Livability Resolution

Whereas, the Arlington County government has made a decision to increase residential and commercial density,

Whereas, there is not a current guiding document that addresses the impacts of increased density, and that integrates existing county plans and documents,

Whereas, the scale of the proposed developments’ impacts exceeds the scope of customary planning reviews,

Whereas, there is not a process that incorporates input from the direct and indirect communities impacted by the increased density at the scale being proposed,

Whereas, the Arlington County government has committed to increased engagement by residents,

Whereas, the Livability Framework, “Livability22202 Action Plan”, being developed by the three neighborhoods adjacent to Amazon's proposed new Headquarters 2 (Aurora Highlands Civic Association, Crystal City Civic Association and Arlington Ridge Civic Association) may have some applicability and usefulness in other areas of the County;

Whereas, all areas of the Arlington County depend on the revenue generated from development in the 22202 area,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation:

1. Supports the development of the Livability Framework as a tool for reviewing impacts holistically, including both the proposed building site and its neighboring communities;

2. Calls on the County to acknowledge the creation of the Livability Framework and recognize the viability of the Livability Framework for tackling development challenges with holistic strategies based on shared livability themes to maintain and create better, more livable areas.