

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

Resolution No. CR-16-2019

Proposed by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Davis, Hawkins, Dernoga, Ivey, Taveras

Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Davis, Hawkins, Dernoga, Ivey, Taveras,  
Harrison, Anderson-Walker and Streeter

Date of Introduction March 5, 2019

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup

3 For the purpose of establishing a Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup to assist the County  
4 in setting priorities and implementing the Comprehensive Housing Strategy report for Prince  
5 George's County; to provide advice on any proposed legislation and/or changes being considered  
6 by the County to existing policies and legislation and to recommend possible changes for  
7 consideration by the County to the County's policies, regulations, procedures, and distribution of  
8 County resources; and generally relating to housing in the County.

9 WHEREAS, developing an effective housing policy, which would be comprised of  
10 strategies that develop housing for all, benefits the healthy, social, and economic development of  
11 our entire County; and

12 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council established, by Council Resolution (CR-  
13 13-2016), a Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad-Hoc Housing Subcommittee to work with the  
14 Department of Housing and Community Development, consultants and citizen advisory groups  
15 to initiate and develop a Comprehensive Housing Strategy for the County; and

16 WHEREAS the goals of the Ad-Hoc Housing Subcommittee were to provide a variety of  
17 quality and diverse housing choices to meet existing and future needs of a diverse population and  
18 demographic; evaluate existing housing policy and program tools for effectiveness; provide  
19 quality, secure, long-term affordable and workforce rental housing through strategic new  
20 development and redevelopment; promote and support provision of affordable and workforce  
21 home purchase opportunities for County residents and workers; increase homeownership

1 opportunities, develop strategies that promote regional housing collaboration and coordination as  
2 well as consider the unique housing and fiscal challenges in Prince George's County; and  
3 promote and encourage sustainable and vibrant communities, thriving families and housing  
4 options for all; and

5 WHEREAS, after working with stakeholders over a twenty-four (24) month period, a  
6 County Comprehensive Housing Strategy Report, titled "*Housing Opportunities for All*",  
7 (herein "Report") was developed and will be finalized in March 2019; and

8 WHEREAS, Prince George's County has become a key location for the relocation or  
9 expansion sites of several key federal agencies and high value economic development activities,  
10 all which will have a direct effect on short and long-term job creation, whereby diverse  
11 affordable housing is needed to house potential employees; and

12 WHEREAS, Prince George's County has significant land opportunities, transit-oriented  
13 development sites and a diverse housing stock at prices less than neighboring jurisdictions; and

14 WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Retail Market Strategic Plan recognized the need for  
15 housing in strategic locations to support high-quality retail and the Approved County General  
16 Plan 2035 identified the need for different housing types to support mixed-use walkable  
17 neighborhoods; and

18 WHEREAS, Prince George's County continues to experience challenges including  
19 foreclosures and shortages of quality affordable and workforce housing; and

20 WHEREAS, there is value in having a Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup to assist  
21 the County with the creation and monitoring of a County-wide Housing Policy, and provide  
22 guidance and assistance with implementing comprehensive strategies to promote and preserve  
23 housing for all; provide guidance and innovation in financing tools and re-distribution of County  
24 resources, promote strategies for equitable access to healthcare, education, jobs, and  
25 transportation; and assist the County assess barriers to fair, affordable, diverse and quality  
26 housing opportunities to meet existing and future needs for the County's diverse population; and

27 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter provides that the Council may appoint, for  
28 designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall  
29 assist in the coordination of County policies and programs.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
31 County, Maryland, that the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup is hereby established to

1 assist the County monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Comprehensive Housing Strategy  
2 and implementing the strategies thereof.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup will  
4 have an initial term of two (2) years from the date of adoption of this Resolution. If determined  
5 advantageous and desirable, the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup may be reauthorized  
6 in subsequent years by Council Resolution. The Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup shall  
7 meet at least on a quarterly basis, unless otherwise required by the County Council or as deemed  
8 appropriate by the Co-Chairs of the Workgroup.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup shall be  
10 composed of eighteen (18) members, as follows:

- 11 1. The Chair of the Prince George's County Council or the Chair's designee; and
- 12 2. The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development or their  
13 designee who will serve as Co-Chair of the Comprehensive Housing Workgroup; and
- 14 3. The President and CEO of the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce or their  
15 designee; and
- 16 4. The President and CEO of the Prince George's Economic Development Corporation,  
17 or their designee; and
- 18 5. The Director of the Prince George's Department of Social Services, or their designee;  
19 and
- 20 6. The Director of Prince George's County Department of Planning or their designee; and
- 21 7. The Chairman of the Board of the Prince George's County Housing Authority or their  
22 designee; and
- 23 8. One (1) Representative from each of the following Organizations: Housing Initiative  
24 Partnership (HIP); Prince George's County Association of Realtors (PGCAR); CASA de  
25 Maryland (CASA); Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA); Maryland  
26 Building Industry Association – Prince George's Chapter (MBIA); Disability Rights Maryland;  
27 and the City of Bowie (the County's Fair Housing partner); and
- 28 9. One (1) Representative from each category of the following areas: Senior Community,  
29 Non-Profit/Faith Community, Housing Advocacy Organization and a Developer.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appointment of members shall be completed within 30  
31 days after the adoption of this Resolution.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should either member listed above cannot serve in  
2 their full capacity, the agency/organization should provide a replacement within 30 days.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator and the Department of  
4 Housing and Community Development shall assign appropriate technical and administrative  
5 support staff, or contract as needed for policy support, to assist the Housing Opportunities for All  
6 Workgroup in its work.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup will use  
8 the existing Report and other data resources to create the framework of a housing policy; will  
9 create benchmarks that will be monitored and distributed in a transparent manner; and provide  
10 quarterly updates of the benchmarks and strategies to the County Council and submit an annual  
11 report by January 1st of each year outlining activities, status of implementation and  
12 recommendations to be used for incorporation for upcoming budget and calendar year.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd M. Turner  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council