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Dear Fairfax County residents and corporate neighbors,

I am pleased to present to you the Fiscal Year 2020 Adopted Budget Plan.

The Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 is a demonstration of the value that Community and Board engagement brings to our process for adopting our County budget each year. We began at an excellent starting place, thanks to the good work of County Executive Bryan Hill and our Chief Financial Officer Joe Mondoro. Through the reallocation of resources and thanks to the improving economy we were able to make a number of changes to the Advertised Budget without an increase in the real estate tax rate from the previous fiscal year.

The process for adopting the County Budget every year is all about community engagement. Fiscal Year 2020 is no exception, with Budget Forums and Town Hall Meetings hosted throughout the County and in each of our nine Districts. Since February, our offices received hundreds, if not thousands, of letters, e-mail messages, phone calls and personal visits from our constituents. Much work was done well in advance of the Advertised Budget through joint Budget Development Committee meetings with our partners on the School Board.

The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget adopted on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, is based on a tax rate of \$1.15. Highlights include:

- The \$4.4 billion General Fund Budget fully funds the operating budget request from the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), insuring competitive compensation for our teachers.
- Increases the employee market rate adjustment (MRA) from 1 percent to 2.1 percent. The current living wage of \$14.83 per hour increases to \$15.14 in this Mark-up adjustment.
- Supports affordable housing and environmental initiatives, addresses the opioid crisis, and funds the fourth year of Diversion First.
- It includes funding for two new staff positions for the new Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination, as well as a Housing Coordinator position for the Department of Housing.

- The real estate tax rate remains at \$1.15 per \$100 of assessed value to ensure Fairfax County remains an affordable place to live for seniors and families.

The work leading up to adoption of the budget each year is one of the most important responsibilities of the Board of Supervisors. When we adopt the budget, we are investing in our community's priorities. This is my last budget as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and I am very proud of the excellent work, collaboration and engagement that helped to shape it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Bulova". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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