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AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee was appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on May 23, 2005. This represents a further step in the County's initiative to respond to the critical need to preserve existing affordable housing. The Advisory Committee includes persons who are local, state and national leaders in the fight to address the lack of affordable housing.

Many members of this Advisory Committee were appointed by the Board in August 2004 to the Affordable Housing Preservation Action Committee. The recommendation to dedicate one penny on the tax rate was generated from this group, which as already demonstrated the ability to move quickly and to reach consensus.

The Board of Supervisors defined the role of the newly-appointed Advisory Committee to advise the Board and the County Executive on the priorities, process and performance related to the One Penny for Housing (Housing Flexibility Fund).

Specifically, the Board clarified that the role of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to the County Executive and the Board of Supervisors regarding the following:

- Recommending goals and priorities for the use of the Housing Flexibility Fund;
- Assisting in defining "affordability" as it relates to expenditure of the Fund;
- Reviewing and providing guidance on the fund's annual business plan and application procedures;
- Monitoring effectiveness of the Fund on a quarterly basis and suggest course corrections; and
- Enhancing outreach to the community by communicating with and educating the public on the impact of the Plan.

All funding decisions on specific projects will be made by the Board of Supervisors based upon the recommendation of the County Executive only.

The Advisory Committee will be staffed by the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development.