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Hon. Libby Garvey, Chair
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 300
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RE: Red Lion Inn Site Plan

Dear Ms. Garvey:

At its January 11, 2024, hybrid public meeting, the Housing Commission considered the Red Lion Inn site plan project. The Commission is overwhelmingly in support of the project. The Commission voted 9-0 to support the staff recommendation and approve the project. The project achieves many Affordable Housing Master Plan (AHMP) goals, such as increasing the amount of family sized units and preventing the loss of market rate affordable housing.

Commission discussion focused primarily on the temporary relocation of current residents. The Commission asked the developer to stay in regular communication with residents about the redevelopment plans and to communicate to residents what programs they are eligible for during the relocation, including the Tenant Assistance Fund (TAF). The Commission also made a point to ask the developer to work with neighboring properties that provide comprehensive resident services that are typically offered at affordable housing properties since there are 22 Committed Affordable units (CAFs) at this site. The Commission encouraged the applicant to implement an eviction prevention program at the property and work with CAF residents to ensure they feel comfortable and empowered in the newly redeveloped property.

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

Sincerely,



Kellen MacBeth
Chair