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RE: Endorsement of FFY 2022 (HOC FY 2023) PHA Plan

Dear Ms. Brown:


This letter certifies that the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) to the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) of Montgomery County reviewed and discussed the proposed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 (HOC FY 2023) Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan. Please be advised that the RAB fully supports and endorses the proposed PHA Plan.

We are pleased that the Housing Resources Division (HRD), Resident Services Division, Real Estate Development Division, and the agency as a whole, have adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic to continue to provide housing opportunities and services to our customers. Specifically, the COVID-19 waivers adopted and extended by HRD enabled HOC to continue to serve our Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Customers efficiently during the pandemic. The 118 Emergency Housing Vouchers also allowed HOC to provide assistance to homeless and other at-risk individuals during the pandemic.

It is also important to note that HRD has been working with HUD to increase and ultimately maintain utilization rates of the HCV program to 95% in order to maximize affordable housing opportunities to Montgomery County residents.

The demand for affordable housing in Montgomery County remains far higher than the supply, as evidenced by the 45,923 active applicants on HOC's affordable housing wait list. It is imperative that HOC continue to provide affordable housing opportunities to residents, not only through the HCV program, but also through the preservation and development of affordable housing units in its portfolio.

Sincerely,


Ms. Lakeyia Thompson
President