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**Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay and Supervisor Gross
Renaming the Providence Community Center after former Providence
District Supervisor and member of the General Assembly James M. Scott**

Members of the Board,

James M. Scott, who served as Providence District Supervisor for 14 years and then represented Fairfax County in the Virginia House of Delegates for 22 years, was a well-loved, skilled, and dedicated public servant.

During his decades as an elected state and local official, Jim had a strong record highlighting issues related to affordable housing and civil rights. Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D-Va.), a former chairman of the Board of Supervisors, called Jim a “gentle but forceful advocate for all who feel powerless.”

James Martin Scott was born June 11, 1938, in Galax, Va., and grew up in Winchester, Va. Jim was a 1960 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a student activist. He received a master’s degree in English from UNC in 1965 and a second master’s degree, in public administration, from George Mason in 1982.

He taught at Edison High School in Fairfax County for a year before working for anti-poverty and fair-housing organizations in Fairfax.

After his election to the Board of Supervisors in 1971, Jim introduced measures to protect human rights and to support affordable housing and school-based day-care centers. He was an early proponent of making the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a holiday.

Jim, who worked full time as a Fairfax supervisor, resigned in 1986 to become a community affairs executive with Inova Health Systems. He retired from Inova in 2011.

His service in the General Assembly spanned the 22 years from 1992-2014. While in the General Assembly, Jim was known for a number of initiatives, notably the motor voter and the "Stand by Your Ad," bills. The successful motor voter bill of 1995 allows residents to register to vote by mail and at motor vehicle, welfare, employment and other state offices. The intention of the "Stand by Your Ad" bill was to reduce negative campaign advertising.

Jim was also a key player in the implementation of a secretary of technology position in Virginia as well as helping to establish the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University.

Jim passed away in 2017 after battling Alzheimer's for several years. His wife of 41 years, Nancy, continues as a force in Providence and the County. She works tirelessly advocating for services for individuals suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's, as well as support for their families and caregivers. She is also a frequent visitor to the Providence Community Center.

I therefore move that we begin the process to rename the Providence District Community Center after James M. Scott. Approval of this matter should initiate the process outlined in the Board's Renaming Policy.