



December 12, 2024

Chair Libby Garvey
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chair Garvey,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports the adoption of Item 25 on the December 14 agenda, the Gateway Park Master Plan and related design guidelines. The redesign of Rosslyn's Gateway Park is a core component of County planning for the Rosslyn neighborhood, and we encourage the Board to adopt the Master Plan to realize the goal of transforming Gateway Park into a more vibrant, modern public space well suited for both the neighborhood and for Arlington as a whole.

The proposed Master Plan will ensure that the future Gateway Park will be a vibrant space for children, adults, and families, both for its park amenities and for the events and social gatherings it will hold. Additionally, the Master Plan concept is in alignment with the goals of the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan due to its increase in the park's tree canopy coverage.

Gateway Park is the main public space for Rosslyn and its adjacent neighborhoods, which collectively have more than 12,000 residents. It is important for Rosslyn to have modernized public spaces that are suited for the communities of today and for the communities of the future. We support improvements to public spaces that promote vibrancy and placemaking in our business and mixed-use districts, and the Gateway Park Master Plan is a clear example. We appreciate that this plan can be realized ahead of schedule, thanks to the contributions made as a result of the CoStar Group's relocation to Rosslyn.

We encourage the County Board to adopt the Master Plan and related design guidelines, and we 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: County Board Vice-Chair Takis Karantonis; County Board Members Maureen Coffey, Susan Cunningham, and Matt de Ferranti; County Manager Mark Schwartz; CPHD Director Samia Byrd; Planning Director Anthony Fusarelli Jr.; Arlington Economic Development Director Ryan Touhill.