PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2022 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-086-2022

Draft No.: 1

Committee: PLANNING, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 9/21/2022

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, and Turner)

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee convened on September 21, 2022, to consider CB-86-2022. The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee Director summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the Committee of written comments received on referral. This legislation was transmitted by the County Executive for the Council's consideration for the purpose of establishing a Housing Policy and Implementation Advisory Board as recommended by the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup.

Council Member Glaros and Department of Housing and Community Development Director Aspasia Xypolia were available for questions on the legislation.

The Office of Audits and Investigations (A&I) provided a September 14, 2022, Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement indicating enactment of CB-86-2022 should have only a small direct adverse fiscal impact on the County for administrative costs, as Board members shall take no compensation other than reimbursements for travel expenses performed while on duty. Inasmuch as the Board is successful in guiding housing policy to "attract new residents, including millennials & families, employers, and developers" into the County, with an attendant increase in economic activity, there could be a favorable indirect fiscal impact on the County.

Melissa Bondi with Enterprise and Cheryl Cort, Coalition for Smarter Growth, submitted letters in support of the legislation. Maryann Dillon, Housing Initiative Partnership, provided an eComment in support. Ms. Cort also testified in support.

On a motion by Council Member Glaros and second by Council Member Turner, the Committee voted favorable on CB-86-2022 Draft-1.