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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To establish, on an temporary basis, a Comprehensive Housing Strategy Task Force that will assess the quality and availability of housing for households at all income levels in the District of Columbia and develop a set of public policy recommendations to address the housing needs of both current residents and the 100,000 new residents that are expected to move into the District over the next 10 years.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Comprehensive Housing Strategy Temporary Act of 2003”.

Sec. 2. Establishment of Comprehensive Housing Strategy Task Force; composition.

(a) There is hereby established a Comprehensive Housing Strategy Task Force (“Task Force”).

(b) The Task Force shall be comprised of not fewer than 23 members and not more than 30 members, including the following:

- (1) At least one representative from banking or financial services institutions;
- (2) At least 2 representatives from the for-profit housing production community;
- (3) At least 2 representatives from the nonprofit housing production community, at least one of whom has experience developing special needs housing;
- (4) At least one expert in housing policy from the academic or nonprofit community;
- (5) At least one representative from the philanthropic community;
- (6) At least one representative from an employer-assisted housing provider;
- (7) At least 2 representatives from the multifamily property owner community;
- (8) At least one representative from the residential real estate profession.
- (9) At least one representative from an organization that advocates for the production, preservation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing for lower-income households;
- (10) At least one representative of low-income tenants;
- (11) At least 2 citizen representatives;

(12) At least one representative from an organization that provides supportive housing services including housing counseling, financial management, in-kind assistance, or legal representation; and

(13) No more than 6 representatives from government agencies, including independent housing agencies.

(c) The members of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. The Mayor shall transmit to the Council by September 30, 2003, proposed resolutions to approve the appointment of each member of the Task Force for a 45-day period of review, excluding days of Council recess. If the Council does not approve or disapprove a resolution within the 45-day period, the resolution shall be deemed approved.

(d) The Mayor shall designate a chair or co-chairs from among the non-governmental members of the Task Force.

Sec. 3. Development of the comprehensive housing strategy.

(a) The Task Force shall consider the following goals and policy objectives when developing the Comprehensive Housing Strategy:

(1) Preserving and creating mixed-income neighborhoods;

(2) Assessing and improving the quality, availability, and affordability of rental housing for households at all income levels, including the impact of regulatory and other factors on the provision of quality rental housing;

(3) Assessing and increasing homeownership opportunities for households at all income levels;

(4) Preventing the involuntary displacement of long-term residents;

(5) Assessing the quality and availability of housing options for special populations, such as seniors, individuals with physical or mental disabilities, and individuals who were formerly homeless;

(6) Assessing and improving the quality and availability of workforce housing;

and

(7) Increasing the District of Columbia's population by 100,000 residents by the year 2013.

(b) For the purposes of subsection (a) of this section "affordability" means housing for which monthly costs, including utilities, consume no more than 30% of the household's monthly income.

(c) The Comprehensive Housing Strategy shall include:

(1) The Task Force's findings;

(2) Housing production goals for each of the 10 succeeding years;

(3) A 10-year implementation timetable;

(4) Public policy recommendations designed to help meet the housing production and preservation goals; and

(5) An estimate of the public and private funding required to achieve the identified housing production and preservation goals.

Sec. 4. Presentation of Comprehensive Housing Strategy; public meetings.

(a) Within 12 months after the Council's confirmation of the Mayor's nominations to the Task Force, the Task Force shall present the Comprehensive Housing Strategy to the Council and the Mayor.

(b) The Task Force shall hold at least 2 public meetings, which shall be convened at the following times:

(1) Within 60 days after the Council's confirmation of the Task Force members; and

(2) After a draft of the Comprehensive Housing Strategy has been developed but prior to presenting the final Comprehensive Housing Strategy to the Council and the Mayor under section (a) of this section.

(c) At least 30 days before a public meeting, the Task Force shall provide the general public the following information regarding the meeting, the:

(1) Time;

(2) Date; and

(3) Location.

(d) The Task Force shall provide all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to be heard at the public meetings.

Sec. 5. Reporting and updating requirements.

(a) The Mayor shall report to the Council regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Housing Strategy on an annual basis.

(b) The Mayor shall appoint a task force to update the Comprehensive Housing Strategy no later than 5 years after the Task Force presents a Comprehensive Housing Strategy to the Council and the Mayor under section 4(a).

Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat.813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

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Sec. 7. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602©)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia