PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2019 Legislative Session

Reference No.: Appointment: Director of the Department of Housing and

Community Development

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 10/22/2019

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 11-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Davis, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter, and Taveras)

The Committee of the Whole convened on October 22, 2019 to consider the appointment of Ms. Estella Alexander to the position of Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Prior to serving as Acting Director of DHCD, Ms. Alexander served as Deputy Director from 2011-2018.

Ms. Alexander has over twenty-five years of experience working with housing authorities, community development organizations and other entities pertaining to neighborhood revitalization projects, real estate development, affordable housing, program management and operations.

Ms. Alexander received her undergraduate degree from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts and a Master of Science degree in Urban Planning from Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation, New York.

During the Committee of the Whole, Ms. Alexander spoke about her work at DHCD to reposition the three departments within the agency to improve and participate in initiatives and programs for the betterment of economic development in Prince George's County. Various Council members spoke highly of Ms. Alexander's management and leadership at the Department of Housing and Community Development during her tenure with the agency.

After discussion, the County Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, voted the appointment of Estella Alexander out favorably to the Council, 11-0.