

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2016 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-13-2016

Proposed by Council Member Davis

Introduced by Council Members Davis, Lehman, Harrison, Turner, Glaros and Taveras

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction March 8, 2016

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2                                   Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad Hoc Subcommittee

3 For the purpose of establishing a Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad Hoc Subcommittee to  
4 develop a Comprehensive Housing Strategy for Prince George's County.

5           WHEREAS, quality housing defines the heart and soul of a community and is critical to  
6 the well-being of residents, families and the County; and

7           WHEREAS, the economic, social, and environmental vitality of a community is  
8 enhanced when residents and families are attracted and retained and housing needs are served;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, Prince George's County has become a key location for the relocation or  
11 expansion sites of several key federal agencies and high value economic development activities,  
12 all which will have a direct effect on short and long term job creation; and

13           WHEREAS, the Great Recession, changing population growth trends and needs, and  
14 housing market conditions necessitate comprehensive housing strategies that reflect all income  
15 levels, populations, demographics, needs and other key neighborhood indicators; and

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

18           WHEREAS, Prince George's County is experiencing foreclosures, depressed property  
19 values, structural budget deficits, out-migration of higher income residents, job losses,  
20 homelessness, as well as population growth and shortages of quality affordable and workforce  
21 housing; and

1           WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council has determined that a special ad hoc  
2 subcommittee is needed to assess current and future housing needs; consider barriers to home  
3 ownership and affordability; regional realities, existing strategies as well as unique local housing  
4 and fiscal challenges in Prince George's County; and

5           WHEREAS, the goals of the Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad Hoc Subcommittee  
6 are to provide a variety of quality and diverse housing choices to meet existing and future needs  
7 of a diverse population and demographic; evaluate existing housing policy and program tools for  
8 effectiveness; provide quality, secure, long-term affordable and workforce rental housing  
9 through strategic new development and redevelopment; promote and support provision of  
10 affordable and workforce home purchase opportunities for County residents and workers;  
11 increase homeownership opportunities, develop strategies that promote regional housing  
12 collaboration and coordination as well as consider the unique housing and fiscal challenges in  
13 Prince George's County; and promote and encourage sustainable and vibrant communities,  
14 energy efficiency, thriving families and housing options for all; and

15           WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad Hoc Subcommittee shall guide  
16 this effort, recommend a Comprehensive Housing Strategy and build consensus among council  
17 members, regional partners and stakeholders around policies considering the County, state and  
18 regional economies, our transportation network and where Prince George's County fits in the  
19 future of the Greater Washington-Baltimore region.

20           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
21 County, Maryland, that the Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad Hoc Subcommittee shall be  
22 comprised of five members: the Chair and one member of the Transportation, Housing, and  
23 Environment Committee; and the Chair and one member of the Planning, Zoning and Economic  
24 Development Committee and the Chair of the Prince George's County Council. Chairs of the  
25 respective committees shall serve as co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Housing and Community  
27 Development, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Public  
28 Works and Transportation, Department of Family Services, Department of Social Services,  
29 Redevelopment Authority, Human Relations Commission, Health Department, Economic  
30 Development Corporation, Prince George's County Association of Realtors and other entities  
31 and organizations may participate in this work as requested by the Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad Hoc  
2 Subcommittee may convene an Advisory Workgroup of public, non-profit, regional and industry  
3 stakeholders and academic and philanthropic funders to assist the Ad Hoc subcommittee.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator shall provide appropriate  
5 staff to support the Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad Hoc Subcommittee in its work.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad Hoc  
7 Subcommittee shall provide a preliminary report to the Prince George's County Council on or  
8 before December 1, 2016 and a final report on or before October 31, 2017.

Adopted this 8th day of March, 2016.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Derrick Leon Davis  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council