



February 18, 2026

Chair Matt de Ferranti  
Arlington County Board  
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 300  
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chair de Ferranti,

On behalf of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, I am urging you to please vote to adopt Item 23 on the County Board agenda, concerning the GLUP amendment, rezoning, and site plan amendment for the Leckey Gardens project. This proposal would advance the goals of both Arlington County's Affordable Housing Master Plan, and the core tenets of the Langston Boulevard Area Plan.

This proposal would generate 249 committed affordable housing units along the Langston Boulevard corridor. The Chamber recognizes that there is a shortage of housing units across all price points in Arlington County, including along Langston Boulevard. The inclusion of three- and four-bedroom units in the project addresses a specific shortage of units for those sizes, as identified in the Affordable Housing Master Plan.

In addition to housing, this project advances the core development vision of the Langston Boulevard Area Plan. The proposed density and height of this project are in accordance with the vision for this portion of the corridor in the Langston Boulevard Area Plan. It also contains several community benefits, including a greenway and preservation of certain existing trees.

We urge the County Board to adopt Item 23, and we look forward to the ultimate implementation of this project. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Bates". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Bates  
President & CEO

CC: Vice-Chair Maureen Coffey; County Board Members Susan Cunningham, Takis Karantonis, and Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr.; County Manager Mark Schwartz; CPHD Director Samia Byrd; Planning Director Anthony Fusarelli, Jr.