

Arlington Tenant-Landlord Commission

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Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board

Joint Collaboration Resolution of the Commissioners

January 8, 2020

WHEREAS, the Tenant-Landlord Commission (TLC), an advisory body to the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, works to promulgate fair and equitable relationships between landlords and tenants in residential spaces and makes recommendations to the County Board on policy issues affecting tenants and landlords;

WHEREAS, the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board (LTRB), an advisory body to the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, investigates and mediates landlord-tenant disputes and makes recommendations to the City Council with respect to public policies affecting landlords and tenants;

WHEREAS, Arlington County and Alexandria City, neighboring jurisdictions, face many of the same challenges related to affordable rental housing and tenant and landlord issues, with many residents, businesses, and organizations living or working cross-jurisdictionally; and

WHEREAS, it is in the common interest of both the TLC and the LTRB to collaborate to develop solutions to shared challenges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the TLC and LTRB will seek to work collaboratively in 2020 to share information, consult with one another on shared policy issues, and collaborate with a focus on the following activities:

- Encourage Arlington County and Alexandria City staff and elected officials to collaborate, when possible, to support affordable rental housing and positive tenant-landlord relations,
- Coordinate and consult with each other on legislative priorities for the 2021 General Assembly session,
- Share data on rental housing affordability trends, and
- Advocate on behalf of vulnerable populations', protected classes', and low and moderate-income residents' housing needs and challenges before public and private decision-makers.

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