

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING COG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHUCK BEAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the metropolitan Washington region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

**WHEREAS**, since being appointed Executive Director in 2012, Chuck Bean has provided exemplary service to the region's jurisdictions and the 5.7 million residents who call this region home by leading the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), after having previously served in leadership positions across the government, nonprofit, and philanthropic sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past decade as chief executive of the regional planning organization, Mr. Bean has applied his political skills, positive energy, and big picture perspective in helping direct 125 subject matter experts and administrative professionals on COG's staff, manage an annual budget of \$41 million, and bolster COG's reputation as the hub for partnership where area officials collaborate, set goals, and take action to shape a better region; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bean introduced numerous initiatives and comprehensive planning solutions to respond to the evolving needs of COG's 24 member governments and advance COG's *Region Forward Vision* for a more prosperous, accessible, livable, and sustainable future; and

**WHEREAS**, to address metropolitan Washington's significant housing shortfall, while also supporting economic growth and improving transportation by bringing jobs and housing closer together, Mr. Bean guided a yearlong effort involving elected officials and government housing and planning staff to develop and approve regional housing targets focused on increasing the amount, accessibility, and affordability of new units through 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Mr. Bean, planning at COG to combat climate change progressed, leading to a new regional greenhouse gas reduction goal and action plan for 2030, earning the region recognition from the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, and laying the groundwork for further collaboration to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure regionwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bean oversaw several initiatives to advance racial equity in the region and accelerated this work following the COG Board action affirming racial equity as a fundamental value, such as creating a new committee of local government chief equity officers to serve as a forum for collaboration and information sharing, establishing racial equity training sessions for elected officials and government staff, and broadening the application of Equity Emphasis Areas, locations with high concentrations of traditionally underserved communities, as a planning concept to inform future growth and investment decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, seeing the value of mixed-use, mixed-income transit-oriented communities as a strategy for achieving multiple priorities, Mr. Bean also encouraged area leaders to optimize

connections to and development in the region's High-Capacity Transit Station Areas, which the COG Board endorsed as an additional planning concept that will leverage the region's considerable investment in transit; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bean was instrumental in bringing the board's unified planning priorities together into a single strategic framework, *Region United: Metropolitan Washington Planning Framework for 2030*, which communicates the interconnected housing, climate, transit, and equity priorities and highlights COG grants, planning tools, and other resources available to advance these shared regional goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bean has directed COG's response to major regional challenges, most notably efforts to ensure a safe, reliable Metro system, such as supporting the multi-year, regional initiative resulting in the 2018 dedicated funding agreement and assisting the states in establishing the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission as well as regional coordination and communication related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bean has steadfastly promoted partnerships and programs, like the Housing Affordability Planning Program, Regional Roadway Safety Program, and Transit Within Reach Program, which all launched during his tenure, providing technical assistance and funding for member governments to jumpstart promising local projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bean has encouraged closer coordination among officials in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia in a variety of efforts to help promote the region's competitive advantages and diversify the economy, including data and messaging support related to the competition for Amazon's second headquarters, joint trade missions, and development of a regional plan to boost exports; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bean's tenure as a thoughtful leader and effective consensus-builder has put our region on a trajectory for continued growth and success.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Board conveys its deep appreciation to Chuck Bean for his many contributions to COG and the metropolitan Washington region during his tenure as Executive Director and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved by the COG Board of Directors on January 11, 2023.**

**Monica Beyroui Nunez  
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