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Fairfax County's Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Economic Initiatives and the George Mason University School of Business will host the 2020 Housing Challenge tomorrow to bring together students, residents, industry professionals, housing advocates and policy experts and provide solutions for enhanced home affordability, particularly for those earning low to moderate incomes.

The three focus areas of the challenge are: (1) Communications: Enhancing Public Awareness and Support for Affordable Housing, (2) Partnerships: Engaging Employers and Non-Traditional Partners in Providing Affordable Housing, and (3) Faith Communities: Facilitating Their Participation in the Affordable Housing Solution.

I am looking forward to speaking at the event and highlighting this Board's commitment to growing the County's affordable housing options.

Recognizing that commitment, and knowing that we have much more planned to increase the number of affordable units available in each magisterial district, I think it is critical that we plan to host a Housing Summit every year to engage all stakeholders, discuss trends and policies, and highlight what we're doing locally.

Therefore, I move that we direct the Department of Housing and Community Development, alongside other relevant County agencies, to begin planning to host a future annual Housing Summit beginning next year.