

Barcroft School and Civic League

800 S. Buchanan Street Arlington, VA 22204

February 17, 2016

Ms. Libby Garvey, Chair Arlington County Board 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 300 Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Ms. Garvey:

On behalf of the Barcroft School and Civic League (BSCL), I am writing to express our support for the proposed Village Center project to redevelop the present Food Star site at Columbia Pike and South George Mason Drive. As you know, the Village Center will consist of a six-story apartment building, a much-needed public green space, and ground level retail, anchored by a modern, full-service grocer.

We are aware that the Village Center will take approximately two years to complete. We look forward to working with both county staff and Orr Partners in the coming months to address the construction, pedestrian, parking, and traffic challenges that are inevitable with a project of this size.

The BSCL respectfully asks you to approve the Village Center project at your upcoming meeting on February 20.

Sincerely

Christopher T. Kupczyk

President

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