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Two Pasco County Commissioners to visit White House

~~Part of the Florida County Commissioners' White House Conference on July 27~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The White House has invited all County Commissioners in the state of Florida to participate in the **Florida County Commissioners' White House Conference** on **Thursday, July 27, 2017**.

Pasco County Commissioners Kathryn Starkey and Jack Mariano will attend the event representing Pasco County Government and will relay information to the White House about projects important to the Board.

“There are several projects I would like to bring to the attention of the White House – projects that could stimulate economic growth,” said Pasco County Commissioner Kathryn Starkey. “The Overpass Road Interchange will need some federal funding to bring to a reality. Another project working its way through the permit process is the Ridge Road Extension. It would be nice to receive any help the White House can provide to speed up this process. Pasco County needs another hurricane evacuation route and east-west roadway.”

Other issues Starkey hopes to bring up include: Coastal Dredging, FEMA flood insurance issues and work force training in regards to manufacturing apprentices.

“We want to be sure that our residents and businesses are not hurt by any new FEMA regulations,” added Commissioner Starkey. “We want to help our citizens with flooding issues. This is a massive, costly issue and we are looking for help.”

“One of the issues I want to bring up to President Trump is to finish a dredge that was started 70 years ago near SunWest Park,” said Pasco County Commissioner Jack Mariano. “Pasco County has a project ready to go but we need Federal approval for the dredge so we can build seven boat ramps giving boaters additional access to the Gulf of Mexico. We’ve been working on permitting this project since August, 2007. I’m hoping the President can help speed this project along.”

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The conference is intended to help to develop a working relationship between the White House/ Federal Agencies and the County Commissioners of Florida. The conference schedule includes a tour of the White House, welcome reception, Florida County Commissioners' conference and post-conference reception.

This conference will serve as an opportunity for the White House to strengthen its relationship with Pasco County. The County Commissioners will be connected with appropriate officials from various federal agencies including the Department of Commerce, Department of Energy, FEMA, Department of State, White House Senior Staff and more.

For more information about the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners click on this link: <http://www.pascocountyfl.net/Index.aspx?NID=147>

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