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**State Representative Yvonne Hinson to Host Resource Summits for Formerly Incarcerated Citizens**

**GAINESVILLE, Fla. – State Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson (D-Gainesville)** will host two Resource Summits for Formerly Incarcerated Citizens in Ocala and Gainesville, Florida. The Ocala Summit will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Ocala, Florida on Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Mary Sue Rich Community Center. The Gainesville Summit will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Gainesville, Florida on Saturday, Feb.18 at the Santa Fe College Charles L. Blount Center.

The two summits intend to help formerly incarcerated citizens learn how to pay their fines and fees with the court system to restore their voting rights, address housing, and navigate employment in Alachua and Marion Counties so they can feel empowered to be productive members of society.

Attendees at both Summits will be able to listen to presentations by community partners such as the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections, the Marion County Supervisor of Elections, Florida Cares Charity, the Alachua County Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Gainesville Police Department, the Gainesville Housing Authority, the Ocala Housing Authority, CareerSource Florida, the Alachua County Housing Authority, the Marion County Clerk of Court and Comptroller, and FLIP FLOP Support Groups.

**Representative Hinson** says, “Citizens returning from incarceration continue to face barriers and conditions as if they are still incarcerated. I am hosting this Resource Summit not only to educate returning citizens on the possibilities but also to provide a gateway to opportunities. This empowering Summit will hopefully open doors to allow them to have their fees paid, access housing, find jobs, and more.”

Returning citizens, their families, and anyone interested in learning about these resources are encouraged to attend.

**Ocala Summit Information**

**WHO:** State Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson (D-Gainesville)

**WHEN:** Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Mary Sue Rich Community Center  
1812 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Ocala, FL 34475

**COST:** This event is free to the public.

**Gainesville Summit Information**

**WHO:** State Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson (D-Gainesville)

**WHEN:** Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023  
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Santa Fe College Charles L. Blount Center  
401 SW 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Gainesville, FL 32601

**COST:** This event is free to the public.

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