



**Office of the State Attorney
13th Judicial Circuit
Andrew H. Warren**

SAO13th Community Council

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PURPOSE

The SAO13th Community Council (“Council”) provides a platform for a diverse group of 20 residents and organization representatives of Hillsborough County to engage in candid discussions and provide community feedback pertaining to matters of criminal justice in Hillsborough County with an SAO13th representative, and gain information on policy, programs, and communication initiatives of the State Attorney’s Office. Members are expected to share ideas, interests, and concerns impacting their communities and/or organizations as it relates to criminal justice and reform. Members of the council serve as a liaison between the Hillsborough County State Attorney and the community by:

- being a proactive voice for the community in which they live or the organization they represent;
- becoming knowledgeable about and disseminating accurate information to the community on policy, procedures and functions of the State Attorney’s Office to increase understanding and awareness;
- bridging the gap and bringing awareness to the achievements and concerns of the community; and
- providing resourceful information that supports building a safer, stronger Hillsborough while promoting justice and fairness.

Council members must support the mission of SAO13th.

MEMBERSHIP

Council members are selected at the sole discretion of SAO13th. Members should be leaders and representatives of their communities within Hillsborough County or knowledgeable representatives of their respective organizations, and preference is given to a diverse membership that represents the many different communities and geographic locations within Hillsborough County. The membership is comprised as follows:

Membership Category	# of Representatives
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Residents	
Hillsborough County Resident	12
Organizations	
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Hillsborough County Branch	1
Council on American-Islamic Relations	1
Equality Florida	1
Hispanic Services Council	1
Faith in Florida	1
Safe & Sound Hillsborough	1
The Crisis Center	1
DACCO	1

Interested members will submit an application for membership on the Council in the form set forth on page 4, which can be found online at www.sao13th.com. Applicants are subject to a background check. Identified organizations are permitted to assign a representative member of the organization, which member will submit an application for membership. To remain active, members must:

- reside in Hillsborough County or be a current member and designated representative of an above-listed organization; and
- attend at least 4 meetings within a calendar year.

SAO13th has the right, at its sole discretion, to remove any member or organization from the Council, change the membership composition, change the number of members, and make any other changes to the Council membership.

Of the initial Council, 10 members will serve a 1-year term, and 10 members will serve a 2-year term. The members who serve the initial 1-year term will be selected at random or by voluntary offer upon commencement of the first Council meeting. Thereafter, all members will serve 2 year terms. Vacancies will be filled by SAO13th. Members cannot send alternates in their stead unless the alternate has submitted an application and received approval from SAO13th. Former members can re-apply for membership at any time.

MEETINGS

The Council meets **every other month** on the **fourth Tuesday**, except for the inaugural meeting, at the Office of the State Attorney, located at 419 N. Pierce Street, 2nd Floor, Tampa, FL 33602, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise designated by SAO13th.

2018 Meeting Dates:

April 10, 2018 *inaugural meeting
 May 22, 2018
 July 24, 2018
 September 25, 2018
 November 27, 2018

DISCLAIMERS

Confidential and Exempt Information - The Council will **not** discuss or be provided any confidential or exempt information on SAO13th cases or investigations as set forth in Florida Statutes.

Pending Cases - SAO13th employees are limited in the information they can share regarding open and pending SAO13th cases. The purpose of the Council is not to discuss specific cases, but rather criminal justice issues of importance to the community.

Public Records – Information shared and disseminated at the meeting may be subject to a public records request and public dissemination under Florida Statutes, Chapter 119.

SAO13TH POINTS OF CONTACT

For more information about the SAO13th Community Council, contact:

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Application for SAO13th Community Council

Applicant Information		
Date:	Name:	
Current Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Date of Birth:	SSN:	Phone:
Driver's License or ID Number:		
Are You a Hillsborough County Resident? Y/N	How long have you resided in Hillsborough?	
Occupation:	Current Employer:	
Do you support the mission of the State Attorney's Office, 13 th Judicial Circuit as written below? Y/N		
Tell us about your civic involvement:		
Why do you want to be a member of the Council?		
By signing and submitting this application, you are consenting to a background check. A criminal record does not automatically remove you from consideration of serving on the Council		
Signature of applicant:	Date:	
Submit application to: Office of State Attorney, 13 th Judicial Circuit c/o Policy and Communication 419 N. Pierce Street, 2 nd Floor, Tampa, Florida 33602-4022		

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