

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, N.E.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE FINDINGS IN THE REPORT *HOUSING SECURITY IN THE WASHINGTON REGION*
AND TO ENCOURAGE REGIONAL HOUSING DIRECTORS TO SHARE THE FINDINGS WITH OTHER RELEVANT
ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF TO INFORM FUTURE HOUSING POLICY DECISIONS**

Whereas, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) partnered with The Community Foundation of the National Capital Region (“The Community Foundation”) as a subcontractor to The Urban Institute to conduct a comprehensive study of the region’s continuum of housing needs, from homelessness to homeownership; and

Whereas, members of COG’s Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee and COG’s Housing Directors Advisory Committee provided critical data and insights for the production of this study, including a jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction analysis of how housing policies and programs are funded by the public and philanthropic sectors; and

Whereas, COG’s Housing Committees, The Urban Institute and The Community Foundation are committed to gathering, analyzing and sharing data regarding affordable housing to support regional solutions to the Washington area’s housing needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT:

1. The Board supports and encourages wide dissemination of the report, “*Housing Security in the Washington Region*” to better inform current housing investment strategies and policies.
2. The Board commends The Community Foundation for commissioning this comprehensive and informative housing study for our region.
3. The Board commends The Urban Institute and COG’s Housing Committees’ expertise and efforts in producing this important study.
4. The Study identifies many important gaps in the housing continuum that highlight the acute need for more affordable housing in the Washington region.
5. The Board encourages the continued formation of effective partnerships between the public sector, philanthropy, the business sector and other private and non-profit organizations to develop effective strategies and sustainable funding mechanisms to address the critical need for more affordable housing in the region.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on November 12, 2014.

***Monica Beyrouti
Clerk to the Board of Directors***