



July 19, 2024

Chair Libby Garey  
Arlington County Board  
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 300  
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chair Garvey,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports Item 50 on the July 22 County Board agenda, the adoption of the site plan amendment for building additions to VHC Health. VHC Health has been a vital part of the community since 1934, when its precursor, the Arlington Hospital Association, was formed. As Arlington's only hospital, VHC Health serves as a vital source of medical and health services for the community. More than 116,000 Arlington residents, nearly half the county's population, receive care through VHC Health every year. The proposed addition of interior space to the main campus of VHC Health is a positive proposal that will allow VHC to better fulfill its mission of being a modern, comprehensive hub for the health needs of Arlington.

The proposed site plan amendment would allow VHC Health to add approximately 17,000 square feet of new interior space, augmenting its intensive care unit, emergency medicine department, and its cardiac catheterization lab. This addition has been the culmination of a process conducted by VHC Health to expand their interior footprint in a manner that best suits their mission. Additionally, County Staff concur that this project is in the best interests of VHC Health and the community at large.

We ask that you please support the adoption of this site plan amendment. 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: Arlington County Board Vice-Chair Takis Karantonis; County Board Members Maureen Coffey, Susan Cunningham and Matt de Ferranti; County Manager Mark Schwartz.