

Proposed Resolution: Establish an Independent Authority to Review the
Arlington County Budget and Selected Programs and Projects

WHEREAS,

- The Arlington County budget has grown to over \$1 billion, and the County has inadequate internal budget controls and review processes;
- Fairfax and Montgomery Counties have established budget and program/project review mechanisms that have resulted in substantial savings;
- The County has recently witnessed significant cost overruns in conjunction with Artisphere operations and the Columbia Pike Super Stop construction;
- The ACCF previously approved, as part of its annual budget recommendations for FY 2012 and FY 2013, the study, funding and establishment of an independent budget review authority; and
- The County's own auditors in their FY 2012 audit letter accompanying the report on the County's finances recommended that the County "Establish an Independent Internal Audit Function" and further stated, "Establishment of an internal auditing function could result in substantial benefits to the County in terms of strengthened internal control and increased efficiency."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the County fund a study by independent advisors for the purpose of establishing an independent County budget review authority that will provide Arlington County residents and taxpayers with reasonable assurance that their taxes and fees are being effectively and efficiently spent.