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Pinellas: Vacancy Announced on Pinellas Opportunity Council

Applications Due by 3 p.m. April 12, 2024

Applications are now being accepted for one appointment in the Public Sector category to the Pinellas Opportunity Council Inc. Board of Directors, to fulfill an existing term, which expires on Jul. 31, 2028.

The Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. (POC) is the local Community Action Agency, established in 1968, to combat poverty in Pinellas County. The POC envisions a community in which every individual is financially self-sufficient; is empowered to help bring about positive change in their neighborhoods; and has access to resources that will enable them to reach their full potential. POC pursues this vision by forging partnerships and offering services which create hope, offer support, cultivate new skills, and provide guidance that will lead to an improved and better community. Their mission is to help alleviate conditions of poverty, revitalize local communities, and promote self-sufficiency by mobilizing resources to develop and implement programs that deliver an array of services to address various individual, family and community needs.

The Council is composed of 21 community members, representing three sectors of the community. **The Public Sector consists of elected officials or their representatives;** the Private Sector consists of representatives of major groups or interests located in the community; the Target Sector consists of democratically selected representatives of low-income individuals and families residing in Pinellas County. The Board of County Commissioners appoints two public sector members. Seats are for a five year term, but requires annual reappointment.

The Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. board meets on the last Tuesday of every other month at 4 p.m. virtually via Zoom. Members must be available to attend at least two-thirds (4 of 6) regularly scheduled meetings.

Applications are due by **3 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 12, 2024**. The application can be found at www.pinellas.gov/boards.

Please note: All materials submitted to Pinellas County government are subject to the public records law of the state of Florida.

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