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The Honorable Todd M. Turner
Chair
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Turner:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is DRAFT 2 of a Resolution for the purpose of approving and adopting the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2021 – 2025 Consolidated Plan for Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD"). The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), Office of Community Planning and Development ("CPD"), requires Prince George's County, as a recipient of federal entitlement grant funds, to develop a Consolidated Plan every five (5) years.

Specifically, Prince George's County is the recipient of funds under three (3) federal entitlement programs covered by the Consolidated Plan, including the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program, HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") Program. As such, HUD requires that as part of the Consolidated Plan, the County must conduct a Housing Needs Assessment, Homeless Needs Assessment, Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment, Non-Housing Community and Economic Development Needs Assessment, and a Housing Market Analysis.

These Consolidated Plan requirements are designed to assist states and local jurisdictions in evaluating their affordable housing, community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. Additionally, the consolidated planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue which identifies housing and community development priorities for utilizing HUD funding.

In an effort to fulfill the HUD requirements, citizens, government agency representatives, and interested nonprofit and for-profit organizations were invited to present their views and concerns on the issues affecting the low and moderate-income households, homeless populations, and non-homeless special needs populations. Based on the required needs assessments and consultations, the County determined the priority needs and identified goals through a five (5) year strategic plan for housing, homelessness, special needs populations, and community and economic development.

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Additionally, the Consolidated Plan identifies federal, state and local resources expected to be available for the next five (5) years and the institutional structure in which the Consolidated Plan will be implemented. The Plan outlines measures to improve housing opportunities by creating and preserving affordable housing, increase economic development, prevent homelessness, reduce the hazards of lead-based paint, address the needs of public housing, present an anti-poverty strategy, invest in public services, and meet the needs of persons with special needs. Further, the Consolidated Plan estimates the amount of federal entitlement funds projected for proposed housing and community development activities in order to achieve the goals and carry out the objectives over a five (5) year period.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures