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On behalf of the City of Philadelphia's Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), I am pleased to release this study, "Examining the Housing Situation for People Living with HIV in Philadelphia: A Qualitative Study".

Interviews and focus groups with people living with HIV/AIDS, and also with HIV service providers, offer insight into the importance of stable, secure housing for people living with HIV/AIDS – especially as it relates to meeting the challenges of adhering to medication regimens. This study also provides recommendations for HIV service improvements, which will be shared with area housing providers, social service providers and other partners assisting people with HIV/AIDS.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Toorjo Ghose, Ph.D., School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania and his research team, for their work, and I also want to thank ACT UP Philadelphia for their continued advocacy for people living with HIV/AIDS, which led to this assessment. A complementary report, using quantitative data to assess housing need, will be released shortly.

If you wish to communicate with DHCD about this document, please contact Sharee Heaven, Senior Contract Analyst, at [sharee.m.heaven@phila.gov](mailto:sharee.m.heaven@phila.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frederick S. Purnell, Sr.".

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