



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Appointment to the Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommended Action:

Approval of one appointment to fulfill a resigning member's term to the Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. Board of Directors to expire October 31, 2021.

Background Information:

The Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. (POC) is the local Community Action Agency, established in 1968, to combat poverty in Pinellas County. The POC envisions a community in which every individual is financially self-sufficient; is empowered to help bring about positive change in their neighborhoods; and has access to resources that will enable them to reach their full potential. POC pursues this vision by forging partnerships and offering services which create hope, offer support, cultivate new skills, and provide guidance that will lead to an improved and better community in which to live. Their mission is to help alleviate conditions of poverty, revitalize local communities, and promote self-sufficiency by mobilizing resources to develop and implement programs that deliver an array of services to address various individual, family and community needs.

21 community members comprise the Council, representing three sectors of the community. The public sector consists of elected officials or their representatives; the private sector consists of representatives of major groups or interests located in the community; the low-income sector consists of democratically selected representatives of low-income individuals and families residing in Pinellas County. The Board of County Commissioners appoints two public sector members. Seats are for a five year term, but requires annual reappointment.

A vacancy occurred with the resignation of Carl Lavender, Jr. in October 2018, and the term expires October 31, 2021.

Attachments:

Applications
Current Roster
Applicant Worksheet/Ballot