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RE: Alexandria West Planning (AlexWest)

Dear Richard and Jose,

At the March 27<sup>th</sup> Alexandria West (AlexWest) community meeting, there was a small group session period in which community participants expressed their concerns and hopes for the Alex West area. As you know, this information was written by a staff member and added to the listening data collected. As a resident who participated in this meeting, I recall being asked to state my preferences and be specific, but noticed that doing so only addressed the beginning of the concerns that various residents had and could not address the full scope of thoughts and wishes that are of particular concern to established communities within the very large and diverse piece of land defined as Alex West. As residents of a long-standing established community with an historic designation, we wanted to communicate our deep conviction and vision for our area of AlexWest. We live in the Alexandria section of Fairlington Villages which is in the north-western part of AlexWest.

Our Vision:

*For the surrounding neighborhoods that could and probably will be developed near our community in Fairlington Villages, we hope for townhouses and 2-3 story condos with multiple green spaces and attractive buildings that are timeless and remain attractive through coming generations. We hope to have buildings and the number of residents proportional to the building site. As new construction will surround long-standing communities, we urge that it not be excessively dense, nor further increase the already increased and excessive traffic noise. For King Street, our vision is for something like Shirlington Town Center or the small-town feel and low-rise buildings of Clarendon Center. On King Street, we hope for attractive, timeless buildings that will remain attractive for decades to come. We hope the look in our greater-neighborhood moves in the direction of a "small-town feel and look" and not in the direction of Crystal City, or the newly developed Pentagon City. Both of which not only have high rises, but high rises on top of one another. In that vein, we also hope to discourage mid-rise buildings when they are on elevated land, as they will have the same effect as high rises.*

These are some examples of townhouses and limited-level condo buildings that are already in the area: Fairlington Villages, Park Fairfax, Palazzo at Park Center, The Pointe at Park Center Condominiums, Stonegate Townhomes and Condominiums, Kingsgate Condominiums, Fairlington Towne, The Arlington A Condominium, Braddock Lee Apartments, Court Bridge, Wingate, and Heatherlea Condominium.

Having a limited understanding of the planning process and its complexities, we hope that the planning staff would recommend to the Alexandria City Council that there not be an increase in traffic or population density.

Before we close, we have a question and in our next paragraph, we will have a request. Our question is: can the Arlington County residents within Fairlington Villages take the Alex West survey?

In reading the Alex West group discussion instructions, the question is asked, "Did we hear you correctly? Are we missing anything?". This is what we want you to know. For us as an established flourishing designated historic community within AlexWest, quality of life, in addition to property values, is critically important and the specifics in our vision are based on that statement. One of the most important questions for us is: how do we ensure that our hopes and wishes that are expressed within the vision of this letter are included in the shared vision of the AlexWest plan. Specifically, we noticed that five parts of our vision are not on the AlexWest Draft Plan Objectives (April 28, 2023) within the survey while four parts are on the AlexWest Draft Plan Objectives (April 28, 2023) within the survey. In order for this entire vision to be a possibility for us, can you please provide us direction on our next best steps.

Thank you for listening to our concerns. If you need further clarification or if there are questions, please reach out to us. We are very open to an ongoing dialogue on the future of our greater neighborhood and Alex West.

Sincerely,

Holly Berman and Melanie Alvord

as well as from the following Alexandria City Residents within Fairlington Villages who are in concurrence with the hopes and wishes stated within this vision

Denice Hill	Susan Schoenberg	Rosabeth Cuppy
Sharon Bisbee	Cheryl Chevalier	Kelly Blythin
Kathleen Hendrix	Leslie Marie	Thomas Raevis
Wendy Watkins	David Pepper	Rick Weldmann
Sheryl Durga	John Davidson	Tony Littlestone
Vicky Inthavong	Marshall Fischer	Debra Hinkle
Ron Gunter	Jano Brown	Kathleen Partovi
Kathleen Richards	Krystal Lunsford	Katie Hawley
Per Segerstom	Cindy Carney	Joan M. Connolly
David Connolly	Ann Gough	Dao Wei
Jenna Edwards	Max Toglia	Miranda Scheaffer
Arline M. Eyster	Nicole Weeks	John Woods
James McDonald	Richard Thac	Alex Hunter
John Shepherd	Kerry Compton	Meredith Anderson
Ryan Bennett	Mathew Voltmer	John Willingham
Hayes Willingham	Erin Bieger	Josh Dalton
Jillian Akroid	Claire Nelson	Louis Ojeda
Jason Calabrese	Christine O'Connor	Dana Croaker
Helene Dunagan	Adam Dunagan	Emily Reinwald
Lisa Thatcher	Sarah Batty	Ryan Kempf
Sofia Arze	Allison Decruz	Scott Anderson
David Mann	Togai Andrews	Kristen Music
Steven Fulk	Kyle Day	Aishwaryara Raghunathan
Carol McCaffrey	Katie Barton	Jason Mitchel
Tim McGonigle	Colleen Flood	Holly Wendelin
Andrea Marucci	Rosa Caffi	Kenneth Sherwood
Chariki Evans	Christen Eliason	Ellyn Stecker

Kocin Danraj  
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Diane Jensen  
Joseph Emory  
Hannah Schmidt  
Karen Grippo  
Peter Olatuyi  
Shanna Samson  
Sandra Kirby  
Ellen Marcus

Trey Lord  
Russ Bowers  
David Stover  
Shannon Gatz  
Ryan Schmidt  
Sylvia Subialdea  
Sandra Pedro  
Alex Manrique  
Patrick Weeks

Theresa Green  
Rebecca Harvey  
Mark Friend  
Carlos Echevarria  
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