June 10, 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 write to request that the County Board adopt Item 36 on the County Board agenda, the site plan amendment for 2000 15th Street N.

This project advances both the County's housing development goals and the Courthouse Sector Plan. The development would replace an aging, mostly vacant office building with more than 390 units of housing. The new housing units will help meet the increasing demand for housing along the Rosslyn-Ballston Metrorail corridor.

This project also complements the Courthouse neighborhood's existing dense, mixed-use environment, placing new residents in a transit-rich location and helping drive demand for locally serving commercial uses.

The community benefits for this project advance the goals of the Courthouse Sector Plan. Chief among them is the mid-block connection between N. Taft Street and N. Troy Street, providing pedestrians with easier access to the existing public plaza at the Tellus building. The additional sidewalk improvements will improve the experience of pedestrians in Courthouse. Furthermore, the building design complies with the Courthouse Sector Plan's objective for preserving the neighborhood's view corridor of the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and the Washington, D.C. skyline.

We request that the County Board adopt this project, which has been unanimously recommended by the Planning, Transportation, and Housing Commissions, and we look forward to its ultimate implementation. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Kate Bates

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President & CEO

CC: Vice-Chair Maureen Coffey; County Board Members Susan Cunningham, Takis Karantonis, and Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr.; County Manager Mark Schwartz; Community Planning, Housing and Development Director Samia Byrd; Project Planner Courtney Badger.