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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING and
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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Selectmen
Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager
From: Laura Wiener, Acting Director of Planning *LW*
Date: January 6, 2016
RE: Public Meeting, Housing Plan

I am writing to invite you to an upcoming Public Forum on Housing, on Tuesday February 2 at 7 pm in the Senior Center Main Room. A flyer is attached.

The Master Plan recommended that the Town update its Housing Plan, last completed in 2004. The Planning Department applied for a state grant called Planning Assistance Toward Housing (PATH) and received \$15,000 to hire a consultant to develop a Housing Production Plan. In August, a Housing Plan Advisory Committee was appointed by the Redevelopment Board. Soon thereafter, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) was chosen to conduct the study. The process began in October, and must be complete by June 30, 2016, as a requirement of the grant. When it is complete it will need to be considered and endorsed by your Board.

The planning process includes two public meetings for community participation. The first meeting, scheduled for February 2, is to gather community input on housing needs, and to help create goals for the future. The consultants will share their findings on demographics, housing needs and demand, and challenges in Arlington. The second public forum will be in the spring, and will present draft recommendations for programs and projects to address the Town's housing needs.

We hope you will consider attending this public meeting. We value your unique knowledge and perspective on this issue. When the process is complete, a draft final plan will be coming to the Board for your consideration and adoption, as required by the State.

Housing Production Plan PUBLIC FORUM



Tuesday, February 2

Senior Center, Main Meeting Room
20 Academy Street/27 Maple Street in Arlington
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Provide your input to help shape Arlington's future vision, housing goals, and policies!

Join the Town of Arlington, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, and JM Goldson for a highly-interactive forum facilitated by planning consultant, Jennifer Goldson, to learn about and provide your input into the Arlington Housing Production Plan.

At the forum you will:

- Learn about Arlington's housing needs, demand, opportunities and challenges
- Help to create a housing vision that will address market-rate and affordable housing production and development

Snow Date: February 9
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