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15 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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19 To establish an Office of Housing Stability that is directed toward the development of strategies  
20 and policies that guide the District's efforts to prevent housing displacement of District residents.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
23 act may be cited as the "Office of Housing Stability Act of 2017".

24 Sec. 2. Establishment and Implementation

25 (a) The Mayor shall establish the Office of Housing Stability ("OHS") that is directed  
26 toward providing leadership in the development of strategies and policies that guide the  
27 District's efforts to prevent housing displacement of District residents. This Office shall  
28 coordinate and streamline anti displacement efforts across government. This Office shall  
29 evaluate existing and subsequent anti displacement initiatives in the District and throughout the  
30 country to determine their effectiveness and make comprehensive and continuing  
31 recommendations to strengthen and enhance the District's efforts to prevent housing  
32 displacement.

1           (b) The OHS shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall report to the Deputy  
2 Mayor for Planning and Economic Development. The Mayor shall appoint the Executive  
3 Director to serve for a term of three years. An Executive Director can be reappointed. The  
4 Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development may remove the Executive Director for  
5 cause.

6           (2) The office shall have, at a minimum, four full time employees in addition to the  
7 Executive Director, plus any temporary staff approved by the Office of Budget and Planning.

8           Sec. 3. Duties

9           (a) The duties of the OHS shall include:

- 10                   (1) Leading research efforts on best practices to prevent displacement;
- 11                   (2) Providing technical assistance to government and non government bodies on  
12                               best practices as it relates to preventing housing displacement of residents;
- 13                   (3) Gathering and analyzing data to improve the understanding of trends related  
14                               to housing displacement;
- 15                   (4) Reviewing legislative and other public policy solutions to mitigate  
16                               displacement;
- 17                   (5) Drafting and implementing legislative and other public policy solutions to  
18                               mitigate displacement;
- 19                   (6) Creating a searchable database of all affordable housing in the District;
- 20                   (7) Streamlining and coordinating efforts to mitigate displacement across  
21                               government;

- 1 (8) Facilitating the development of a Community Land Trust with a non-  
2 government organization to provide for permanent affordability for  
3 homeowners and renters;
- 4 (9) Developing a program with support from the philanthropic community  
5 designed to protect long terms homeowner who are at risk of displacement  
6 due to increases of property taxes through a partial tax subsidy;
- 7 (10) Filing an report on the operations of OHS with the Mayor and the Council;  
8 and
- 9 (11) Issuing grants to organizations that provide anti displacement services to  
10 District residents; provided; that grants shall be administered pursuant to the  
11 requirements set forth in the Grant Administration Act of 2013, effective  
12 December 24, 2013 (D.C. Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code 1-328.11 *et seq.*).

13 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

14 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
15 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
16 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

17 Sec. 5. Effective date.

18 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
19 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
20 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
21 24, 1973, (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
22 Columbia Register.