



Charles Garrison is a veteran and lifelong First Coast resident. Over the last ten years, Charles has advocated for communities across Jacksonville. He began his work as a Big Brother through Duval's Big Brother/Big Sister program. In 2015, he joined the board of directors of JASMYN, Jacksonville's LGBTQ youth services organization, where he soon became Chair of their property board of directors. Working in the private sector, Charles oversaw and helped families find affordable housing, access to mortgages, and helped eliminate barriers to homeownership, including working with his employer to change their policy as it related to applicants with prior felony convictions.

Charles is currently the chair of the Water Committee on Jacksonville's Environmental Protection Board, which he joined after serving as the previous Secretary on Jacksonville's Housing & Community Development Commission. He also serves on the board of directors for Changing Homelessness, a local non-profit whose vision is to end homelessness. Taking his passion to the next step, Charles is running for Jacksonville City Council, At-Large Group 5, because he knows he can be the leader the city needs to build us forward. When Charles is not advocating for his communities, he can be found working on his 95-year-old Springfield home, spending time with his family and friends, and enjoying all Jacksonville has to offer. He currently resides with his partner, Matt, and two rescue pups, Scrappy and Bailey.