

PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Office of Commissioner Janet C. Long

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

CC: Barry Burton, Pinellas County Administrator

Jewel White, Pinellas County Attorney

FROM: Commissioner Janet C. Long

District 1, Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

SUBJECT: "Pinellas County Legislative Day" / Joint Tampa-Bay Legislative Day

DATE: April 30, 2019

I would like to propose that we officially join an on-going effort between Pasco, Hillsborough, and Pinellas County to coordinate a Pinellas County Legislative Day in Tallahassee on the same day as Pasco and Hillsborough County. This will then enable us to participate in a joint "Tampa-Bay" Legislative day beginning next Legislative session to better advocate on behalf of issues of mutual concern throughout region.

As some of you may remember, the Suncoast Chamber of Commerce coordinated a "Pinellahassee Day" in Tallahassee during Legislative Session. This new proposal would build on this idea at a regional level and would include, among other things, a lunch in the Capital Courtyard with a reception in the evening, and a unified voice on specific issues to more effectively advocate at the State level with.

I've attached a resolution enacted in 2013 by Hillsborough County for our consideration in crafting a new resolution for our own Pinellas County Legislative Day proposal.

I look forward to discussing this topic at our May 7th Board of County Commissioners meeting under "New Business".