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## **Sarasota County seeks applicants for new advisory committee**

The Sarasota County commissioners are advertising for volunteers to serve on a new affordable housing advisory committee.

During the May 13 county commission meeting, commissioners approved a resolution establishing a State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Affordable Housing Advisory Council as required by state law.

In 2007, the Florida Legislature passed legislation requiring counties and cities receiving SHIP funding to appoint an affordable housing advisory committee. The committee's purpose is to recommend incentives to the county commissioners for affordable housing.

Sarasota County is currently advertising for 11 committee members who are representatives of:

- Residential home building industry
- Banking or mortgage industry
- Home building labor force
- Advocate for low-income people
- Not-for-profit provider of affordable housing
- Real estate professional connected to affordable housing
- Local planning agency member
- Citizen residing within Sarasota County
- Citizen who represents employers
- Citizen who represents essential services personnel

Commissioners will consider appointments to the new advisory committee on June 11.

The deadline for applications is May 27. To apply, go to the county's Web site at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) and click on Advisory Boards and Councils. An advisory board application form is available in a pdf format with instructions for completion.