



## **Immediate Release**

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## **Vacancies on the Pinellas Opportunity Council**

Applications are now being accepted for appointments of five-year terms, reappointed annually, to the Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. Board of Directors.

The Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. (POC) is the local Community Action Agency, established in 1968, to combat poverty in Pinellas County. Twenty-one 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 require annual reappointment.

The Council 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.

The Council 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.

The Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. board meets every other month at 4 p.m. at Park Station, located at 5851 Park Blvd. in Pinellas Park. Members must be available to attend all meetings.

Mandatory applications can be found at [www.pinellascounty.org/boards](http://www.pinellascounty.org/boards) and must be received no later than the close of business on Sept. 16, 2016.

The Board of County Commissioners will review all applications and make their selection at a future Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Note: All materials submitted to Pinellas County government are subject to the public records law of the State of Florida.

The Pinellas County “Doing Things for You” app is available for residents to report issues and access useful resources. Pinellas County can also be found on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram. More information is available on the county website, [www.pinellascounty.org](http://www.pinellascounty.org), which features LiveChat for assistance. Pinellas County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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