

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Arlington County Civic Federation

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The Civic Voice of Arlington

Barbara M. Donnellan
Acting County Manager, Arlington County Virginia

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After four years with the New York City Office of Management Budget, Barbara Donnellan began a career with Arlington County where she has served as a Senior Tax Policy Coordinator, the Director for Libraries, the Director of Management and Finance, and Deputy County Manager.

She also has worked on many public/private partnership projects: Governor Mark Warner appointed her to the Virginia Resources Authority in 2002 and Governor Timothy Kaine reappointed her in 2006 and 2009. Locally, she has served on the Rosslyn Business Improvement District Board, on the Arlington Retirement Board, and on the Board of Leadership of Greater Washington where in 2009 she received its highest honor, the Fannie Mae Volunteer of Year Award.

In November 2009, when Ron Carlee retired, the County Board began a search for his replacement and appointed Barbara Donnellan Acting County Manager. In addition to being responsible for the management of a diverse set of county departments, a major priority for Ms. Donnellan was the development of the Fiscal Year 2011 Proposed Budget.

As she developed her proposed budget, she oversaw a series of outreach forums with Arlington taxpayers and then produced a document that described the true impacts of spending cuts, which ranged from “this will really hurt” to “we shouldn’t be doing this anyway.” This approach came as no surprise to community leaders who have worked with Ms. Donnellan’s over the years, as she is known for her direct and honest responses to difficult issues. Others who have not had the privilege of working with her have been similarly impressed. After Ms. Donnellan spoke at the January Civic Federation meeting, one longtime delegate called her a “breath of fresh air.”

The Arlington County Civic Federation presents this Certificate of Appreciation to Barbara Donnellan to recognize her dedication and leadership throughout her 26 years in Arlington.