



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Joint Forward Pinellas/Countywide Planning Authority Resolution designating Forward Pinellas as the forum to guide implementation of the Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan.

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt a resolution designating Forward Pinellas as the forum to guide implementation of the Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan.

- The Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Compact will commit municipal and countywide partners to developing a common set of policies and dedicating resources to address affordable housing in Pinellas County.
- A dedicated forum is needed to guide the implementation of the Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan and it has been agreed that Forward Pinellas will serve as that forum.
- Joint Resolution 2023-1 will officially designate Forward Pinellas as the forum to guide the implementation of the Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.2 Invest in communities that need the most

4.3 Catalyze redevelopment through planning and regulatory programs

Deliver First-Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach.

5.4 Strive to serve the needs of all Pinellas County residents and customers.

Summary:

Joint Resolution 2023-1 will designate Forward Pinellas as the entity to coordinate implementation of the Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan.

Background Information:

As of April 2023, nine municipal and countywide partners have signed the Advantage Pinellas Housing Compact, committing to developing a common set of policies and resources to make it easier to create both traditional affordable housing and diverse market-rate housing that is affordable to households with a range of incomes. It will be implemented by a Housing Action Plan, which creates a policy framework that will guide the efforts of the participating local governments for the next 10 years.

Since the Forward Pinellas board already coordinates land use and transportation planning among all 25 local governments, it is the best entity to serve as the ongoing forum for coordination and communication of the implementation activities of the Action Plan. A joint resolution of Forward

Pinellas and the Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) is proposed for execution at both entities' April meetings, in advance of the April 28th Housing Summit where the Action Plan will be officially released.

Following execution by the Forward Pinellas and the Countywide Planning Authority, the resolution will be transmitted to the other Housing Compact partners with a request for their formal endorsement.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

Pinellas County
City of St. Petersburg
City of Clearwater
City of Largo
City of Pinellas Park
City of Gulfport
City of Treasure Island
City of Oldsmar

Attachments:

Joint Forward Pinellas/Countywide Planning Authority Resolution 2023-1
Advantage Pinellas Housing Compact