



## REGION FORWARD COALITION

Friday, July 28, 2023  
NOON – 2:00 P.M.

IN-PERSON MEETING: COG 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Walter Scheiber Board Room  
Lunch provided beginning at 11:45 a.m.

### AGENDA: “LIVABILITY”

- NOON**      **1. WELCOME**  
*Will Jawando, Montgomery County Council, Coalition Chair*  
*Penny Gross, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Coalition Vice Chair*
- A. COG Updates  
B. Partner Updates
- 12:10 P.M.**      **2. ALICE LIVES HERE – UNITED WAY OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA (UWNCA)**  
*Rosie Allen-Herring, President & CEO, UWNCA*  
*Ian Gordon, VP, Community Impact & Engagement, UWNCA*  
*Scott Mengebier, Director, Research & Evaluation, UWNCA*
- United Way’s ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Lives Here initiative aims to reduce disparities in the areas of health, education and economic opportunity and improve outcomes for individuals and families in the National Capital Area. The ALICE population represents nearly 500,000 low- and moderate-income households in our region that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but less than the basic cost of living for the county/state in which they live.
- 12:40 PM**      **3. SAMU FIRST RESPONSE**  
*Juan Gonzalez de Escalada, COO and member, SAMU Board of Directors*  
*Andrea Montilla Gallegos, Managing Director, SAMU First Response*
- Since its founding, SAMU has embraced opportunities to serve the community with emergency medical services, a school, nursing facilities, and homes for unaccompanied minors. Mr. Escalada and Ms. Gallegos will brief the Coalition on SAMU’s work to support those affected by the termination of Title 42.
- 1:10 P.M.**      **4. FOOD INSECURITY / SNAP**  
*Elaine Waxman, Senior Fellow, The Urban Institute*  
*Poonam Gupta, Research Associate, The Urban Institute*  
*LaMonika Jones, DC Hunger Solutions*

Reasonable accommodations are provided upon request, including alternative formats of meeting materials.  
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*JD Douglass-Robinson, Maryland Hunger Solutions*

Record-breaking rising food costs in 2022 made it hard for many people to adequately feed themselves and their families. Urban Institute experts will brief the Coalition on new research which found that SNAP continues to fall short in helping families afford rising food prices. Ms. Jones and Mr. Robinson will describe challenges and opportunities faced in the District and Maryland.

**1:40 P.M.      5.    OTHER BUSINESS / MEMBER ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**2:00 P.M.      6.    ADJOURN**

***The next Region Forward Coalition meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 27: “Sustainability”***