

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REPORT *THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA'S FUTURE ECONOMY, CHANGING WORKFORCE AND HOUSING REQUIREMENTS: REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES***

**WHEREAS**, *Region Forward*, COG's adopted vision for a Prosperous, Accessible, Livable and Sustainable region establishes specific goals and targets for concentrating future housing and employment growth in Activity Centers; and

**WHEREAS** in 2012 the COG Board of Directors approved "*Economy Forward: COG's call to action for a more competitive metropolitan Washington*", which recommended several actions related to transportation, workforce development and Activity Centers to ensure the resiliency of the Region's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, during 2013, COG and other regional organizations, including the Greater Washington Board of Trade, the Federal City Council, and the Urban Land Institute partnered to support research by George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis (CRA) to examine the region's future employment, workforce and housing needs, which culminated in the February 11, 2014 release of the analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, among the findings from the CRA research are that efforts will be needed to ensure an adequate supply of housing that is affordable to the region's current and future workers; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2014, the COG Board approved "*Place + Opportunity: Strategies for Creating Great Communities and a Stronger Region*" to support local efforts in planning for and developing vibrant Activity Centers, which also includes an assessment of the need for workforce housing.

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

1. The Board accepts the report, "*The Washington Metropolitan Area's Future Economy, Changing Workforce and Housing Requirements: Regional Opportunities and Challenges*"; and
2. The Board directs COG staff to work with the region's planning directors, housing directors and the Region Forward Coalition to identify additional opportunities for sharing this research, and to convene these stakeholders to develop other tools and strategies to increase affordable workforce housing to support COG, *Region Forward* and *Place + Opportunity* goals.

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

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