

CHARTER

AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCES PANEL

- TITLE:** **Affordable Housing Resources Panel**
This Charter is intended to promote a common understanding among the members of the Panel as to the Panel's purpose, membership, duties and method of operation.
- DATE CREATED:** October 23, 2018
- PURPOSE:** To provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, consistent with the One Fairfax initiative, on the number of additional affordable housing units the County should work toward developing and preserving, and the funding source and / or mechanisms by which these units should be developed.
- RESTRICTIONS:** None
- STAFF:** Director, Department of Housing and Community Development
- TERM:** Work product needs to be presented to the Board in time for development of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget.
- DUTIES:** The Panel will:
- Review existing housing need projections for the County over the next 15 years;
 - Review the current funding mechanisms available for affordable housing preservation and development;
 - Consider innovative options for meeting the housing needs of future households earning less than 60 percent of Area Median Income;
 - Provide written recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on a goal for the number of housing units affordable to households earning 60 percent of Area Median Income and less that should be preserved and developed over the next fifteen years; and
 - Provide written recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the resource investment needed and/or use of innovative social strategies in order for the County to meet the fifteen year housing unit goal affordable to households earning up to 60 percent of Area Median Income.

METHOD OF OPERATION

The Panel as a whole will meet on a monthly basis, and as needed. The members of the Panel will strive to achieve consensus on decisions and recommendations to be made by the Panel. For the purpose of this Charter, consensus is defined as active participation and agreement of all members so that a decision/recommendation is acceptable enough for each member to support it. Where time or the nature of the decision/recommendation precludes building consensus, decisions/recommendations will be made by majority vote.

DELIVERABLES

The Panel was tasked by the Board of Supervisors to provide recommendations to the Board for a goal of housing units preserved and developed affordable to households earning up to 60 percent of Area Median Income over the next fifteen years, and for the resources and/or other innovative options to be used to meet that goal. The recommendations are to be provided to the Board in time for consideration of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget cycle.