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Hon. Christian Dorsey, Chair Arlington County Board 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 300 Arlington, VA 22201

RE: The Arva

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

At its June 1, 2023, hybrid public meeting, the Citizens Advisory Commission on Housing considered The Arva site plan project. The Applicant has agreed to meet the base affordable housing requirement and make an additional contribution of seven on-site Committed Affordable Units (CAFs) to satisfy the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) Amendment. The seven on-site CAFs include five family sized units and will be affordable up to 60% Area Median Income (AMI) for a term of 30 years.

The Commission advises the County Board to approve The Arva site plan project. The Commission expressed their support of the on-site CAF units, particularly the inclusion of five family-sized units. The Commission was also pleased to be adding 3-bedroom CAFs to the County's affordable housing stock. The Commission recommended that the Developer also meet the base Affordable Housing Ordinance through on-site units as opposed to the cash contribution.

The Commission vote on the motion was 10-0 to approve the project. Commissioners Blake, Browne, Edwards, Escovar, Hemminger, MacBeth, McGilvray, Montgomery, Rubalcava and Serfis voted in favor.

Thank you for your consideration and support of affordable housing in Arlington.

Sincerely,

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Kellen MacBeth Chair