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Subject: Invitation to attend the September 11, 2024, EQAC Meeting on Trees and Trash in the Fairfax County Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Right of Ways (ROW), especially in and near One Fairfax populations

Dear Director Zakkak,

The Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC), an appointed citizen advisory group to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, invites you to participate in a discussion on trees and trash at our September meeting. We are also inviting VDOT representatives to provide information on how their practices currently address, or could address, issues of trees and trash in the Fairfax County VDOT Right-of-Ways. We ask your participation because your department receives complaints about trash that should inform the discussion. Please see the letter copied to you under separate cover for the issues to be addressed.

At the July 8, 2015 EQAC meeting, the issues of trash and dumping complaints including compliance and record keeping were discussed at length. Following that meeting the County Executive indicated that DCC would implement a tracking system for such complaints indicating which agency was responsible for the resolution and the status of how the complaint was addressed. Testimony provided to EQAC this year indicated that complaints in the VDOT ROW typically go unaddressed. I would be helpful if you could send a representative to the July 10, EQAC meeting to assist understanding DCCs role in addressing trash issues.

Our hope is that by working together we can address tree and trash issues in the County, which better achieves the Environmental and One Fairfax goals of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The September 11, 2024, 7:15 PM EQAC meeting will be held at the Government Center. Please let me know if you or a DCC representative will attend.

Sincerely,

Larry Zaragoza, DEnv
EQAC Chair

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