



Glencarlyn Citizens' Association

July 20, 2016

The Honorable Libby Garvey
Chairman
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chairman Garvey,

We are pleased to provide you a copy of the report prepared by the joint task force formed in February by the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association ("GCA") and the Forest Glen Civic Association ("FGCA") to respond to the potential acquisition by Arlington County of the Virginia Hospital Center Urgent Care property on S. Carlin Springs Road (the "Property").

The report documents the results of a neighborhood survey the task force conducted in April/May 2016, asking GCA and FGCA residents about their concerns regarding a possible change in use of the Property, as well as their views on some possible uses of the Property. We took this action in advance of the County making public its analysis of needs it may want to meet through acquisition of the the Property. Because of the potential for significant impact on our neighborhoods, we determined that it was in our best interests to survey our members as soon as possible on potential outcomes. We anticipate continuing to discuss the Property with the County and our members as the County moves forward with engaging the community in its evaluation of the Property.

We believe that you will find the entire report to be interesting and informative reading. We would especially like to call your attention to the following significant findings:

- Use of the Property should not increase traffic on S. Carlin Springs Road, particularly during peak school hours when the short stretch between 7th Road South and Highway 50 receives traffic from two elementary schools and one middle school. A significant percentage of respondents opposed using the Property for another school.
- Mitigation of traffic from use of the Property, which has access only to and from S. Carlin Springs Road, should not result in construction of new or modification of existing roads in or through Glencarlyn Park ("the Park") or either the Glencarlyn or Forest Glen neighborhoods.
- The County should preserve the scenic easement, maintaining the current greenspace between any structure on the Property and the Park. Preservation of the character of those tracts could be accomplished by adding the easement tracts to the Park.



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We look forward to working with you on this important project. We have provided our contact information below. We ask that you direct communication on this issue to us as representatives of the GCA and FGCA. We also would be happy to answer any questions you or County staff may have.

Sincerely,

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