



Mayors' Council of Pinellas County, Inc.
Pinellas County, Florida



February 12, 2016

Pinellas County Board of Commissioners
315 Court Street
Clearwater 33756

SUBJECT: County Alliance for Citizens with Disabilities

Honorable Commissioners,

A Mayors' Council meeting was held on February 4, 2016. At this meeting we discussed the idea of the creation of a County Alliance for Citizens with Disabilities. The cities of Saint Petersburg and Dunedin currently have a similar group in place in their respective cities and spoke of the positive impact and assistance these committees have had in their operations.

The Council unanimously approved a motion to support the creation of a Pinellas County Alliance for Citizens with Disabilities to function as an advisory group to assure community accessibility and inclusion that works cooperatively with the County. The citizen advisory groups' function is to provide recommendations to government on issues important to people with disabilities, including accessibility and inclusion. It is made up of citizens with disabilities residing within the County and with supporting local businesses presently serving persons with disabilities.

As mentioned two successful advisory groups currently exist within the county in St. Petersburg's Committee to Advocate for Persons with Impairments (CAPI) and Dunedin. St. Petersburg's CAPI has been in existence since 1972 and serves as a model for this type of advisory committee. More information on this program can be found on their website, <http://www.stpete.org/community/CAPI/>.

The Pinellas County Mayors' Council thanks the Commissioners of Pinellas County for their consideration of this endorsement.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Palladeno".

Travis Palladeno
City of Madeira Beach
Mayors' Council President