



September 10, 2025

The Honorable Takis P. Karantonis, Chair
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chair Karantonis,

On behalf of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, I am requesting that the County Board adopt Item 43 on its September 13 agenda: the GLUP amendment, rezoning, and major 4.1 site plan amendment related to the development project at 2500 Wilson Boulevard. Redevelopment of 2500 Wilson Boulevard would replace an obsolete and largely vacant office building with a dynamic multifamily development that advances both the County's housing goals and the goals of the Courthouse Sector Plan.

The project will create 316 new housing units at the boundary of the Courthouse and Clarendon neighborhoods, including 20 committed affordable housing units. These housing units will help meet the increasing demand for housing in the county, and along the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor in particular. It will also complement the existing dense, mixed-use environments of Courthouse and Clarendon by locating new residents in a mixed-use, transit-rich location.

The proposal includes community enhancements, particularly the addition of 6,500 square feet of open, activated space available to residents of both the new units and the neighborhood at-large. The addition of open space, along with streetscape improvements, aligns with the Courthouse Sector Plan's vision for this site.

As Arlington continues to face a shortage of housing, it is crucial for the County to support projects that increase housing supply in planning corridors experiencing high demand. We urge the adoption of this proposal, and we look forward to the implementation of this project. 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 Matt de Ferranti; County Board Members Maureen Coffey, Susan Cunningham, and Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr.; County Manager Mark Schwartz; CPHD Director Samia Byrd; Planning Director Anthony Fusarelli, Jr.; Marc McCauley, Director of Real Estate Development, Arlington Economic Development.