

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**APPROVAL OF THE 2008 HOMELESS ENUMERATION
FOR THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN REGION**

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2008 the Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) conducted the eighth annual regional count of the homeless population; and

WHEREAS, the accompanying report, "Homeless Enumeration for the Washington Metropolitan Region 2008", documents the number of people found to be on the streets, in emergency shelters, in transitional and permanent supportive housing, or otherwise homeless and in need of a safe shelter; and

WHEREAS, the report includes a number of recommendations concerning regional and local actions to work towards ending homelessness, including: providing emergency rental assistance, increasing employment and training opportunities for the homeless, working to increase the supply of affordable housing for all individuals and families, and enacting "Housing First" programs where individuals and families are placed into permanent housing instead of in emergency shelters or transitional housing.

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

1. COG accepts the report, "Homeless Enumeration for the Washington Metropolitan Region 2008" and requests that the Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee continue to work with the Human Services Policy Committee and the region's housing directors to address the findings and recommendations.
2. COG conveys its appreciation to the Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee for its work in preparing the report.

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