


COMMISSION AGENDA:

8.19.14 # 9d.

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the  
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: James L. Bennett, County Attorney 

SUBJECT: Notice of New Lawsuit and Defense of the Same by the County Attorney  
in the Case of The Richman Group of Florida, Inc. v. Pinellas County, et al.  
Circuit Civil Case No. 14-005608CI-15

DATE: August 19, 2014

RECOMMENDATION: THIS IS TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE ABOVE-REFERENCED LAWSUIT WAS FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL DEFEND THE SAME.

DISCUSSION: The Richman Group is seeking damages based on a violation of its equal protection and due process rights. Richman alleges the County violated these rights when its application for an amendment to the Countywide Land Use Plan was denied by the Board.

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

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