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BILL NO.: **HB 1090**

TITLE: Department of Housing and Community Development –
Partnership Rental Housing Program – Alterations (Mixed–
Income Housing Act of 2021)

SPONSOR: Delegate Stewart

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

POSITION: **FAVORABLE**

DATE: February 23, 2021

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 1090 – Department of Housing and Community Development – Partnership Rental Housing Program – Alterations (Mixed–Income Housing Act of 2021). This legislation would expand the conditions for the Partnership Rental Housing Program of the Department of Housing and Community Development to also apply to middle income families’ and expands mixed income housing.

The pandemic has brought attention to the growing and glaring issue of housing insecurity. With high unemployment rates and many being forced to leave the workforce to care for loved ones, affordable housing is growing further out of reach for many. Nearly one-quarter of renters in the State are paying over half of their income on rent — the second worst rate in the country. Affordable housing is a crisis that requires the State to take immediate action to facilitate a sustained rebuilding process.

This bill promotes the development of high-quality mixed-income housing throughout the State. Seventy percent of the units in these housing projects are reserved for households making less than three-quarters of the area median income (AMI), meaning those living there will be a mix of low-income or middle-income households. These individuals and families deserve to live in a healthy, safe, and affordable home.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 1090. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Director of Government Affairs, at cconner@baltimorecountymd.gov.