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**Vacancies announced on Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**

- Applications being accepted to serve on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Appointments are for a three-year period
- Must apply online at [www.pinellascounty.org/boards](http://www.pinellascounty.org/boards) by 3 p.m., Sept. 18, 2020

Applications are now being accepted to fill vacancies for three-year appointments to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

This Committee is composed of a minimum of eight but not more than eleven members appointed by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners. The committee must consist of one locally elected official and one representative actively engaged from at least six of the following categories:

- residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing
- banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing
- representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing
- advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing
- a for-profit provider of affordable housing
- a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing
- real estate professional in connection with affordable housing;
- citizen who serves on the local planning agency pursuant to s. 163.3174. If the local planning agency is comprised of the governing board of the county or municipality, the governing board may appoint a designee who is knowledgeable in the local planning process
- reside within the jurisdiction of the local governing body making the appointments
- represents employers within the jurisdiction
- representative of essential services personnel which include active duty/reserve military personnel; teachers and educators; employees of school districts, community colleges, or universities; police and fire personnel including police, fire, emergency medical service and 9-1-1 dispatchers; health care personnel and employees in health care-related fields including employees of hospitals, assisted living facilities, medical providers and pharmacies; and skilled building trades personnel

The State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP) Affordable Housing Advisory Committee reviews the County's SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan and evaluates established County policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and comprehensive plan to provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) that facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of property to appreciate in value.

Annually, the Committee evaluates the implementation of the County's affordable housing initiatives and submits an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Housing Incentives Review and Recommendations Report to the BCC and the State.

The Committee may also perform other duties at the request of the BCC, including but not limited to the creation of best practices for the development of affordable housing and provision of mentoring services to affordable housing partners.

The Committee meets approximately four times per year. Meetings are typically scheduled on the first Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Clerk's Large Conference Room at 315 Court St., 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Clearwater or as announced.

Mandatory applications can be found at [www.pinellascounty.org/boards](http://www.pinellascounty.org/boards) and must be received no later than 3 p.m. on Sept. 18, 2020.

The Board of County Commissioners will review all applications and make its selections at an upcoming BCC meeting.

All materials submitted to Pinellas County government are subject to the public records law of the State of Florida.

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