NOTICE OF COMMUNITY PUBLIC MEETING ON THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND

THE CITY OF BOWIE ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development and the City of Bowie are preparing the joint Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice submitted every five years as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Analysis of Impediments is required prior to the submission of the County and City of Bowie's Consolidated Plans to ensure that HUD grants funds affirmatively further fair housing in its use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).¹

Units of local government that receive HUD funds are also required to comply with the Fair Housing Act of 1968 which protects citizens from discrimination due to race, color, religion, sex, familial status, or national origin. The County and City of Bowie will examine policies and practices that: attempt to alleviate housing discrimination within their jurisdictions; promote fair housing choice for all persons; provide opportunities for all persons to reside in any given housing development; and promote housing for persons with disabilities.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide citizens with the opportunity to address and comment on the County and City of Bowie's plan to expand housing choice prior to its submission deadline in the Spring of 2020. The County and the City of hereby solicit public comment and participation from residents of the County and City of Bowie.

Community Public Meeting

Location: City of Bowie, City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Rd, Bowie, MD 20716

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2020

Time: 6:00PM – 8:30PM

Sign Language for the hearing impaired and interpretive services can be made available. To request these services, contact the Department of Housing and Community Development at (301) 883-5540 or TTY (301) 883-5428.

Written comments may also be sent to the Department of Housing and Community Development at 9200 Basil Court, Suite 500, Largo, Maryland 20774 or City of Bowie Grants Office, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716, attn: Kay Starr. For more information, please contact A. Funmi George, Senior Compliance Manager at (301) 883-5536 and Kay Starr, City of Bowie Grants Office at (301) 809-3009.

¹ Prince George's County is currently developing its next Consolidated Plan cycle for Fiscal Years 2021 – 2025.

Prince George's County affirmatively promotes equal opportunity and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, ethnic or national origin, disability, or familial status in admission or access to benefits in programs or activities.

By Authority of: Estella Alexander, Director Department of Housing and Community Development 9200 Basil Court, Suite 500, Largo, Maryland 20774 Date: January 23, 2020