



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 17-2182A, **Version:** 1

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**Subject:**

Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Thomas Rask v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 17-006964-CI - declaratory judgment.

**Recommended Action:**

Receipt and file notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Thomas Rask v. Pinellas County.

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Summary:**

This is a civil action purporting to seek a declaratory judgment regarding an alleged violation of Florida law, contending that the language on the ballot for the Penny for Pinellas referendum held on November 7, 2017, was misleading, deceptive or ambiguous and seeks to have the statute authorizing the discretionary sales surtax declared unconstitutional.

The County Attorney's Office will bring all counterclaims, cross-claims, or third party claims as necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the County Attorney.

**Background Information:**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

Unknown.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Jewel White, County Attorney  
John A. Powell, Jr., Sr. Assistant County Attorney

**Partners:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A