

PINELLAS COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY

August 10, 2021

COMMISSIONER _____

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

Applicant Appointment Worksheet/Ballot

| Applicant Name | Reappointment | | Qualified | | Comments/Experience |
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| | Yes | No | Yes | No | |
| Leon Kou | | X | X | | <p>Completed by Kathryn Driver, Executive Director</p> <p>Pinellas County resident for 1 month</p> <p>Occupation: Physician – St. Petersburg General Hospital</p> <p>I recently settled in Pinellas County as a resident physician in the area. I have been a lifelong resident of California, until I eventually moved to Des Moines, Iowa for medical school. Prior to my admission into medical school, I worked in the heart of downtown Los Angeles, where I saw how inadequate leadership and lack of participation by local residents can have drastic effects on quality of life. Being a new resident to the area, I decided to look for an opportunity to play an active role in the community. I hope to use my knowledge, unique perspective as a physician, and past experiences living in California and briefly in the Midwest to further make an impact in the lives of those that reside in Pinellas County.</p> |
| Kristina M. Kovarik | | X | X | | <p>Pinellas County resident for 1 month</p> <p>Occupation: Product Development Manager – Guaranteed Rate</p> <p>I recently moved to FL. I was born and raised in Dunedin. Over the past years I have served on several Affordable Housing Committees and Boards. I also held local elected positions and understand the governance process. In my professional career, I have been responsible for relations and product management with Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA, VA and dozens of state and local HFAs. I am very passionate about Affordable Housing and have studied it the issues and solutions for many years. I am eager to find an opportunity to get engaged again and use my knowledge and experience to help further affordable housing goals in Pinellas County.</p> |
| Michael Wixted | | X | X | | <p>Pinellas County resident since July 2019</p> <p>Occupation: Retired Special Agent</p> |

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| | | | | <p>I retired from federal service in July of 2019 after 30 years in law enforcement. For the majority of my career I was a federal agent assigned to investigate fraud, waste and mismanagement within federally funded programs and activities. In that capacity, I gained insight into how local governments participate in federal programs, receive and use federal funds and how federally funded programs are regulated. I am familiar with HUD related programs and have considerable experience working with housing authorities, nonprofits and state and local agencies that provided housing services or fund housing opportunities. For a period of time I oversaw many of the major HUD related criminal investigations within New England and have extensive experience dealing both troubled and high performing housing entities. I am also familiar with programs that fund housing construction from HUD and other federal agencies. I have experience reviewing bank or tax credit funded housing programs and have extensive experience in combating mortgage fraud. I have participated in numerous homebuyer seminars to educate prospective mortgagors about various forms of fraud and how to ensure they are receiving an fair and equitable treatment, I have also participated in numerous industry meetings and spoken at state and regional professional organizations such as National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). I am interested in housing issues and wish to assist the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County provide the best services to residents. As I am now retired, I am able to devote significant time to participate in civic activities. I believe my knowledge and experience would be of use to the Housing Finance Authority.</p> |
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Qualification Requirements: Per Florida Statutes Chapter 159.605, the Board of the Authority consists of five members; at least three of which must be knowledgeable in one of the following fields: labor, finance, or commerce.