



November 12, 2019

Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chair Dorsey,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports the site plan application to redevelop the site of the Harris Teeter and American Service Center on N Glebe Road as a mixed-use development comprising retail and residences, including an updated Harris Teeter. These uses will add much-needed housing in Arlington and support vibrancy and employment in the greater Ballston neighborhood. We encourage the County Board to approve the application.

The proposed project will expand the Harris Teeter grocery store and retail on the site. The new grocery store will add 125 jobs on that site, providing employment opportunities. Along with the grocery store, the project will add 10,000 square feet of retail space along Glebe Road. This additional retail capacity will help grow and define Glebe Road as a retail street, supporting vibrancy along the western edge of the Ballston area. The new grocery and retail development are consistent with Arlington's Grocery Store Policy and North Quincy Street Plan Addendum.

The community will benefit further from the increased housing and public benefits proposed by the project. The addition of 732 housing units will significantly increase the amount of housing available in Ballston, within about a 10-minute walk to Ballston Metro Station. The project also proposes the construction of a new public park and buildout of the street network as envisioned in the North Quincy Street Plan Addendum. The improved building frontages and sidewalks along Glebe Road will also improve the street experience for residents and businesses in the area.

To realize these benefits for the broader Ballston and Arlington communities, the Chamber encourages the County Board to approve the proposed site plan at 600 N Glebe Road. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Kate Bates
President & CEO

CC: Arlington County Board Vice Chair Libby Garvey and members Katie Cristol, Matt de Ferranti, and Erik Gutshall; County Manager Mark Schwartz; Adam Watson, CPHD Planning Division