

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2021 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-21-2021

Proposed by Council Member Glaros

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

Date of Introduction March 2, 2021

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup – Extension of Term, Additional Members and  
 3 Advice on Creation of Permanent Stakeholder Body to Generate Housing Policy and Resolve  
 4 Housing Related Issues

5 For the purpose of extending the term of the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup which  
 6 was established to assist the County in setting priorities and implementing the Comprehensive  
 7 Housing Strategy Report for Prince George's County; to provide advice on any proposed  
 8 legislation and/or changes being considered by the County to existing policies and legislation  
 9 and to recommend possible changes for consideration by the County to the County's policies,  
 10 regulations, procedures, and distribution of County resources; to extend the due date of the  
 11 workgroup's annual report; adding members to the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup;  
 12 adding the responsibility of advising on the creation of a permanent stakeholder body to generate  
 13 housing policy and resolve housing related issues; and generally relating to housing issues in  
 14 Prince George's County.

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Prince George's County has become a key location for the relocation or  
 22 expansion sites of several key federal agencies and high value economic development activities,

1 all which will have a direct effect on short and long-term job creation, whereby diverse  
2 affordable housing is needed to house potential employees; and

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

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

9 WHEREAS, Prince George's County continues to experience challenges including, but not  
10 limited to, foreclosures and shortages of quality affordable and workforce housing; and

11 WHEREAS, there continues to be great value in having a Housing Opportunities for All  
12 Workgroup to further assist the County with the creation, implementation and monitoring of a  
13 Countywide Housing Policy, to provide guidance and assistance with implementing  
14 comprehensive strategies to promote and preserve housing for all; to provide guidance and  
15 innovation in financing tools and the re-distribution of County resources, promote strategies for  
16 equitable access to healthcare, education, jobs, and transportation; and to assist the County to  
17 assess barriers to fair, affordable, diverse and quality housing opportunities to meet existing and  
18 future needs for the County's diverse population.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
20 County, Maryland, that the initial term of the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup is  
21 hereby extended an additional period of time, until March 31, 2022, to assist the County monitor  
22 and evaluate the effectiveness of the Comprehensive Housing Strategy and continue to  
23 implement the strategies thereof.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup shall be  
25 comprised of all of the members from the CR-16-2019 Resolution with the addition of the  
26 Director of the Department of Permitting Inspections and Enforcement, or the designee; and a  
27 representative from Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. or Community Legal Services of Prince  
28 George's County, Inc.; and a representative from an immigrant/cultural group as designated by  
29 the Workgroup co-chairs.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup shall  
31 have the additional responsibility of advising on the creation of a permanent stakeholder body

1 (e.g., Housing Advisory Commission) to generate housing policy and resolve housing related  
2 issues.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a final report shall be due to the Prince George's  
4 County Council by March 31, 2022.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council