

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 19, 2016

The Honorable Derrick Leon Davis Chairman Prince George's County Council County Administration Building Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Davis:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Resolution for the purpose of amending the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2016 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by adding the Arnold Gardens project, an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan. Additionally, this Resolution will amend the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan by reprogramming and reallocating nine hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$975,000) in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds from the FY 2014 and FY 2016 Annual Action Plans to support the Arnold Gardens project.

The Arnold Gardens project involves the acquisition and rehabilitation of sixty-eight (68) apartment units for families, located at 2521 Ewing Avenue in Suitland, Maryland. Arnold Gardens is under a Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Contract, pursuant to Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937, which applies to fifty-five (55) of the sixty-eight (68) units. The term of the contract will be extended by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for an additional twenty (20) years. The remaining thirteen (13) units will be restricted to income-qualified families under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program.

This Resolution requires at least one public hearing because each of the proposed amendments to the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan would constitute a "substantial change" under the FY 2016-2020 County Citizen Participation Plan.

The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office or Eric C. Brown, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development at (301) 883-5531.

Sincerely,

Rushern L. Baker, III County Executive

Enclosures