do you possess that would contribute to the Board/Agency to which you are requesting to be appointed?

Please list the Board/Agency that you have been or are currently a member of:

Tourism