



## **CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) – STATE OF EMERGENCY OPEN MEETING PROCEDURES**

The current state of emergency has required the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County (“HOC”) to change its standard open meeting operating procedures. These State of Emergency Open Meeting Procedures (“Emergency Procedures”) are designed to provide the public with the best possible opportunity to observe the conduct of HOC’s business given the current circumstances.

Due to the stay-at-home directive issued by the Governor of the State of Maryland and the general advisory to participate in social distancing, HOC will conduct its February 19, 2021 Development & Finance (DevFin) Committee open meeting via an online platform at 10:00AM. **HOC’s normal meeting location (10400 Detrick Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895) will be closed to the public.** Instead, the public will be able to observe HOC’s open meeting via a real-time live stream. This platform will allow the public to have meaningful access to HOC’s open meeting.

**Video on YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9JrGiyavtc&feature=youtu.be>

It is not HOC’s intention to discourage public observation of its open meetings. If any person has questions or concerns about these Emergency Procedures, including (1) how to access the online live-stream, or (2) how these procedures adequately address the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, please contact Patrice Birdsong at [patrice.birdsong@hocmc.org](mailto:patrice.birdsong@hocmc.org) or at (240)-627-9425.