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Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland Supports Zoning Change Approved by County Council

Silver Spring, MD (August 5th, 2019) — Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) is extremely pleased that the Montgomery County Council recently approved zoning changes for Accessory Dwelling Units. Sponsored by at-large Councilmember Hans Reimer, the zoning text amendment was passed unanimously by the council and will go into effect on December 31st, 2019 together with a companion bill to amend the licensing code.

“We are delighted that the County Council unanimously approved the zoning proposal to allow more homeowners to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and congratulate the Councilmembers for their leadership on this issue. HFHMM has a strong track record in this community over the past thirty seven years of being a leader in the creation of homeownership opportunities for hard-working citizens. We believe that broadening the ADU requirements will help increase the affordable housing supply while also creating environmental, social and economic benefits for the community including helping to make our county more diverse and inclusive.”

Among other valuable benefits, ADU’s are an important housing solution because they provide

- Affordable housing for adult children or grandchildren to live separately, but close by
- Affordable housing for older adults, veterans, millennials and individuals with disabilities
- Additional income for older adults living on fixed incomes

About Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc. (HFHMM) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International that serves Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties in Maryland. Since 1982, HFHMM has partnered with income qualified families to build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. To date, HFHMM has provided over 500 decent and affordable housing solutions, served over 1000 individuals and spent approximately \$18 Million in the local community to build, renovate and provide affordable housing solutions for hard working families. Habitat for Humanity is about changing lives, one home at a time. Visit our website at www.HabitatMM.org.

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