

Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Appointment to the Tourist Development Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommended Action:

Approve one appointment to the Tourist Development Council to fulfill the balance of a vacated term set to end on October 31, 2020.

- Approve one appointment to the Tourist Development Council.
- The list of applicants can be viewed on the ballots.
- The Chair has the ballots.

Background Information:

The Tourist Development Council (TDC) makes recommendations to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the effective operation of the special projects or uses of the tourist development tax revenue raised by the tax levied by this article and may perform such other duties or functions as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution. The council shall continuously review all expenditures of revenue raised by the tax levied by this article, make expenditure reports (at least quarterly), and report to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners all expenditures believed to be unauthorized under this article.

The TDC is composed of 12 members who shall be appointed by the BCC. The chair of the BCC or any other County Commissioner designated by the chair shall serve as the chair of the TDC. Four members of the TDC shall be elected municipal officials, one from the most populous municipality in Pinellas County, one from the municipality in which the greatest percentage of tourist development tax revenue is generated in Pinellas County, one from among the cities of Belleair Beach, Belleair Shores, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Madeira Beach, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Redington Shores, St. Pete Beach, and Treasure Island, and one from a city in Pinellas County that is not specifically named in this section. Seven members of the TDC shall be persons who are involved in the tourist industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development, of which not less than three nor more than four members shall be owners or operators of motels, hotels, recreational vehicle parks, or other tourist accommodations in the County and subject to the tax. All members of the TDC shall be electors of the county. The members of the TDC shall serve for staggered terms of four years

Attachments:

TDC Roster
Applications/Resumes
TDC Vacancy Memo
TDC Ballot

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