

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-093-2020

**Draft No.:** 1

**Committee:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Date:** 10/29/2020

**Action:** FAV

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 10-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras)

The Committee of the Whole convened on October 29, 2020 to discuss CR-93-2020, a Resolution for the purpose of amending the Prince George's County Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan for the Department of Housing and Community Development by adding the United Communities Against Poverty, Inc.'s (UCAP) Neighborhood Development Program project, an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan. Additionally, this Resolution will amend the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan by reallocating and committing one hundred, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) in HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Community Housing Development Organization funds from the FY 2019 Annual Action plan to support the project.

The Neighborhood Development Program project involves the rehabilitation and resale of one vacant distressed home to an income-eligible first-time homebuyer, located at 1904 Campbell Drive, Suitland, Maryland 20746. This home will be acquired, rehabilitated and resold by United Communities Against Poverty, Inc. As required by the FY 2021-2025 County Citizen Participation Plan, and described in the County's FY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, a public hearing was held on CR-93-2020 on October 13, 2020.

Ms. Estella Alexander, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development gave a brief overview of the purpose of the resolution and introduced Ms. Richelle Jackson, Senior Director of Housing Development with UCAP. Ms. Jackson briefly summarized UCAP's mission and program and provided a PowerPoint presentation with details and photographs of the rehabilitation project at 1904 Campbell Drive.

The Office of Law reviewed CR-93-2020 and found it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption. The Office of Audits and Investigations submitted a Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement dated October 28, 2020 which indicated that adoption of CR-93-2020 would represent no direct fiscal impact to the County Expenditures as the \$125,000 funds proposed to support this project are being re-allocated from activities under the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan. Adoption of CR-93-2020 may promote positive indirect impact through

community improvement by the rehabilitation and resale of a vacant distressed property, which may contribute to higher property tax assessments of both the property and within the neighborhood. Also, over time, adoption of CR-93-2020 could represent a positive impact on the County's revenue in the form of program income from repayment of the HOME loan funds, which can be reinvested in other projects.

Following the presentation, and Ms. Jackson's responses to Council Members' questions, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable, 10-0, on CR-93-2020 Draft-1.