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Dear Co-Chairs Gearin and Schroll,

As two of Shirlington Village's closest neighbors, we view with great interest and enthusiasm the ongoing Special General Land Use Permit (GLUP) study, and appreciate the Arlington County Planning Commission's sensitivity to community concerns.

Parkfairfax Condominium is a registered historic district comprised of 1684 residential units built to support Pentagon staffing requirements during World War II. Parc East is an independent high-rise condominium consisting of 293 residential units located adjacent to Parkfairfax on Martha Custis Drive. Although within the City of Alexandria, both communities have easy access to Shirlington via car, bus or the I-395 pedestrian overpass, and consider Shirlington a "go-to" destination for shopping, dining, entertainment and much more.

While we are generally supportive of the revitalization of Shirlington, we share the concerns and recommendations expressed by the Fairlington Citizens Association in their letter of March 20th 2020. Despite an emphasis on transit and a pedestrian-friendly environment, growth will inevitably increase traffic, not only in Shirlington but in neighboring communities. Combined with the proposed doubling of density at Park Shirlington, the GLUP could exacerbate the challenges of navigating the Shirlington Circle and its Alexandria access points at North Quaker Lane and Gunston Road.

We therefore fully endorse the Fairlington recommendation to include surrounding communities and VDOT in the planning process, and we welcome and appreciate the opportunity to participate in the finalization of the Shirlington Special GLUP planning process.



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