In accordance with 24 CFR 91 the City of Birmingham, Alabama (hereinafter referred to as "the City") has prepared its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.

The AI is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for any community that receives federal housing funds. The Consolidated Plan regulations (24 CFR 91) require each local government to submit a certification that it is affirmatively furthering fair housing. This means that it will (1) conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice; (2) take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of impediments identified through that analysis; and (3) maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions.

This AI was conducted through the assessment of a number of quantitative and qualitative sources. This AI will present major and minor impediments identified through consultations and interviews with local stakeholders, online surveys, data collection and analysis, and synthesizing these activities into this report. It also presents recommended action items to address the impediments or barriers. These efforts are imperative for future economic growth in Birmingham, which, similar to many U.S. metropolitan areas, has experienced a growth in high poverty areas and racial and ethnic concentrations in the past decade.

Citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding the AI. Copies of the report are available for inspection online at www.birminghamal.gov/community-development or at the address listed below between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. Persons needing special assistance (such as translated materials or a draft copy of the report) or a reasonable accommodation to provide comments, please contact the City of Birmingham at housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov or (205) 254-2309. Please include, “Request”, in the e-mail subject line.

The City encourages citizens to review and provide written comments on the report. All comments should be submitted in writing or via mail or email on or before Friday, May 1, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. to the following address:

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The City will consider all timely written views and comments received in developing its Final Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.