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Notice of Public Hearing Public Housing Authority Annual Plan FY16

Westminster, Tuesday, March 1, 2016 – The County Commissioners of Carroll County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 311, Carroll County Office Building, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland, 21157, to hear public comments on the Carroll County Public Housing Authority Streamlined Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2016. The Plan establishes the guidelines and procedures to be followed by the Carroll County Bureau of Housing in the administration of the Federal Section 8 Program.

The FY 16 Annual Plan lists one change to allow a program for a limited number of regular tenant based rental vouchers to have a specialized preference as a pilot program. The vouchers will be designated for homeless families being assisted through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration that meet the requirements established and verified by the Carroll County Health Department. These families must be homeless, verify residency with having a Carroll County address at least 6 months prior to entering a shelter, meet all other section 8 housing program criteria, currently reside in a shelter, and receive written approval from the shelter provider (Human Services Programs). As mentioned, this is a pilot program that will run for the three years and will be reevaluated at the end of this time period to determine if it will be continued, enhanced or discontinued.

The Commissioners may make amendments to the proposed plan based upon the comments received at the hearing and may do so without further hearing. Therefore, it is important for interested persons to be present at the hearing.

The Annual Plan may be reviewed and copies obtained at the Bureau of Housing, 10 Distillery Drive, Suite 101, Westminster, Maryland, 21157 during normal business hours and on the County's website [ccgovernments.carr.org/ccg/housing/default.asp]. Copies are available for review in the County Commissioners' Office and the County Attorney's office. Written comments may be addressed to the County Clerk, 225 North Center Street, Room 300, Westminster, Maryland, 21157 (countyclerk@ccg.carr.org) and will be considered if received prior to the close of the hearing. Both oral and written comments may be given at the hearing. Questions should be addressed to Danielle M. Yates, Acting Deputy Director, Department of Citizen Services, phone 410-386-3600, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland, 21157; MD Relay Service 7-1-1/800-735-2258.

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