METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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WASHINGTON, DC 20002

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COG HOUSING STRATEGY GROUP

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the National Capital 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, in September 2018 the COG Board approved Resolution R33-2018 directing additional research to address the increasing demand for housing in the region; and

WHEREAS, over the past seven months COG staff have been working with the COG Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC), and the Housing Directors Advisory Committee (HDAC) to assess the amount, accessibility, and affordability of creating additional housing beyond what is currently anticipated in the region; and

WHEREAS, the PDTAC will assess the factors and impediments to adding more housing units, such as lack of critical public infrastructure (transportation, schools, water and sewer); and

WHEREAS, additional input from regional elected leaders is needed to address the potential impediments to addressing the housing need in the region.

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

The COG Board of Directors approves the establishment of a Housing Strategy Group composed of members appointed by the COG Board Chairman. The Housing Strategy Group will study and deliberate on research by regional staff and strategic partner organizations, consider potential efforts at the local and regional level to move the housing initiative forward, and report back to the COG Board in July and September 2019.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on April 10, 2019.

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