



March 18, 2021

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins II
Chair
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Hawkins:

Pursuant to County Resolution, CR-16-2019, "Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup" was established to assist with the implementation of *Housing Opportunity for All*, the comprehensive housing strategy for Prince George's County. The workgroup is tasked to help set priorities; provide advice on proposed legislation related to housing; and recommend possible changes to policies, programs, procedures, or resources related to housing.

In accordance with the legislation, The Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup must provide a report to County Council annually summarizing its activities, implementation status of *Housing Opportunity for All*, and policy and budget recommendations for the upcoming year. The global pandemic affected the meeting format, frequency, and duration of the workgroup. Per CB-10-2020, the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup did not meet from March to August 2020. The workgroup re-started meeting remotely via GoToMeeting in September 2020. The workgroup met six times between September 2020 and February 2021 to identify the policy and budget matters to focus on for the remainder of 2020. Workgroup members, in collaboration with audience members, identified a focus on supporting tenants (and by extension landlords) at their September 2020 meeting and refined that focus as part of their remaining meetings.

The workgroup is pleased to share its second report with the County Executive and County Council. This report has three sections:

1. **Implementation update on *Housing Opportunity for All*** – This section provides an overview of actions in *Housing Opportunity for All* that are currently being implemented (as of January 2021).

2. **Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup activities** – This section summarizes the workgroup’s primary activities and accomplishments, from when the workgroup started meeting for its second cycle in September through December 2020.
3. **Recommendations for Prince George’s County Executive and County Council in 2021** – This section recommends policy and budget actions that would respond to urgent and unmet needs among tenants affected by COVID-19 and its impacts in early 2021 and longer-term actions to create a more resilient housing system in alignment with *Housing Opportunity for All*.

If you have any questions or concerns with the content of this report, please contact Dannielle Glaros, Prince George’s County Councilmember (District 3) and Chairwoman of the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Council Subcommittee at 301-952-3060 or DMGlaros@co.pg.md.us, or Aspasia Xypolia, Acting Director, Department of Housing and Community Development at 301-883-5531 or AXypolia@co.pg.md.us to discuss the matter.

Sincerely,



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