

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2020-129
December 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Establishment — Saving DC's Rental Housing Market Strike Force

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(2) (2016 Repl.), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

- I. **ESTABLISHMENT**: There is established the Saving DC's Rental Housing Market Strike Force ("Strike Force").
- II. **PURPOSE**: The Strike Force shall serve as an advisory group to address actions by or with the District government to address the future of DC's rental housing market – affordable, market-rate, and naturally occurring affordable units.
- III. **RESPONSIBILITIES**
 - A. The Strike Force shall issue a report of recommendations by March 4, 2021 and shall be submitted to the Housing Agency Partners coordinated by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development.
 - B. The report shall, at a minimum:
 1. Develop balanced solutions together with housing providers and tenants, a proactive approach in anticipation of dramatic changes in the District's rental market, with a focus on expected higher vacancy rates; higher eviction rates, calls for an extension of the eviction moratorium; rental assistance programs expiring due to exhaustion of existing funding; and a lack of additional local or federal funding.
 2. Advise on how to handle immediate, emergency issues like eviction and distressed properties in a way that puts the District in a good position to meet the Mayor's housing goals during a recovery period and beyond.
 3. Provide specific recommendations on programs and policies to:

- a. Maintain the tenancies of low-income tenants and the financial feasibility of the buildings in which they reside after the end of the eviction moratorium;
- b. Add income- and rent-restricted affordable units to the inventory of housing units in the District in a way that furthers the Mayor's affordable housing goals;
- c. Assist the recovery of a vibrant private rental housing market and keep the District on course to meet the Mayor's goal for new housing within the context of the Housing Framework for Equity and Growth; and
- d. Provide economic and wealth-building opportunities for District residents in the expansion of the residential rental market.

IV. **COMPOSITION**

- A. The Strike Force shall consist of the following twenty-five (25) members:
 1. The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, or the Deputy Mayor's designee;
 2. The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development;
 3. The Director of the Office of Planning;
 4. The Director of the Department of Human Services;
 5. The Director of the Interagency Council on Homelessness;
 6. The Chief Tenant Advocate;
 7. The Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of the District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency;
 8. The Attorney General for the District of Columbia, or the Attorney General's designee; and
 9. Seventeen (17) public and legislative members, at least one (1) of whom shall be appointed from each of the following categories, and each of whom shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Mayor:

- a. Representative(s) of membership organizations that support the housing and economic development industries;
 - b. Representative(s) of housing providers;
 - c. Representative(s) housing counseling organizations, tenant advocates, or tenants;
 - d. Representative(s) of the financial services industry;
 - e. Representative(s) of the judicial branch and legal services organizations;
 - f. Representative(s) of housing policy research organization(s);
 - g. Representative(s) of philanthropy; and
 - h. Member(s) or staff of the Council of the District of Columbia.
- B. The Mayor shall designate a member of the Strike Force to serve as the Chairperson of the Strike Force. The member so designated shall serve in the capacity of Chairperson at the pleasure of the Mayor.

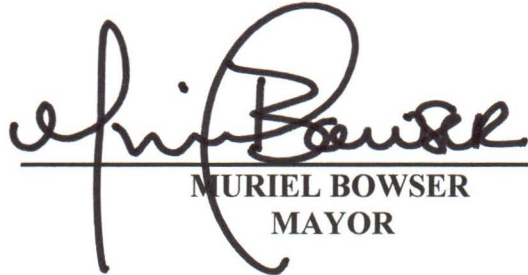
V. ADMINISTRATION

- A. DHCD shall provide administrative support for the activities of the Strike Force and coordinate and schedule all activities necessary for the Strike Force to function effectively.
- B. DHCD may issue procedures or guidelines as may be appropriate to ensure the efficient implementation of this Order.
- C. The Chairperson of the Strike Force may establish and oversee the work of partnerships, teams, committees, or subcommittees as he or she deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Order.
- D. All District agencies shall cooperate with the Strike Force, participate in meetings of the Strike Force upon request of the Chairperson, and provide, in a timely manner, any information that the Strike Force may reasonably request to carry out the purposes of this Order.

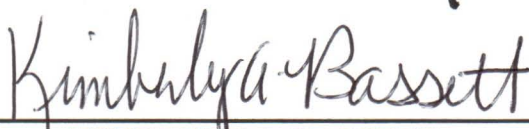
VI. SUNSET

The Strike Force shall remain active for three (3) months after the effective date of this Order.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Order shall become effective immediately.



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

KIMBERLY A. BASSETT
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA