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Supporting the Florida Dream Center

Pinellas County Board of Commissioners,

I'm writing to offer my support to the Florida Dream Center in its request to receive funding from the county to further its operations. As the Representative for parts of the Lealman community, I am extremely appreciative of the Florida Dream Centers service and its dedication to one of more impoverished communities in Pinellas County.

From serving food to hundreds of food-insecure residents to removing barriers of entry to the workforce, the Florida Dream Center is an invaluable resource to the Lealman community. Earlier this year, my office hosted a Farm Share event at the Lealman and Asian Neighborhood Family Center. Without a second thought, the Florida Dream Center's CEO Steve Cleveland immediately mobilized his team into action. In addition to helping with the event at the LANFC, the Dream Center stored and distributed leftover food to residents from across the county.

Pinellas County is a better place because of the Florida Dream Center. Its work remains necessary and critical. I thank you for your ongoing support of the Dream Center's work, and am confident that any expansion of that support will pay vast dividends for residents of Lealman and beyond.

Sincerely,

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