



**ARLINGTON COUNTY  
SPORTS COMMISSION**  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 414  
Arlington, Virginia 22201



November 2, 2016

The Honorable Libby Garvey  
Chair, Arlington County Board  
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 300  
Arlington, VA 22201

RE: FY 2016 Close-Out Funds

Dear Chair Garvey,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on the fiscal year (FY) 2016 budget close-out funding. The Sports Commission recommends re-programming \$2.6 million of the close-out funds from the following Manager's recommended allocations:

- Economic & Revenue Stabilization – Decrease in this contingency of \$500,000
- Operating Contingent – Decrease in this contingency of \$500,000
- Unallocated – Decrease of \$1,600,000

The Sports Commissions recommends that the \$2,600,000 be re-programmed and applied to the following activities:

- Increase in field maintenance
- Feasibility Study for Arlington Sports & Fitness Field House – Goal to determine what type of field house can be included in Phase 1 of the Four Mile Run Valley / Jennie Dean capital projects
- Feasibility Study for Field Decks – Goal to determine the feasibility of building decks above Interstate 66 to create new field space
- Independent Consultation – Goal to provide the county with best practices on how to conduct outreach to low income youth to increase participation in sports and address the barriers such as finance, language, and transportation. Gained knowledge would also be transferred to Arlington youth leagues, booster clubs and coaches

Thank you for your consideration of these re-programming opportunities.

Sincerely,  
Heather Coccozza  
Sports Commission, Chair

cc: Members, Arlington County Board  
Mark Schwartz, Arlington County Manager  
Jane Rudolph, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation