

**Arlington County Tenant-Landlord Commission
2020 Annual Report**

Members: Members: Kellen MacBeth (Chair), Kirit Mookerjee, Zachary Butler, Chris Bruno, Kristen Clegg, David Timm, Matthew Whitfield, Bismah Ahmed, Elyse Hayes, (Nicole Merlene and Emily Camardo, newest members appointed November and December respectively). The Commission held 9 meetings during the year. No meetings during the months of April, May, June due to County policy related to COVID-19 pandemic.

Relocation Plans/Projects: The Commission reviewed and approved the following relocation plan:

Relocation Plans approved FY 2020

Project Name	Month approved
Arlington View Terrace	September

Properties brought to Commission’s attention – Serrano Apartment, maintenance complaints.

Legislative Recommendations – recommends the Establishment of a Virginia State-wide rental Assistance Program. Letter submitted to the County Board, July

County Budget – recommends that the Board consider increasing the Housing Grant Program Maximum Allowable Rents (MARs) from current levels to the Fair Market Rent (FMR) values set by HUD. Letter submitted to the County Board,

Calls/Data Collection: No data collection report; process suspended

Outreach and Public Comments:

The Commission addressed complaints from three persons during the year, much fewer than previous years, perhaps attributable to the virtual format.

Special topics/presentations: DHS presented on Eviction Prevention programs and rental emergency assistance funding allocation; Fair Housing Plan/Analysis of Impediments - CPHD

Affiliate Report: Bu-Gata Tenant organization provided an update on tenant issues, access to rental assistance and collaborations with community partners and agencies. The County contracts with Bu-Gata to provide tenant services, and acts as mediator between tenants and landlords.

Representation on other Commissions: Nicole Merlene volunteered to become CDCAC representative. Kristin Clegg joined the Ft. Henry Gardens Site Plan