

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION:

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

7:00 p.m. (exact start of program TBD)

Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington
(www.Civfed.org)

THE NEW “HOUSING ARLINGTON” INITIATIVE: HOW MUCH DENSITY IS OUR DESTINY?

Arlington County, through its new Housing Arlington initiative, is examining ways to accommodate Arlington’s continued growth and enhance Arlington’s affordability. **Richard Tucker**, Housing Arlington Coordinator (Interim), with the Housing Division of Arlington County’s Department of Community Planning, Housing & Development (CPHD), will provide an overview of the initiative and its key elements (20 minutes), including:

- Institutional Partnerships (e.g., with faith community, higher ed, non-profits, business)
- Financial Tools (e.g., tax incentives, low interest loans, reduced fees)
- Condo Initiative (technical assistance for aging condominium projects)
- County Employee Housing (especially for first responders and teachers)
- Land Use Tools (e.g., HCD’s, bonus density, new housing forms in single family neighborhoods) and
- 2015 Affordable Housing Master Plan update.

After the staff presentation, two local experts will provide their perspectives on regional growth and the County’s role in addressing it, as well as the potential impacts on Arlington residents with the above elements in mind.

Panelists include:

- **Peter Rousselot**, *ArlNow* columnist, a frequent writer on the fiscal, environmental and infrastructure impacts (including on public facilities and schools) of accelerated development; (20 minutes) and
- **Terry Clower**, Director, Center for Regional Analysis, George Mason University Arlington Campus, who will provide an academic perspective and address the pros and cons of these multifaceted issues. (15 minutes)

Note: The panel is allotted 90 minutes total for presentation and Q & A. All speakers will be available for questions at the conclusion of the presentations.

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