



August 28, 2023

Neil Brickfield, Executive Director Pinellas County Housing Authority 11479 Ulmerton Road Largo, FL 33778

Dear Mr. Brickfield:

This letter is to express support for the proposed Heritage Oaks affordable housing development located in unincorporated Pinellas County. The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved the Heritage Oaks Development on May 9, 2023. The development will replace 24 existing buildings (48 units) of outdated public housing known as Rainbow Village with 80 newly constructed units.

Pinellas County has worked closely with Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) to assist in creating a master plan for the revitalization of Rainbow Village. Rainbow Village is located within the Greater Ridgecrest Area, which has been one of Pinellas County's top priorities for community improvement and revitalization. It is also important to note that Pinellas County has committed funding in the amount of \$3,360,000 to support the development of Heritage Oaks.

Sincerely,

Janet C. Long, Chair

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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