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PUBLIC NOTICE TREASURE COAST COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION OF LOW-INCOME REPRESENTATIVE

The **Treasure Coast Community Action Agency Advisory Board** administers the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds distributed through the State of Florida, by the Department of Economic Opportunity that receives these funds from the federal government. The funds help low-income residents achieve self-sufficiency by overcoming barriers to their success. This can include completing education and obtaining childcare, transportation or related needs. The advisory board works with County staff to identify unmet needs and determine how the funds will be used each year.

The advisory board must have one representative of the low-income population chosen by a democratic election process. The representative must reside in a low-income area but does not need to be low-income himself or herself.

This is a VOLUNTEER position with a three-year commitment to participate in four meetings per year, every quarter. There is no payment for participating on this board.

Meetings are held quarterly in January, April, July, and October on the third Wednesday at 2:00 pm at various locations including St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee Counties. Meetings last one to one-and-a-half hours.

Anyone wishing to apply for a place on this board **must send a written statement** of their qualifications or a resume to Michelle Miller, Human Services Manager, 435 SE Flagler Avenue, Stuart, FL 34994 or fax to 772.288.5513 no later than 5:00 pm, Thursday, May 19, 2022 to be added to the election ballot.

The election will take place on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 9:00 am at the Human Services Office, 435 SE Flagler Avenue, Stuart, FL. All Martin County residents may vote in the election on that day.

Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla. Stat.

DG/ADM