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Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 7000
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Loudoun Human Services Network expresses its support of the draft Loudoun County Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan that staff presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 6, 2021.

The strategies recommended in the UHNSP are built on collaborative partnerships with individuals and organizations across our community. The plan builds on successful and creative strategies used in other communities across the country, providing a roadmap to provide increased affordable homeownership and rental options in areas of the county where people need to live and work.

The UHNSP addresses our community's need for affordable rental and affordable homeownership. Homeownership for lower income families yields strong communities with improved health, higher graduation rates, and increased family wealth. Providing stable, affordable rental options results in better health outcomes, stronger workforce development, and opportunities for individuals and families to save toward their future. When housing is available to all members of our community, it positively impacts the work of our human service nonprofits and the people we serve.

The UHNSP also addresses the critical need for Loudoun County to develop diverse funding sources to support the long-term development of affordable housing options. In order to build the ladder of necessary housing options for our community, Loudoun must have reliable and varied sources of funding – we cannot rely on federal and state government dollars alone. Consistently including affordable housing in Loudoun County's future annual budgets is a necessary step toward long-term sustainability.

We thank the county staff for their hard work developing the UHNSP in partnership with the community, and the Board of Supervisors for your leadership on this important issue. As nonprofit partners, we look forward to working with you and staff to implement the plan's strategies so we can make Loudoun a great place for everyone to work and live.

Sincerely,

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