# Presentation to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

#### Investment Portfolio Review By

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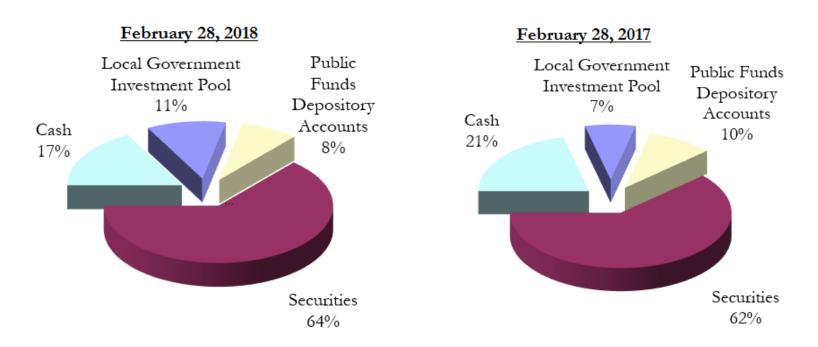


## **Portfolio Compliance**

- Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, and 2-144 Pinellas County Code, authorize the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a written investment plan to guide investment activity of the County.
- The County's investment portfolio is in compliance with the written investment plan and Florida State Statutes.
- The investment portfolio is well diversified in highly rated U.S. Treasury Notes, Federal Agency Notes.
- Cash and money market funds provide liquidity for short term expenditures.

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

>	Portfolio Characteristics as of:	February 28, 2018	February 28, 2017
>	Total Portfolio Book Value:	\$1,144,409,036	\$1,159,052,498
>	Long Term Portfolio Weighted Average Maturity:	1.09 Years	1.23 Years
>	Year to Date Composite Yield:	1.27%	0.88%
>	Year to Date Earnings:	\$5,312,727	\$3,566,608

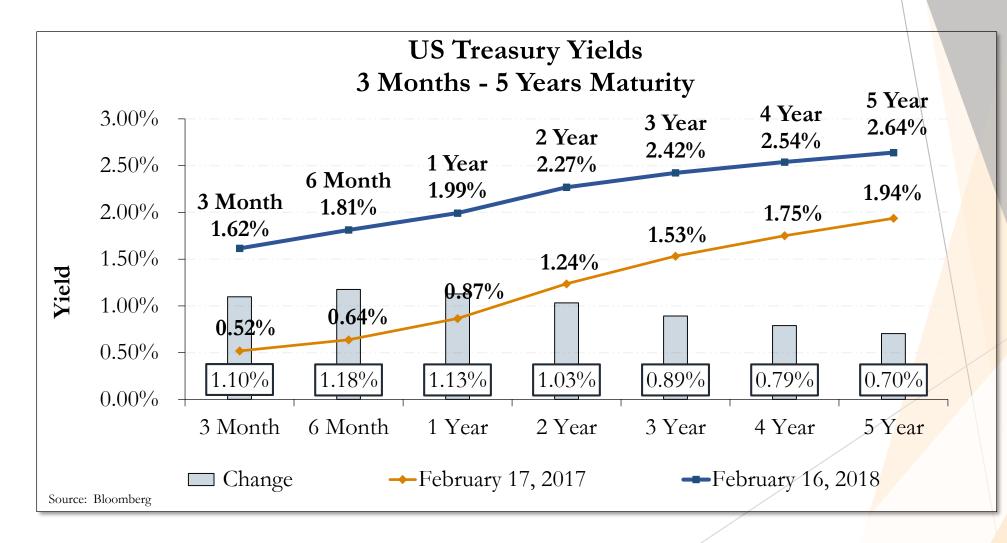


## **Economic Update**

- Federal Funds Rate The FOMC met in December 2017 and raised federal funds target rate to 1.25% - 1.50%, the fifth increase in two years.
- Interest rates are higher compared to a year ago and inflationary pressures may be on the horizon which may continue this trend.
- The U.S. economy grew by 2.5% during the fourth quarter of 2017 and expectations of 2.5% - 3.0% growth in 2018.
- Nationally, the housing market continues to be robust as home prices continue the longer trend higher, and sales remain above six million on an annual basis.

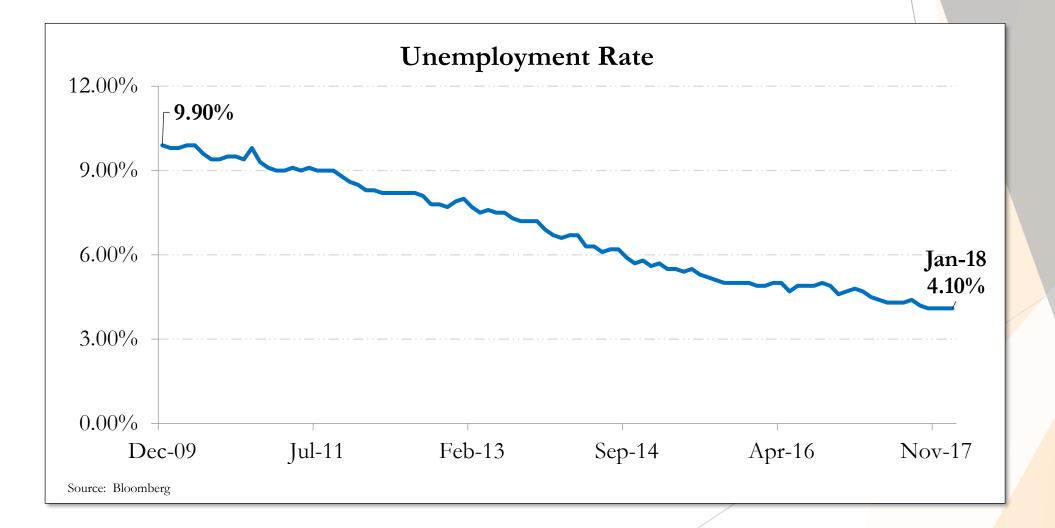
## **U.S. Treasury Yield Curve**

> Interest rates trended higher throughout 2017 and continue in the first quarter of 2018.



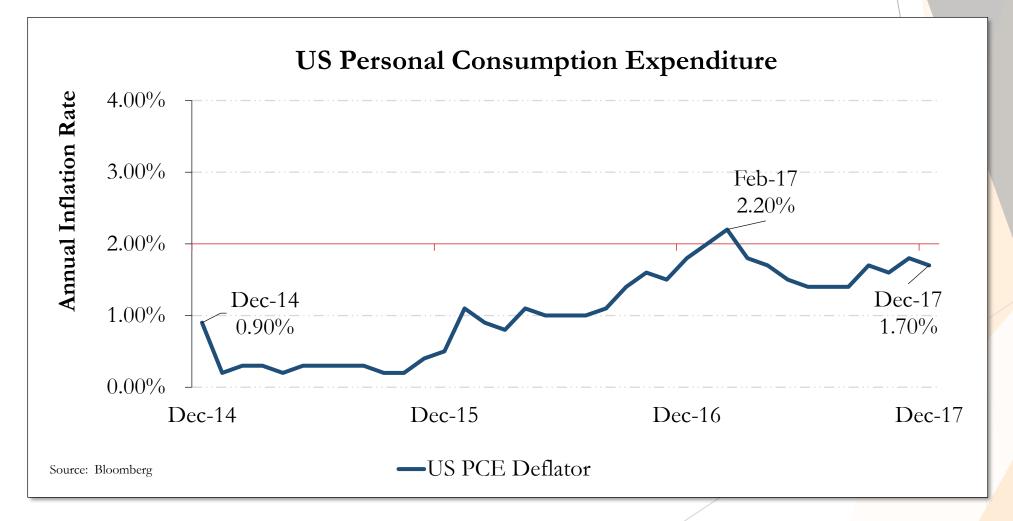
# Unemployment

> Labor markets remain strong with low unemployment and steady job creation.



## Inflation

Inflation indicators remain persistently below the Fed's 2.0% target although recent indications suggest higher inflation may be on the horizon for 2018.



## Partnership with Public Trust

- Public Trust Advisors was selected through a competitive RFP process to provide investment advice to the Clerk's Office.
- This relationship provides the Clerk's Finance Division with additional resources for investment decisions and overall portfolio strategy.
- The Clerk's office holds monthly formal strategy calls with Public Trust's portfolio management and investment advisory professionals.
- > Public Trust provides advice for each investment based on market conditions, current interest rates and the current portfolio structure.
- Public Trust is also working with the Finance Division to develop a formal cash flow analysis.

## Investment Strategy

- The Clerk's Finance Division has invested Ad Valorem receipts based on anticipated cash flows.
- The portfolio allocation of bonds and overnight investments is on target.
- Each investment decision is based on discussions with Public Trust and the Finance Division.
- The Finance Division maintains detailed records of all investment holdings and transactions.
- > Safety of funds and liquidity are the two primary investment objectives.

## **Investment Reporting**

- An investment portfolio summary is published and distributed to the investment committee monthly
- For the first three quarters of the County's fiscal year, a Quarterly Investment Report is published
- An Annual Investment Report is published at the end of each fiscal year
- Reports are available to the public on the internet at <u>https://www.pinellasclerk.org/aspInclude2/ASPInclude.asp?</u> <u>pageName=investmentreports.htm</u>

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