



Community Update

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Monthly News and Happenings from Hillsborough County Commissioner, Sandra Murman, District 1

The Board of County Commissioners is made up of 7 County Commissioners who are elected by voters. Sandy is passionate about responsible solutions for the people of Hillsborough County. This newsletter shares her commitments and schedules as an advocate for Hillsborough County, District 1.



Commissioner Sandy Murman participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade along with Hillsborough County's Neighborhood Relations staff, Jennifer Boyd, Lori Hudson and Wanda Sloan.

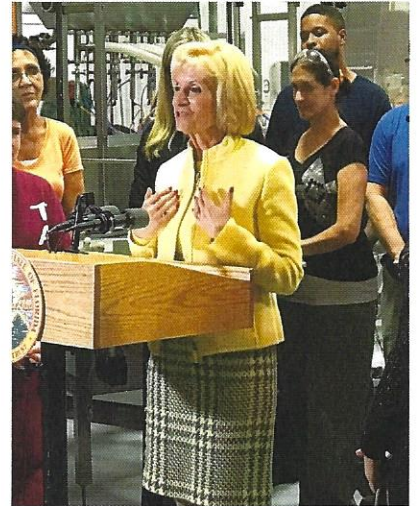
Commissioner Calls for policy banning lobbyist texting during meetings

Commissioner Sandy Murman asked her fellow county commissioners to take the first step to ban texting with lobbyists during meetings, a move that would echo similar reforms coming to Tallahassee. The BOCC asked county staff to draft an ordinance that would prohibit electronic communications with registered lobbyists during county board meetings or other committee meetings where there's a quorum. If a lobbyist or commissioner violated the policy, the communication would have to be disclosed. The County Attorney is currently working on this.

Sandy encourages program that provides new way to finance home energy-efficiency upgrades

The BOCC recently signaled that it wants to start a Property Assessed Clean Energy, or PACE, program that allows certain environmentally friendly improvements to be financed through a home or business property tax bill. "A lot of people are looking at energy savings when they're redoing their houses," Sandy said. "They're making costly home improvements, and they want energy savings, and I do believe that this could be very beneficial to those, and it will be their decision not ours."

Sandy spoke during Gov. Rick Scott's visit to Beneficial Blends to celebrate our economic development success in Hillsborough County.



Sandy named in Tampa Bay Business Journal's 'Power 100'

Sandra Murman has emerged as a leading voice on transportation in the region. Since Murman has been a commissioner, two tax initiatives failed. As a Republican, Murman's reluctance to support tax hikes wasn't surprising, but her immediate

commitment to finding alternative funding sources, boosting trust in government and then revisiting a referendum later was a step away from her party's transit stigma. Murman proposed using property tax revenue to fund more than \$700 million in improvements over the next decade. As a veteran county commissioner and a former

state representative who served as Florida's first female Speaker Pro-Tempore, Murman wields significant political muscle to garner support for long-neglected transportation and transit woes.

- Janelle Irwin, TBBJ



Commissioner Murman elected by peers as Vice Chairman of BOCC as she enters her third term

Commissioner Sandy Murman was recently elected by her colleagues to serve as Vice Chairman of the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners for 2016-17. She served as Chairman for 2014-15, and was Vice Chairman for three years before that. "I'm humbled and honored that my colleagues elected me to serve in this capacity again."



Vice Chairman Sandy Murman