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March 6th, 2017

Hon. Janet C. Long
Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Commissioner,

On behalf of the Pinellas Realtor® Organization (PRO), I am writing you today about the announced vacancy on the Pinellas County Housing Finance Authority Board. We understand that the County Commission will be evaluating prospective candidates for the vacancy in the near future. I would like to take this opportunity to offer our support for R.V. "Bob" DePugh to fill the position.

Mr. DePugh is an emeritus member of the Pinellas Realtor® Organization (over 40 years of service as a licensed Realtor) who continues to volunteer on our Public Policy Committee. He is also an accomplished affordable housing developer. The majority of his professional career has been in the field of affordable housing making him an expert in his field. He would make a valued addition to Housing Finance Authority Board, which currently lacks the voice of a real estate licensee.

Our organization consists of over 8,000 real estate professionals throughout Pinellas County. It is important for them, and our region, to have a spectrum of available housing to maintain a healthy real estate market and economy. We believe Mr. DePugh would serve as an effective voice for our members, and the community at large.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out at any time.

Sincerely,

Tom Shelly

Hon. Tom Shelly
2017 Chairman of the Board

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