COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND 2019 Legislative Session

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	Resolution No. CR-46-2019	
	Proposed by The Chair (by request – County Executive)	
	Introduced by Council Members Turner, Ivey, Harrison, Anderson-Walker, Davis	
	Streeter, Glaros, Dernoga and Taveras	
	Date of Introduction June 4, 2019	
	RESOLUTION	
1	A RESOLUTION concerning	
2	Housing and Community Development	
3	Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	
4	For the purpose of approving and adopting the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice)
5	for Prince George's County – 2019 Update.	
6	WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) states that it is the	
7	policy of the United States to provide fair housing throughout the country. Specifically, Section	ì
8	808(e)(5) of the Act requires the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and	
9	Urban Development (HUD) to administer the Department's housing and urban development	
10	programs in a manner to "affirmatively further fair housing;" and	
11	WHEREAS, Sections 104(b)(2) and 106(d)(5) of the Housing and Community	
12	Development Act of 1974, as amended, specifically require Community Development Block	
13	Grant (CDBG) Program grantees to certify to "affirmatively further fair housing choice."	
14	Furthermore, Congress reiterated this obligation in Section 105(b)(13) of the National Affordable	le
15	Housing Act of 1990; and	
16	WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the County to update and submit the Analysis of	
17	Impediments to Fair Housing Choice at least once every three (3) to five (5) years, consistent	
18	with its Consolidated Plan cycle; and	
19	WHEREAS, the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice is a review of a	
20	jurisdiction's laws, regulations, and administrative policies, procedures, and practices affecting	
21	the location, availability, and accessibility of housing, as well as an assessment of conditions,	
22	both public and private, affecting fair housing choice; and	

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines an impediment to fair housing choice as any actions, omissions, or decisions that restrict, or have the effect of restricting, the availability of housing choices, based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, persons residing in Maryland have greater protection under the Maryland Human Relations Act than under the Federal Fair Housing Act, which incorporates marital status and sexual orientation as part of housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-185 of the Prince George's County Code establishes the Human Relation Commission; more importantly, Section 2-185 extends protection from discrimination to include age, occupation, political opinion, and personal appearance; and

WHEREAS, the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for Prince George's County – 2019 Update evaluated population, household, income and housing characteristics by protected classes; evaluated public and private sector policies that impact fair housing choice; identified blatant or de facto impediments to the fair housing choice, where any may have existed; and recommended specific strategies to overcome the effects of any identified impediments; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to alleviate and eliminate the identified impediments within Prince George's County, a Fair Housing Action Plan was developed and will be reported in the County's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) each program year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice – 2019 Update," a copy of which shall be marked for identification by the Clerk of the County Council and maintained as a permanent record, is hereby approved, in accordance with the draft Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice – 2019 Update, Attachment "A," attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this Resolution, it shall be transmitted to the County Executive by the Clerk of the Council, and that the County Executive or his designee is hereby authorized and empowered as the official representative of Prince George's County to submit the approved "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for Prince George's County – 2019 Update" to HUD, along with all assurances contained therein, to

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1 act as necessary in connection with the submission, and to provide such additional information to

HUD as may be required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective as of the date of its adoption.

Adopted this <u>23rd</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2019.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown Acting Clerk of the Council

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