



September 1, 2026

The Honorable Anne-Marie Brooks, Mayor
City of Madeira Beach
300 Municipal Drive
Madeira Beach, FL 33708

RE: Forward Pinellas Membership Appointment/Re-appointment

Dear Mayor Brooks:

As you are aware, at the end of this year the term for the seat on the Forward Pinellas Board representing the beach communities will expire. Forward Pinellas's operating procedures call for a new representative to be appointed by January 1, 2027, with the term lasting for two years. Thank you for your interest in being reappointed to serve another term.

As one of the 10 barrier island communities that are represented by the beaches seat on our board, your local government is being asked to participate in the member appointment process developed by the Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG-C):

- Step 1: Each BIG-C municipality (excluding Clearwater) shall take formal action to either nominate one of its own elected officials, support the nomination of an elected official from another community, or support your reappointment. The name of that individual should then be transmitted to Dave Gattis, President of the BIG-C, 444 Causeway Blvd, Belleair Beach, FL 33786, before the October 28th BIG-C meeting;
- Step 2: After nominations are received, at its October 28th meeting, the BIG-C, by majority vote, shall recommend an appointment;
- Step 3: The municipal government board on which the recommended elected official serves shall confirm the appointment; and

- Step 4: The municipal government board on which the recommended elected official serves shall transmit the name of the appointee to Forward Pinellas.

It will be important to coordinate this Forward Pinellas appointment with the other beach communities by October 28th to allow time for the BIG-C to make its recommendation and for the local government on which the elected official serves to confirm the appointment.

Please contact myself or Tina Jablon at 727-464-5307 if more information or clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Whit Blanton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Whit Blanton, FAICP
Executive Director

cc: Dave Gattis, President, BIG-C
Clara VanBlargan, Clerk, City of Madeira Beach