RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CPA 2020-00001 FOR HOUSING POLICY UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Policy (Amended June 10, 2015) is included in the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan in Appendix 9; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Comprehensive Regional Housing Study and Needs Assessment identified a deficit of more than 10,000 owner- and renter-occupied housing units affordable to low- and moderate-income households in Albemarle County; and

WHEREAS, the County's current Affordable Housing Policy was adopted in 2004 and does not contain the tools needed to meet the current affordable housing needs of the County's low- and moderate-income residents; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County desires to update its Affordable Housing Policy to include establishing housing goals and priorities, as well as tools for meeting those goals; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan may be amended by the Board of Supervisors, acting upon recommendation by the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2019, the Albemarle County Planning Commission adopted a Resolution of Intent to update the Affordable Housing Policy; and

WHEREAS, opportunities were provided for the public to comment on the proposed Affordable Housing Policy update through community meetings, focus groups, an online survey, and a survey conducted by the TJPDC, who provided County-relevant responses to County staff; and

WHEREAS, based on the 2019 Comprehensive Regional Housing Study and Needs Assessment, and feedback received from stakeholders, members of the public, and members of the County's Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, staff developed an updated Affordable Housing Policy; and

WHEREAS, work sessions to review the proposed update were conducted with the Planning Commission on August 11, 2020, with the Board of Supervisors on October 7, 2020, and with both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors on December 8, 2020, after which the Board approved proceeding to a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on ______, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on CPA 2020-00001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, upon consideration of the foregoing, and for the purposes stated in Virginia Code § 15.2-2223, the Albemarle County Planning Commission hereby recommends approval of CPA 2020-00001 and adoption of the attached "Housing Albemarle" policy (dated May 4, 2021) as Appendix 9 of the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan, in place of the existing Affordable Housing Policy (Amended June 10, 2015).