A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish a Public Housing Rehabilitation Oversight Task Force to review the rehabilitation of District public housing properties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Public Housing Rehabilitation Oversight Task Force Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. Establishment.

(a) There is established a Public Housing Rehabilitation Oversight Task Force (“Task Force”) to provide the Mayor, the Council, and the District of Columbia Housing Authority (“Authority”) with comprehensive information and policy recommendations on the Authority’s continuing efforts to rehabilitate, redevelop, maintain, and preserve its public housing portfolio.
(b)(1) The Task Force shall be composed as follows:

(A) The following members to be appointed by the Chairperson of the Council committee with oversight over the Authority:

(i) One representative from a community-based organization that provides training, counseling, and client advocacy services to public housing residents;

(ii) One member with expertise in multi-family housing construction, development, or redevelopment;

(iii) One member with experience as a union construction tradesperson;

(iv) One attorney with experience working with public housing residents; and

(v) One member with expertise in public health and housing;

(vi) Three residents of public housing, from any of the four wards with the greatest number of public housing units; provided, that any resident may be temporarily relocated from a public housing property with a voucher; and

(B) The Chairperson of the Council committee that oversees the Authority, or his or her designee;

(C) One member appointed by the Chief Financial Officer;

(D) Two members appointed by the Authority;

(E) The Director of the Department of General Services or his or her designee;
(F) The Director of the Office of Planning or his or her designee; and

(G) The citywide resident council chair for traditional public housing.

(2) A majority of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

(3) Any vacant position on the Task Force shall be filled as it was originally filled.

(4) Within 60 days after the effective date of this act:

   (A) All Task Force members shall be appointed; and

   (B) The Task Force shall convene its first meeting.

(5) The Chairperson of the Council committee with oversight over the Authority shall appoint the Chair of the Task Force from among the members listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(6) The members of the Task Force shall:

   (A) Serve without compensation; and

   (B) Either reside or work in the District.

(7) Meetings of the Task Force shall be open to the public.

(8) The Office of the Tenant Advocate shall provide administrative support to the Task Force.

(c) Beginning 90 days after the appointment of all members and continuing every 90 days after, the Task Force shall submit to the Mayor, the Council, and the Authority a comprehensive report on:

   (1) The efficiency and effectiveness of the planning and activities that the Authority has undertaken relating to the rehabilitation, redevelopment, maintenance, and preservation of public housing, including at New Communities Initiative properties;
(2) Task Force findings and recommendations to the Authority with respect to future Authority rehabilitation, maintenance, and preservation activities;

(3) Task Force findings and recommendations on appropriate oversight, budgetary actions, and policies by the Mayor, the Council, and the Authority with respect to the Authority’s rehabilitation, redevelopment, maintenance, and preservation needs and activities; and,

(4) Any other identified needs or requirements for the rehabilitation, maintenance, and preservation of public housing stock in the District.

(d) The Task Force shall dissolve upon the submission of the 12th report required pursuant to subsection (c) to the Mayor, the Council, and the Authority.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.


Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.