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### Supervisor Dan Storck Jointly with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisors Penny Gross and Rodney Lusk

# Recognition of Ed Ballard and his 35 years of Service to Fairfax County March 22, 2022

Ed Ballard, Supervising Engineering Inspector of Site Development and Inspections Division in Land Development Services, retired on March 11, 2022, after 35 years of dedicated service to Fairfax County. Ed joined the County in 1987 and began his career as a site inspector and then eventually served in several progressively more responsible roles. For the last 15 years, he supervised a team of site inspectors providing site inspections for developments in the Mason, Lee, and Mount Vernon Districts.

His tremendous experience coupled with his knowledge of Codes and Regulations were instrumental in addressing and solving many complicated field situations. Ed provided excellent customer service to our residents and was highly praised and admired by Board Members, as well as his supervisors and colleagues throughout his career. He is an exceptional individual who contributed significantly to the successful implementation and completion of development projects in Fairfax County.

Ed was a respected supervisor and leader who was invested in and facilitated his staff's growth and advancement. Many of his team members were promoted to different agencies in the County.

Therefore, Chairman McKay, I ask without objection, that a proclamation be signed by the Chairman, myself, and Supervisors Gross and Lusk to be presented to Mr. Ballard at a future board meeting for his outstanding service to Fairfax County and our residents.



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# Adoption of the Auditor of the Board's March 2022 Quarterly Report and Approval of the Audit Committee Work Plan for the Upcoming Quarter.

#### March 22, 2022

**BACKGROUND:** Chairman McKay, the Board of Supervisors has received the Auditor of the Board's Quarterly Report for March 2022. The report included the following study areas, recommendations, consideration item, and managements' concurrence.

#### March 2022 Quarterly Report:

#### **External Systems Integration to FOCUS Review:**

#### Auditor Recommends Staff:

- Liaise with agencies to interface external systems where appropriate.
- Complete interfaces for systems reported in prior study.
- ➤ Incorporate system update documentation processes for external systems.
- Assess duplicative functionalities between external systems and FOCUS.
- ➤ Obtain and update DIT External Systems Inventory Tracker.
- > Liaise with agencies to update and/or execute vendor contracts for external systems.
- ➤ Mortarium on p-card system purchases no longer under consideration. Management to put updates and monitoring processes in place and report back at the September 2022 Audit Committee meeting.

#### Miscellaneous G/L Accounts Revenue & Expenditure Analysis Study:

#### Auditor Recommends Staff:

- ➤ Update guidance for recording miscellaneous transactions including creating new G/L accounts where appropriate.
- > Pursue avenues to implement alerts in FOCUS requiring completed text and attachments for manual JE transactions.
- ➤ Update ATB020 and DOF approved monthly reconciliation plans to include reconciling miscellaneous transactions.
  - **\*** *Management agreed with the recommendations.*

**MOTION**: Chairman McKay, I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Auditor of the Board's March 2022 Quarterly Report and approve the attached Audit Committee Work Plan for the upcoming quarter.



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### Recognizing County Board/School Board Joint Environmental Taskforce Members

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The Joint Environmental Task Force, or JET, was formed in April 2019 by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County School Board. The JET's mission is to join the political and administrative capabilities of the county and the school system to proactively address climate change and environmental sustainability. The final meeting of the JET was held in January 2022.

The JET aimed to set and meet aggressive goals in areas of common influence such as workforce development, infrastructure and sustainability of public facilities and transportation, land use planning, communication, and community engagement. The JET provided a forum for collaboration and alignment of institutional policies and practices. The JET organized subcommittees around four specific focus areas: Energy, Transportation, Waste Reduction/Recycling, and Workforce Development.

Members attended many meetings and spent hundreds of hours over two years debating and developing its recommendations. In October 2020, the JET issued a final report with recommendations from each of the four subcommittees. The overarching recommendation from JET members was to set the County and schools goal of being carbon neutral by 2040, further establishing Fairfax County as a leader in climate action. County staff has expanded on this goal by creating the Carbon Neutral Counties Declaration and encouraging other jurisdictions to sign on. The JET recommendations have been accepted by both Boards and incorporated into the County's Operational Energy Strategy.

The JET was composed of 13 members from the Board of Supervisors, the School Board, and the community at large.

#### **Executive Board**

Supervisor Dan Storck

**Supervisor Penny Gross** 

School Board Member Elaine Tholen

School Board Member Karl Frisch

School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders

School Board Member Pat Hynes

School Board Member Dalia Palchik

#### **Task Force Members**

Richard Aiken

Karen Campblin

Richard Clayton

Meg Mall

Susan Stillman

Smita Chandra Thomas

Greg Ulses

#### **Task Force Student Members**

Wendy Gao

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Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we ask, without objection, that proclamations in recognition of their service be prepared to be signed by the Chairman, myself and Supervisor Penny Gross to be presented to each member at a future Board meeting.



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#### **Solarize Fairfax**

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For half a decade Fairfax County has joined the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and the nonprofit Local Energy Alliance Program to offer Solarize Fairfax County, a campaign to help make solar panels more affordable and accessible to County residents and businesses. This year, we are pleased to partner once again with NVRC and LEAP to offer Solarize from April 1 through June 30.

This is an especially important year for our residents and businesses to consider installing solar, for several reasons. At the end of this calendar year, the federal income tax credit for solar installations will drop from 26% to 22%, which represents a marked decrease. Anyone interested in installing solar will need to have signed a contract and their solar project installed before December 31 to qualify for the 26% tax credit.

Additionally, on a local level, 2022 marks the beginning of implementation of our Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan, or CECAP, in earnest. CECAP includes a goal of achieving carbon neutrality within our community by 2050. Using on-site renewable energy, like solar, can help us achieve this goal. Choosing to pursue solar for a home or business is an excellent way to take climate action, right here in Fairfax County.

Solarize participants can receive free, no-obligation site assessments of their properties from a pre-qualified vendor. Those who decide to move forward and install solar panels receive bulk discounts on their purchase, financing options, guidance on how to make the most of the federal tax incentive, and more. Additionally, anyone who installs solar in Fairfax County is eligible

for County solar incentives, which currently include a waiver for the permit application and a five-year solar energy equipment tax exemption.

Last year, more than 320 residents and businesses signed up for Solarize in Fairfax County to assess the solar readiness of their properties. Of those sign ups, 64 went on to install solar, collectively standing up more than \$1.6 million of solar technology capable of generating 631 kilowatts of energy. That's nearly 50% of the total capacity of the solar arrays installed through Solarize in Northern Virginia in 2021.

In addition to solar panels, the Solarize campaign also offers participants the chance to install battery storage systems at a discount. Installing battery storage along with a solar array is a great way to increase the value of the solar system and provide peace of mind in the case of severe weather or other events that interrupt power supply from utilities.

Finally, Solarize allows participants to bundle electric vehicle charging stations with their solar system purchase, making EV charging technology available at a discount. As EVs are another critically important piece of our carbon-neutrality puzzle in Fairfax County, this is a tremendous opportunity to take step toward EV ownership and adoption on a larger scale across the county.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we ask, without objection, that the Board direct the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination, in partnership with the Office of Public Affairs, to proceed with the promotion of the **2022 Solarize** Fairfax County campaign.



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Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay, Supervisors Alcorn, Foust, Gross, Herrity, Lusk, Smith, Storck, and Walkinshaw Literacy Council of Northern Virginia's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Members of the Board,

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV), established in 1962, has a mission to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English so they can better access employment and educational opportunities and more fully and equitably participate in the community.

LCNV is proud to have served nearly 60,000 beginning-level English language and literacy adult learners in its 60 years. Their programs are focused on best practices in research-based pedagogy and provide student-centered instruction. This entails assessing each adult, placing him or her at the appropriate level within the learning continuum, gearing instruction to personal learning goals, and addressing special learning needs or disabilities. They also provide an opportunity for many working age and retired county residents to serve as trained volunteer teachers.

One of their recent initiatives is Destination Workforce®. This is a program that delivers language-based workforce training that teaches industry-recognized credential training in addition to the languages skills necessary to obtain, succeed, and advance in many entry level jobs. With these courses, adults learn critical language and soft skills, while leveraging their employability and marketability. LCNV collaborates with businesses interested in upskilling their employees and committed to addressing barriers for low-wage employees to

advance in the workforce. Such partners include Arlington Partnership for Affordable

Housing, BF Saul Company Hospitality Group, Capital One, Centreville Immigration

Forum, DoubleTree by Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, José Andrés ThinkFoodGroup, and

Korean Community Service Center Job Readiness Project.

LCNV says that that literacy is a survival skill. Never has that been more true than this past

couple of years, where filling out online vaccination forms, and going to the doctor, or

COVID testing became part of the new normal. Language is integral to our own health and

safety.

LCNV will be hosting two in-person events to celebrate their 60th anniversary. First is their

breakfast fundraiser, A Taste of Literacy, on March 25 from 8am to 9:30am where we will

hear from students, instructors, and partners who have worked together to break down

barriers and to overcome obstacles. And their Annual Recognition Ceremony will be on the

evening of June 21. More details on that to come.

Therefore, I move without objection that the Board recognize the Literacy Council of

Northern Virginia's contributions to the community and request that the Office of Public

Affairs prepare a proclamation to be presented at LCNV's Annual Recognition Ceremony

on June 21st.

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