Alexandria Housing Activities September 2020

Upcoming Affordable Housing Development Proposals. There are several rental and homeownership proposals that will come before City Council for pre-development loan approvals on Sept 8. They include: $500,000 to AHDC for a development in Arlandria; $250,000 to AHDC for new development on Seminary Road that combines affordable rental housing, affordable homeownership options, and a component of permanent support housing for Alexandrians with developmental disabilities; $400,000 for Wesley Housing for development of Parkview II at Holmes Run Parkway; and a $2.5 million capital improvement loan to Landmark Towers LLC to preserve market affordability and secure a right of first refusal of a multi-family building. These proposals are in the early stages of feasibility and will take several years to be developed, but together they represent a minimum of 860 new units of affordable housing, including a percentage of the total dedicated to households earning 40% of the area median income. As these proposals move through the development pipeline, broad community advocacy will be needed to secure the financial resources necessary to make them viable.

Utilization of Federal CARES Act Funding Here is a breakdown of the funding received from Virginia's allocation of CARES Act dollars, and how that money has been allocated.

CDC Eviction Moratorium Invokes Public Health Crisis Attached are three documents to help you better understand the implications of the recent CDC Eviction Moratorium Order: CDC Eviction Moratorium Fact Sheet; FAQs on the Agency Order to the US Housing Committee on Financial Services; and the CDC Declaration that Tenants must present to Landlords. However, in the absence of clarity and general confusion as to whether the Administration has the authority to issue this order, Governor Northam has again requested that the Virginia Supreme Court extend their eviction moratorium until October 1, 2020. We will begin to use our Northern Virginia Eviction Prevention and Housing Stability Toolkit to assist in training volunteers to help residents with the process of securing rental assistance.

Regional Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments (AI) Coordinated by COG On Sept 8, the City will endorse their participation in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Regional Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments (AI). Also, see the memo from COG's Board of Directors on this regional approach to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in light of a recent Administration attack.
Confronting Barriers: Sustaining the Fight for Fair Housing Plan to attend Virginia’s Fair Housing Summit sponsored by Home of VA, Wednesday September 16, 9 AM. Tickets are $50; register here

2020 Regional Housing Leaders Awards and 15th Anniversary Celebration September 17
Over 140 of your housing colleagues and friends have registered for our 2020 Annual Awards Ceremony and 15th Anniversary Celebration. We hope you'll join us as we toast Helen McIlvaine, the City's Director of the Office of Housing, and a 2020 Regional Housing Leader honoree! Mayor Justin Wilson will join us as well to offer a few welcoming remarks. Bring your champagne glass and join the toast! Free register is here.