

# COG HOUSING DIRECTORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 17, 2021 Meeting



Metropolitan Washington  
Council of Governments

# Agenda

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## 1. Welcome, Introduction & Announcements

- *Dana Lewis, Co-Chair*
  - HDAC Co-Chair transition in January 2022
  - HAP grant program approval by COG Board of Directors
  - 2022 COG legislative priorities
  - Upcoming regional fair housing stakeholder meetings & public forums

## 2. Eviction Prevention Regional Series Part 2: Maryland Focus

- *Jessica Quincosa, Executive Director, Co & Kayla Williams, Staff Attorney, Community Legal Services of Prince George's County*

## 3. Eviction Prevention Regional Series Part 3: District of Columbia Focus

- *Marian Siegel, Executive Director, Housing Counseling Services*

## 4. 2020 Multifamily Construction Report

- *John Kent, COG Regional Planner*

## 5. Adjourn

# COG 2022 Legislative Priorities

Hilary Chapman, COG staff

## Support Efforts to Equitably Increase the Supply of Housing and Promote Housing Affordability

Support legislation and programs (such as expansion of the nine percent Low Income Housing Tax Credit allocation and increased HOME funding) to preserve and increase the supply of housing and housing choices to address the full spectrum of needs in our region. Ensure that a sufficient supply of housing is preserved and created that provides a diverse range of housing units, including size and price points that are affordable for our region's residents in regional Activity Centers. Encourage innovative regulatory reforms that result in the production of a greater variety of housing types and eliminate exclusionary zoning practices. Support legislation, policies, and practices that increase access to opportunity, reverse segregation, and create inclusive communities in concert with efforts to increase supply overall. Support expanding funding for renters, landlords, and moderate-income homeowners during the pandemic and resulting economic recession to keep people stably housed and prevent an eviction and foreclosure crisis.

## Support Efforts to End the Experience of Homelessness

Work with federal, state, and local Continuums of Care throughout the region to ensure that the experience of homelessness is rare, brief, and nonrecurring through implementation of a racial equity - informed "Housing First" approach. Support increasing the supply of supportive housing with wrap-around services that promote housing stability and independent living. Voice the need for additional HUD funding for Housing Choice Vouchers to meet the need for permanent housing options and to protect vulnerable residents from contracting COVID-19 during the pandemic. Support continued financial rental assistance to tenants and landlords as federal and local eviction moratoriums end to prevent a significant increase in people experiencing homelessness during a public health emergency.



# Eviction Prevention Regional Series: Maryland Focus

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*Jessica Quincosa, Executive Director, Community Legal Services of Prince George's County*

*Kayla Williams, Staff Attorney, Community Legal Services of Prince George's County*

- To support, coordinate, and identify needs across the COG member region to prevent evictions following the end of the CDC eviction moratorium, HDAC members will continue its series of focused discussions on eviction prevention in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.
- For this segment, we will focus on Maryland and the experience from Prince George's County.
- (10:10 – 10:40 A.M.)

# Eviction Prevention Regional Series: District of Columbia Focus

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*Marian Siegel, Executive Director, Housing Counseling Services*

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- For this final segment, we will focus on the District of Columbia.
- At the conclusion of this series, HDAC members will have an opportunity to identify where there may be gaps in services or identify potential options to coordinate across jurisdictions.
- (10:40 – 11:10 A.M.)



# 2020 Multifamily Construction Report

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*John Kent, COG Staff*

- COG Regional Planner John Kent will present draft findings from the current multifamily construction report and seek input from HDAC members.

(11:10 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.)



# Adjourn

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***Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 10am***

- ❖ ***Please stay tuned for a survey requesting your input on 2022 committee priorities***

***Best Wishes for a Wonderful Thanksgiving and a Happy New Year to All!***

