

Connecting Our Community

Linking Housing, Jobs & Transportation

Keeping our communities strong and independent, while working to solve bigger challenges together.

“Housing affordability is a community crisis that no entity can solve on its own. It will take all levels of government coming together to build a collection of tools and resources that will support an equitable and economically prosperous community. We must provide affordable homes for both rent and homeownership, high-paying jobs, a strong education system, and a reliable transportation network if we are to make a dramatic impact on the quality of life of those we are elected to serve.”

~ **Brandi Gabbard**

St. Petersburg Councilmember



57%

THE AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF INCOME SPENT ON HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION IN PINELLAS

1000

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS NEEDED EACH YEAR TO KEEP PACE WITH POPULATION GROWTH IN PINELLAS

2X

THE NUMBER OF JOBS IN PINELLAS IS GROWING TWICE AS FAST AS THE NUMBER OF HOMES

Each of these
“houses” contains
3 HOMES



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Pinellas County has small beach towns, suburbs, downtowns, and everything in between, offering lifestyles to appeal to everyone. Twenty-four cities and towns keep government small, efficient, and close to citizens.

We need to create and maintain neighborhoods that are safe, walkable, and affordable to a range of incomes, while respecting the uniqueness of each place and the rights of those who live there. To do that, we need the freedom to regulate local issues locally, while working together with our Legislative Delegation to tackle larger issues.

Homes For Pinellas

Pinellas County is graced with many vibrant neighborhoods. The design of homes and buildings are integral to the character that our residents love, while reasonable local regulation ensures that everyone is treated fairly. We need to ensure that our communities can continue to reflect the needs of the people who live there.

Like virtually every community, our most critical need is for more homes that residents can afford, at all income levels. This issue extends beyond the scope of any one county, and we'll need to work with the State and other partners to find funding to meet these challenges. We need to create new housing opportunities, from transit-friendly developments on major corridors to neighborhood-scale houses that can serve two or three families while fitting into the local character.

This year, we worked with local government partners to develop the **Advantage Pinellas Housing Compact**, an agreement that all communities in Pinellas will be encouraged to sign, pledging to work together as a county to create greater housing affordability.

Lastly, we need to protect opportunities for prosperity for all citizens. We need to set aside enough land for high-tech manufacturing, information technology, and other industries that provide high-paying jobs, while ensuring that they're in the right places and regulated fairly. We also need to make sure that residents in every neighborhood can efficiently reach jobs and education through reliable public transit.

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