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POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

Montgomery County – Housing Opportunities Commission – Alterations MC 02-20

House Bill 800 requires the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) to: (1) provide live streaming service of each HOC open meeting; (2) prepare written minutes of each HOC meeting as soon as practicable after the meeting; (3) submit the proposed budget to the members of the Montgomery County Delegation to the General Assembly; (4) publish the financial report for the previous fiscal year on the HOC website; (5) publish the full and complete copy of the certified audit report for the previous fiscal year on the HOC website; (6) report payment data for any person that receives an aggregate payment of \$25,000 in a single fiscal year; and (7) either enter in a contract with the County to include HOC's payment data on the County's *spendingMontgomery* website or develop and operate its own searchable website to house the payment data.

Montgomery County supports House Bill 800 with the amendments approved by the Montgomery County House Delegation. These amendments: (1) clarify that the requirement that HOC publish "all information in a public record that relates to a financial report or certified audit" shall not be construed to waive any privileges that may apply to that information; (2) change the date financial information must be published; and (3) strike the reference to *spendingMontgomery* from the bill.