

John E. Dailey



John Dailey has dedicated his professional life to building strong, vibrant communities. He began his professional career working for the Florida League of Cities, representing over 400 municipal governments before the Florida Legislature and Administration. He also represented municipal governments across the nation before the U.S. Congress and Administration while working for the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C.

John received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Florida State University, where he served as President of the Student Government Association. He received his first master's degree in Public Administration from FSU, and went on to receive a second master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the London School of Economics while serving as an Aide to Roger Casale (Labour - Wimbledon) in the British Parliament.

John returned to Tallahassee in 2005 and founded JDA Strategies, a research and development consulting firm focused on local governance. In 2006, he was elected to the Leon County Commission by the citizens of District Three and was re-elected twice without opposition. He served as Chairman of the Leon County Commission twice (2010-2011, 2016-2017). John is a graduate of Leadership Tallahassee and Leadership Florida.

John was elected Mayor of the City of Tallahassee in 2018. He and his wife Virginia have been married for 21 years, and they have two boys, Tommy (10) and Henry (8).

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