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**From:** Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 12:57 PM  
**To:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic: Tierra Verde proposed MSTU residents don't want it

BCC Agenda Date: 4-17-2025

Agenda Item Number:

Citizen Name: PETER LOGLI

Phone: +17275806569

Email: ploglifla@gmail.com

Address: 105 5TH ST E  
ST PETERSBURG, FL 33715

Comments: I am contacting all of you again to update you on the feeling of residents in Tierra Verde regarding the MSTU which I see you will be discussing on Thursday morning in a session where residents cannot address you or speak. Also I note that this item is on the agenda for a vote in May. I am a former TV CA Board Director and Treasurer of the TVCA and have lived in the community since 1997. In addition I have served on many TVCA Committees working with employees from various departments in Pinellas County Government. Last night, 4/14/2025, the TVCA Board held it's normal Monthly meeting open to residents and the MSTU subject was discussed at length by a large turnout of concerned residents. After discussion and Q&A a show of hands vote was UNANOMOUSLY AGAINST any further advancement of a TV MSTU. Not one person in the audience was in favor of this idea and I know many many people here in Tierra Verde and I have not spoken to even one person who thinks this is a good idea or wishes to pursue it any further. Regardless of what you may hear from County Staff or internal information or data the residents do NOT WANT a TV MSTU!! Any Commissioner who votes in favor of this would be doing so against the will of the people living in Tierra Verde. There is another public meeting tomorrow night at Tampa Bay Watch and we would appreciate your assurance that you will not ignore the will of the residents and will accordingly vote against any further advancement of this idea. I would appreciate your affirmation of your willingness to comply with the resident wishes in your vote prior to or at the meeting Wednesday night, especially since further discussion among you will be conducted in a "work Session" where you will not be able to hear from the residents who will be affected. Thank you for your attention and for your considered reply. Peter Logli Tierra Verde resident

Your Stand on the Issue

Oppose

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**From:** Chaney, Coleen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 10:45 AM  
**To:** Revie, Derelynn H  
**Cc:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** FW: Tierra Verde MSTU

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**From:** Britt Cotter <brittcotter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2025 8:19 PM  
**To:** Scott, Brian <brscott@pinellas.gov>  
**Subject:** Tierra Verde MSTU

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My name is Robert Cotter and I am a resident of Tierra Verde. My address is 700 Monte Cristo Blvd.

I am against any Tierra Verde MSTU.

Thank you.

**From:** [Chaney, Coleen](#)  
**To:** [Revie, Derelynn H](#)  
**Cc:** [BCC Agenda Comments](#)  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Date:** Monday, April 14, 2025 1:30:32 PM  
**Attachments:** [Tierra Sunset Townhouses HOA MSTU.pdf](#)

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**From:** Scott, Brian <brscott@pinellas.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2025 9:51 AM  
**To:** Chaney, Coleen <cchaney@pinellas.gov>  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** Thomas Frederick <[tom@tom-frederick.com](mailto:tom@tom-frederick.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 12, 2025 3:08 PM  
**To:** Scott, Brian <[brscott@pinellas.gov](mailto:brscott@pinellas.gov)>  
**Subject:**

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Commissioner Scott,

Please review the attached letter from the Tierra Sunset Townhouses HOA regarding the proposed MSTU funding mechanism. Please take our views into consideration.

Continued Success,

Tom Frederick  
President  
Tierra Sunset Townhouses HOA, Inc.  
513-617-0910



## **Tierra Sunset Townhouses HOA, Inc.**

April 10, 2025

### **MSTU Response**

As the President of the Tierra Sunset Townhouses HOA, I have conferred with our members, and we stand united in opposition to the proposed MSTU property tax aimed at funding the upkeep of the Bayway median. Our reasons for this stance are rooted in both principle and practicality. The funding mechanism (MSTU) for 2 separate projects needs to be separated and dealt with on their own merits

### **Responsibility of Maintenance**

The Bayway median's upkeep is the responsibility of the State of Florida. Pinellas County and the TVCA through a series of ill warranted agreements waded into this responsibility to insure a attractive highway divider. It is unreasonable to shift this financial burden onto homeowners when the state is ultimately responsible.

### **Tierra Verde Recreation Center**

The MSTU funding mechanism would be appropriate for the TVCA Recreation Center, however this project has been a failure to launch project for many years because the limited number of residences, both part time and full time, on the island, the lack of interest from the residence and the availability of commercial fitness centers. The center seems to be a pet project for the quasi-Tierra Verde Community Association Board and without residence support this has unfortunately landed on the desks of the County Commissioners.

### **Existing Tax Burden**

While property taxes have only slightly increased over the past few years, residence of Tierra Verde and paying considerably more for insurance, and storm mitigation from the recent hurricanes. Tierra Sunset Townhouse HOA residents also pay 2 HOA fees. One to our association, and another to the TVCA. Additionally, each time a piece of property is sold, it is reassessed and results in higher revenues for the county.

The county routinely uses bed taxes collected from out-of-town visitors to fund many of the beautification projects and amenities Pinellas County has to offer. Why is this different? Fort De Soto is open to all County residents and all visitors domestically and internationally. Funding by the residence is short sighted and not in the spirit the county usually uses for the assets of the County. If Fort De Soto was not at the end of the Bayway, there wouldn't be a need for a 4-lane divided

highway, through the community. The county elected to commission the Fort De Soto, and the state elected to install a state highway, not the residences.

### **Toll and Fort De Soto Fees**

The county collects considerable tolls and fees from the Bayway and entry and parking fees from Fort De Soto. These fees target the users of the Bayway and should be allocated for the upkeep and improvements to the Bayway. I am sure the County has accurate data on the number of toll paying vehicles accessing Fort De Soto and a penny or two would go a long way to funding maintenance if the State neglects their responsibilities.

### **Bike Lane Debacle**

While I am unsure who's genius idea the bike lanes were and what mechanism was used to fund them, this exemplifies the Tierra Sunsets Townhouses HOA stance against change that is not well thought out with input from the affected parties. We were inconvenienced by the construction and now the modifications being made. This ill-conceived project put both bicyclist and residence in an accident waiting to happen scenario.

In conclusion, the proposal for a MSTU tax to fund the Bayway median maintenance and TVCA Recreation Center is not warranted and unjust. We urge the Pinellas County Commissioners to reconsider this proposal and reallocate existing tax dollars that will not impose further financial strain on homeowners. The Tierra Sunset Townhouses HOA will continue to advocate for sensible and equitable tax policies that serve the best interests of our community. If the Commissioners feel this is the path forward, let the residence decide by putting it on the ballot.

All Tierra Sunset Townhouses HOA residents if given the chance will vote NO on the MSTU property tax and encourage all Tierra Verde residents to reject the MSTU property tax. We, through this letter to the Commissioners are stating our desire to move on from this proposal. The property tax funds we already pay should be more than enough to meet the needs.



Thomas Frederick  
President  
Tierra Sunset Townhouses HOA, Inc.

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**From:** Chaney, Coleen  
**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2025 11:40 AM  
**To:** Revie, Derelynn H  
**Cc:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** FW: Proposal for MSTU - NO

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**From:** Lisa Lamparty <llamparty@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 13, 2025 12:37 PM  
**To:** Chaney, Coleen <cchaney@pinellas.gov>  
**Subject:** Proposal for MSTU - NO

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Dear Brian Scott

I live in Tierra Verde and I say NO MSTU tax!!!

Thank you!

Lisa Lamparty  
261 Monte Cristo Blvd  
Tierra Verde, FL 33715  
[llamparty@yahoo.com](mailto:llamparty@yahoo.com)

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**From:** Chaney, Coleen  
**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2025 10:54 AM  
**To:** Revie, Derelynn H; BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** FW: Contact Form: MSTU - major resident opposition from Brian Layton #31183076

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**From:** noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 12, 2025 6:33 PM  
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<b>Your Name</b>	Brian Layton
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<b>Subject</b>	MSTU - major resident opposition
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<b>Message</b>	Hi Brian,,
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I heard today that somebody claimed that in a poll that Most Tierra Verde residents were in favor of the proposal based on a poll. I talked to a number of neighbors and none of us have been polled, but everybody is very much opposed to this.

It's a bit of a ridiculous proposal on so many facts I don't even know where to start. I'm sure you understand. Why the heck would local residents fund aesthetic median enhancements for a county road that leads to an enormous county park? And, why would we pay for the recreation area that everybody in Pinellas County is welcome to use?? It's just not well thought out at all.

Respectfully,

Brian Layton

<b>Your Street Address</b>	661 Columbus Drive
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<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	Tierra Verde
<b>Zip Code</b>	33715
<b>Your Phone Number</b>	6179453390
<b>Your Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:brian.layton@gmail.com">brian.layton@gmail.com</a>

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Topic	MSTU
BCC Agenda Date	4-18-2025
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	Elizabeth Ekladyous
Phone	+1+18133930265
Email	sabri_cleo2004@yahoo.com
Address	785 Nina Dr 785 Nina Dr, 785 Nina Dr 785 Nina Dr
Comments	I firmly oppose MSTU. And the unfavorable legal and tax implications to homeowners.
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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**From:** Chaney, Coleen  
**Sent:** Friday, April 11, 2025 10:27 AM  
**To:** Revie, Derelynn H  
**Cc:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** FW: Contact Form: MSTU from Paul Lee #31176554

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**From:** noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>  
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- Commissioner Chris Scherer - District 1
- Commissioner Brian Scott - District 2 (2025 Chair)
- Commissioner Chris Latvala - District 5
- Commissioner René Flowers - District 7

#### Your Name

Paul Lee

#### Subject

MSTU

#### Message

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to follow up on my previous email regarding the proposed MSTU tax for Tierra Verde. As the President of the Tierra Verde Landmark HOA, I have been asked to convey our community's strong opposition to this tax and urge you to vote NO on the MSTU.

In my initial email, I outlined the various reasons why this tax is not wanted by our residents. Since then, I have been contacted by hundreds of residents who have expressed their concerns and opposition to this tax. Their voices are clear and unified in rejecting this proposal.

Please confirm that you have received this email and acknowledge the concerns of our community.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Paul Lee  
President, Tierra Verde Landmark HOA

#### Your Street Address

979 Landmark Cir S

<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	Tierra Verde
<b>Zip Code</b>	33715
<b>Your Phone Number</b>	727-433-0855
<b>Your Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:barflea@aol.com">barflea@aol.com</a>

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