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To: Christian Dorsey; Noah Simon

Subject: 26th Street North and Old Dominion Drive Parcel

Hello Christian and Noah,

My name is Scott Dalton and I am the Commissioner of the Arlington Youth Lacrosse Club (AYLC). I'm writing you with respect to the 26th Street N-Old Dominion Drive Site Master Planning Task Force.

I attended Meeting #8 in March to learn more about the plans for this parcel. After listening to the participants of the community task force, I was a little taken aback that one of the County's largest constituent groups was not represented: field sports groups. I did not see or hear anyone representing their interest in having an additional sports field built on this site other than Marymount University.

AYLC is the volunteer based provider of lacrosse opportunities for Arlington County residents. This Spring we have over 700 boys and girls from ages 5-14 playing on Arlington County fields. The County struggles to provide us with sufficient space for practice and games as they balance the demands of the 6,500 children playing soccer each Spring.

This problem has become more and more acute in the 4 years I have been AYLC Commissioner, and we predict it will get worse, not better. In 2014, AYLC had 466 boys and girls participating in our Spring season. In just 5 years, we are now at 716. This **54% increase in participation** has strained the County's sports field resources, and any future growth will only compound the problem.

As you can imagine, AYLC supports more field space for sports teams in the County. Accordingly, we completely support the Marymount proposal to build an NCAA regulation turf field on the Parcel.

I understand the recommendation from the Task Force was for more open space as opposed to sports fields. Given the makeup of the Task Force this was a foregone conclusion as only 1 member (Marymount University) had any interest in providing more field space for sports groups.

While AYLC will be sharing our position with the County Board during the next CIP, we respectfully request you submit this letter to the Task Force prior to their final vote and to the extent our members were not represented in any proportional way, include that fact in the final report sent to the County Board.

Respectfully,

Scott Dalton

Commissioner
Arlington Youth Lacrosse Club