

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2019 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-16-2019

Proposed by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Davis, Hawkins, Dernoga, Ivey, Taveras

Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Davis, Hawkins, Dernoga, Ivey, Taveras,
Harrison, Anderson-Walker and Streeter

Date of Introduction March 5, 2019

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup

3 For the purpose of establishing a Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup to assist the County
4 in setting priorities and implementing the Comprehensive Housing Strategy report for Prince
5 George's County; to provide advice on any proposed legislation and/or changes being considered
6 by the County to existing policies and legislation and to recommend possible changes for
7 consideration by the County to the County's policies, regulations, procedures, and distribution of
8 County resources; and generally relating to housing in the County.

9 WHEREAS, developing an effective housing policy, which would be comprised of
10 strategies that develop housing for all, benefits the health, social, and economic development of
11 our entire County; and

12 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council established, by Council Resolution (CR-
13 13-2016), a Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad-Hoc Housing Subcommittee to work with the
14 Department of Housing and Community Development, consultants and citizen advisory groups
15 to initiate and develop a Comprehensive Housing Strategy for the County; and

16 WHEREAS the goals of the Ad-Hoc Housing Subcommittee were to provide a variety of
17 quality and diverse housing choices to meet existing and future needs of a diverse population and
18 demographic; evaluate existing housing policy and program tools for effectiveness; provide
19 quality, secure, long-term affordable and workforce rental housing through strategic new
20 development and redevelopment; promote and support provision of affordable and workforce
21 home purchase opportunities for County residents and workers; increase homeownership
22 opportunities, develop strategies that promote regional housing collaboration and coordination as

1 well as consider the unique housing and fiscal challenges in Prince George's County; and
2 promote and encourage sustainable and vibrant communities, thriving families and housing
3 options for all; and

4 WHEREAS, after working with stakeholders over a twenty-four (24) month period, a
5 County Comprehensive Housing Strategy Report, titled "*Housing Opportunity for All*", (herein
6 "Report") was developed and was finalized in March 2019; and

7 WHEREAS, Prince George's County has become a key location for the relocation or
8 expansion sites of several key federal agencies and high value economic development activities,
9 all which will have a direct effect on short and long-term job creation, whereby diverse
10 affordable housing is needed to house potential employees; and

11 WHEREAS, Prince George's County has significant land opportunities, transit-oriented
12 development sites and a diverse housing stock at prices less than neighboring jurisdictions; and

13 WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Retail Market Strategic Plan recognized the need for
14 housing in strategic locations to support high-quality retail and the Approved County General
15 Plan 2035 identified the need for different housing types to support mixed-use walkable
16 neighborhoods; and

17 WHEREAS, Prince George's County continues to experience challenges including
18 foreclosures and shortages of quality affordable and workforce housing; and

19 WHEREAS, there is value in having a Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup to assist
20 the County with the creation and monitoring of a Countywide Housing Policy, to provide
21 guidance and assistance with implementing comprehensive strategies to promote and preserve
22 housing for all; to provide guidance and innovation in financing tools and the re-distribution of
23 County resources, promote strategies for equitable access to healthcare, education, jobs, and
24 transportation; and to assist the County assess barriers to fair, affordable, diverse and quality
25 housing opportunities to meet existing and future needs for the County's diverse population.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
27 County, Maryland, that the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup is hereby established to
28 assist the County monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Comprehensive Housing Strategy
29 and implementing the strategies thereof.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup will
31 have an initial term of two (2) years from the date of adoption of this Resolution. If determined

1 advantageous and desirable, the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup may be reauthorized
 2 in subsequent years by Council Resolution. The Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup shall
 3 meet at least on a quarterly basis, unless otherwise required by the County Council or as deemed
 4 appropriate by the Co-Chairs of the Workgroup.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup shall be
 6 composed of nineteen (19) members, as follows:

- 7 1. The Chair of the Prince George's County Council or the Chair's designee; and
- 8 2. The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development or their
 9 designee who will serve as Co-Chair of the Comprehensive Housing Workgroup; and
- 10 3. The President and CEO of the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce or their
 11 designee; and
- 12 4. The President and CEO of the Prince George's Economic Development Corporation,
 13 or their designee; and
- 14 5. The Director of the Prince George's Department of Social Services, or their designee;
 15 and
- 16 6. The Director of Prince George's County Department of Planning or their designee; and
- 17 7. The Chairman of the Board of the Prince George's County Housing Authority or their
 18 designee; and
- 19 8. One (1) Representative from each of the following Organizations: Prince George's
 20 County Association of Realtors (PGCAR); CASA de Maryland (CASA); Prince George's
 21 County Municipal Association (PGCMA); Maryland Building Industry Association – Prince
 22 George's Chapter (MBIA); Apartment and Office Building Association (AOBA); and the City of
 23 Bowie (the County's Fair Housing partner); and
- 24 9. One (1) Representative from each category of the following areas, jointly selected by
 25 the County Executive and County Council Chair: Senior Community, Non-Profit/Faith
 26 Community, Housing Advocacy Organization, Disability Community; Non-profit housing
 27 developer and "For-profit" Developer.

28 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that appointment of members shall be completed within 30
 29 days after the adoption of this Resolution.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should either member listed above cannot serve in
 31 their full capacity, the agency/organization should provide a replacement within 30 days.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator and the Department of
2 Housing and Community Development shall assign appropriate technical and administrative
3 support staff, or contract for policy support as necessary, to assist the Housing Opportunities for
4 All Workgroup in its work.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup will use
6 the existing Report and other data resources to create the framework of a housing policy; will
7 create benchmarks that will be monitored and distributed in a transparent manner; and provide
8 quarterly updates of the benchmarks and strategies to the County Council and submit an annual
9 report by January 1st of each year outlining activities, status of implementation and
10 recommendations to be used for incorporation within the upcoming budget and calendar year.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2019.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Todd M. Turner
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council