

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CR-093-2024
Draft No.:	1
Committee:	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Date:	10/22/2024
Action:	FAVORABLE

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable, 9-0 (In favor: Chair Ivey, Council Members Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson, Oriadha, and Watson)

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on October 22, 2024, to consider CR-093-2024. The PHED Committee Director summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the Committee of written comments received on referral. As presented on October 1, 2024, the resolution creates a Community Housing Trust Task Force to focus on the actions needed to establish a Community Housing Trust in the County in order to make more affordable housing opportunities for County residents, providing for the membership of the Task Force; providing for certain research and policy recommendations and report; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; and generally regarding Community Housing Trusts.

The Budget and Policy Analysis Division provided a fiscal and policy note stating that CR-093-2024 will likely have a slight adverse fiscal impact, requiring some administrative expenditures for staffing and technical supplies for operations. As with other council-created task forces, this additional cost is expected to be absorbed by the existing legislative branch budget.

The indirect fiscal impact will be favorable because a Community Housing Trust would create an affordable housing tool to provide homeownership opportunities to low-income residents.

The policy and fiscal note listed two questions for the Council Committee of the Whole's consideration. The questions are as follows:

1. Is this a duplicative action since the Comprehensive Housing Strategy has already researched what it takes to establish a Community Housing Trust?
2. What further research will be necessary to carry this through?

Ms. Sakinda Skinner, County Council Liaison with the County Executive's Office, stated that the Administration supports CR-093-2024.

On motion of Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Watson, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted 9-0 favorably on CR-093-2024.