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RE: Support of Affordable Housing Initiatives

The Fairfax County Young Adult Advisory Council's Planning, Infrastructure, and Transportation subcommittee was extremely pleased to learn of the Board's recent actions towards supporting affordable housing in Fairfax County. We would like to extend our gratitude for the approval of \$33 million in Housing Blueprint loans approved to fund the development of 175 affordable multifamily housing units in the Dominion Square West project, as well as the commitment to a new goal of 10,000 net new affordable housing units by 2034. We do request that a percentage of these new housing units be owner-occupied rather than rental units. While the lack of affordable housing in Fairfax County impacts the entire community, it acutely impacts young adults who are currently living or would like to live in our County. Continued support of affordable housing will ensure Fairfax County maintains its reputation as a great place to live, work, and play and will help attract and retain top talent for our workforce.

We hope you continue these efforts to support and further your work in providing affordable housing, including the prioritization of first-time homebuyer programs and rental assistance, especially for young adults. Creating a pathway to home ownership is integral to attracting and retaining young talent in the County.

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