

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2013 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-116-2013  
 Proposed by The Chair (by request – County Executive)  
 Introduced by Council Members Harrison, Davis and Lehman  
 Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Introduction September 24, 2013

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Housing and Community Development

3 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

4 For the purpose of approving and adopting the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice  
 5 for Prince George's County.

6 WHEREAS, Sections 104(b)(2) and 106(d)(5) of the Housing and Community  
 7 Development Act of 1974, as amended, specifically require Community Development Block  
 8 Grant (CDBG) Program grantees to certify to "affirmatively further fair housing choice."  
 9 Furthermore, Congress reiterated this obligation in Section 105(b)(13) of the National Affordable  
 10 Housing Act of 1990; and

11 WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the County to update and submit the Analysis of  
 12 Impediments to Fair Housing Choice at least once every 5 years, consistent with the  
 13 Consolidated Plan cycle; and

14 WHEREAS, Mullin & Lonergan Associates, Inc. was retained as a reputable firm to  
 15 conduct the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice; and

16 WHEREAS, the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice is a review of a  
 17 jurisdiction's laws, regulations, and administrative policies, procedures, and practices affecting  
 18 the location, availability, and accessibility of housing, as well as an assessment of conditions,  
 19 both public and private, affecting fair housing choice; and

20 WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines an  
 21 impediment to fair housing planning choice as any actions, omissions, or decisions that restrict,  
 22 or have the effect of restricting, the availability of housing choices, based on race, color, religion,

1 sex, disability, familial status, or national origin; and

2 WHEREAS, persons residing in Maryland have greater protection under the Maryland  
3 Human Relations Act than under the Federal Fair Housing Act, which incorporates marital status  
4 and sexual orientation as part of housing discrimination; and

5 WHEREAS, Section 2-185 of the Prince George's County Code establishes the Human  
6 Relation Commission; more importantly, Section 2-185 extends protection from discrimination  
7 to include age, occupation, political opinion, and personal appearance; and

8 WHEREAS, The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice evaluated population,  
9 household, income and housing characteristics by protected classes; evaluated public and private  
10 sector policies that impact fair housing choice; identified blatant or de facto impediments to the  
11 fair housing choice, where any may have existed; and recommended specific strategies to  
12 overcome the effects of any identified impediments; and

13 WHEREAS, in order to continue to alleviate and eliminate the identified impediments  
14 within Prince George's County, a Fair Housing Action Plan was developed and will be reported  
15 in the County's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) each  
16 program year.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
18 County, Maryland, that the "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice," a copy of which  
19 shall be marked for identification by the Clerk of the County Council and maintained as a  
20 permanent record, is hereby approved, in accordance with the draft Analysis of Impediments to  
21 Fair Housing Choice, Attachment "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive or his designee is hereby  
23 authorized and empowered as the official representative of Prince George's County to submit the  
24 approved "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice" to HUD, along with all assurances  
25 contained therein, to act as necessary in connection with the submission, and to provide such  
26 additional information to HUD as may be required.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective as of the date of  
28 its adoption.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea C. Harrison  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

Note: Attachment A is available in hard copy only and as an Inclusion File in LIS.