



## Communities of Faith United for Housing

### FAIRFAX COUNTY 2012 BUDGET COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

Fairfax County has prepared a “Do-It-Yourself” kit for citizens to host their own community dialogue meeting and asking for input online. Please take this opportunity to voice your priorities and concerns. For more information on how to organize and lead a group, go to:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2012/diy/#>

### SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVOCATES FAIRFAX COUNTY 2012 BUDGET

The following points can be used as guidelines to assist advocates participating in community forums or providing input to Fairfax County via the website or other means during the 2012 budget development process.

- The Housing Blueprint, approved by the BOS last year, is a comprehensive strategy for increasing the supply of affordable housing for people who are homeless or close to becoming homeless. **The 2012 budget needs to include sufficient resources to support the implementation of the Blueprint, so that the goals set out by the Blueprint can be achieved.**
- Last year, the federal government provided stimulus funding to prevent homelessness and to quickly find housing for those who have become homeless. These funds, called HPRP, and other funds, such as TANF, are now expiring. **We need the County to step up its provision of rent subsidies and find ways to supplement diminishing HPRP and TANF funds that are crucial to keeping people from becoming homeless.**
- The County has announced plans to move forward with developing 67 units of low-income housing on the North Hill site on Route 1 that was bought in 1981 with a HUD grant for affordable housing. Opponents propose alternative development or no development. **After almost 30 years of delay, we need the County to fund its commitment to build affordable housing units on the site.**

#### Non-Budget Priority:

- Last year, proposed zoning amendments that would allow greater use of SROs (single resident occupancy units) for very low income people were stalled. We need to “unstall” this effort. SRO zoning has been successful in other communities and Fairfax County needs to find a way to make this work for us. **We need the County to solve the issues preventing the zoning amendments from moving forward.**