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County Executive

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 15, 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 Fiscal Year ("FY") 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development and FY 2016 Annual Action Plan by including the Section 3 Action Plan.

Pursuant to Subtitle 15A of the Prince George's County Code, the County Executive shall prepare on behalf of Prince George's County and submit to the County Council for approval: (1) a Five Year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan; (2) an Annual Action Plan and Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds; and (3) a Section 3 Action Plan, to implement Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended ("Section 3").

The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") financial assistance shall, to the "greatest extent feasible," and consistent with existing federal, state, and local laws and regulations, be directed to low and very low-income persons living in Prince George's County. In particular, HUD financial assistance shall be directed to: (1) recipients of government assistance for housing, and (2) business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low and very low-income persons.

The Section 3 Action Plan addresses policies and procedures for all HUD covered activities including: programs with multiple contracts; contracts which include HUD funding for public or residential construction projects; professional service activities generated by construction, such as roads, sewers, sidewalks, and community centers; and all public housing authority covered activities such as maintenance, development, modernization, and operations.

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The Section 3 Action Plan is designed to address unemployment, underemployment, and economic poverty. Section 3 requirements apply to HUD grantees and all contractors and subcontractors performing work in connection with projects and activities funded by federal housing and community development assistance covered by Section 3. The enactment of a Section 3 Action Plan is not a requirement of Section 3; however, it is a tool to assist jurisdictions in facilitating its implementation.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rushern L. Baker, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Enclosures