

1 **BYLAWS OF THE COUNCIL TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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3 *First Enacted October 18, 2012*

4 *Board of Supervisors Approved*

5 *January 8, 2013*

6 *Amended April 16, 2015*

7 *Amended October 8, 2019*

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11 **ARTICLE I – NAME**

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13 The name of this organization is the Council to End Domestic Violence hereinafter
14 referred to as the “CEDV or Council.”

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16 **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

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18 The CEDV was formed in June 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County,
19 Virginia (“Board of Supervisors”), pursuant to Virginia law as a workgroup for the
20 purpose of examining the County’s response to domestic violence and to identify best
21 practices related to domestic violence issues, policy, and coordination. The workgroup
22 included representatives from the County Executive’s office, key County human service
23 agencies, public safety, the judiciary, and community-based organizations.

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25 After review of best practices in the region and around the nation, the workgroup
26 concluded that the community’s domestic violence response would benefit by bringing
27 together top leadership of county and community organizations to form the Fairfax
28 County Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy and Coordinating Council, to act as an
29 advisory body to the Board of Supervisors and to lead the development of a coordinated
30 response on domestic violence issues. The Council was formally established on February
31 10, 2003, by the Board of Supervisors.

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33 In July 2012, an ad hoc charter workgroup was formed to strengthen the function and
34 scope of responsibility of the Council. The charter and bylaws were adopted on January
35 8, 2013. The bylaws were most recently amended on October 8, 2019, and the Council
36 was renamed the Council to End Domestic Violence. The 2019 amendments arose out of
37 a standard review to conform the document to the emerging interests of the Council.

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39 The mission of the Council to End Domestic Violence is to: unite senior-level public
40 officials and community leaders; advise the Board of Supervisors on a range of domestic
41 violence policy, legislative and program issues; and guide the development of a
42 coordinated and collaborative community response to domestic violence in Fairfax
43 County.

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45 These bylaws replace and supersede the CEDV bylaws adopted on October 8, 2019 and
46 are effective as of June 6th, 2023.

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ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND TERM OF OFFICE

Appointments.

The Council shall be comprised of Government Members and Community Members representing governmental agencies, community organizations, and individuals. Community Members shall be either “Standing Members” or “At Large Members,” as is further detailed below.

The Council recognizes that an effective and coordinated response to domestic violence requires collaboration across the entire community, at all levels. To achieve this coordinated response, an ongoing commitment and consistent participation from our leaders, partners, and community are integral to the Council’s planning and response efforts.

Membership and appointments to the Council are varied dependent upon categorization of membership as a Government Member, Standing Community Member, or an At Large Community Member.

Government Members

Government Members shall be Standing Members with unlimited terms, each with a designated alternate, and shall include:

- One member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- Chief Judge, Circuit Court
- Chief Judge, General District Court
- Chief Judge, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
- Chief Magistrate
- Chief of Police, Fairfax City
- Chief of Police, Fairfax County
- Chief of Police, Town of Herndon
- Chief of Police, Town of Vienna
- Commonwealth's Attorney
- County Attorney
- Deputy County Executive, Health and Human Services
- Deputy County Executive, Public Safety
- Director, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Services
- Director, Domestic and Sexual Violence Services
- Director, Health Department
- Director, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services
- Director, Department of Public Safety Communications
- Director, Department of Family Services
- Director, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness
- Executive Director, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
- Fire Chief, Department of Fire and Rescue

- 93 • Public Defender
- 94 • Representative, Fairfax County Commission for Women
- 95 • Sheriff, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office
- 96 • Superintendent, Fairfax County Public Schools

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Standing Community Members

100 Standing Community Members shall be Standing Members with unlimited terms.
101 Standing Community Members shall designate a principal representative, with an
102 alternate, to serve on the Council and shall inform Fairfax County support staff of the
103 name and contact information of those individuals. Standing Community Members
104 continue their membership until they resign or are removed from the Council.

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106 Standing Community Members shall include organizations designated as Standing
107 Community Members by the Nominations Committee, as detailed below, and the
108 following organizations:

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- 110 • Fairfax Bar Association
- 111 • Faith Communities in Action Domestic Violence Prevention Task Force
- 112 • George Mason University
- 113 • Legal Services of Northern Virginia
- 114 • INOVA
- 115 • SANE program
- 116 • Northern Virginia Community College
- 117 • League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

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At Large Community Members

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121 At Large Community Members shall be either Individual or Organizational At Large
122 Members with limited terms. Individual At Large Community Members may include
123 representatives from the following non-exhaustive list:

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- 125 • Representative, housing provider
- 126 • Representative, (minimum three), marginalized and/or underserved populations
- 127 • Representative, medical provider
- 128 • Representative from a certified Batterer Intervention Program
- 129 • Representatives, up to 12 at large
- 130 • Representative from a military installation
- 131 • Representative from survivor community
- 132 • Representative from immigrant community

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Individual At Large Community Member Terms & Appointment:

135 Individual At Large Community Members will serve a three (3) year term and may be
136 reappointed to the Council for an unlimited number of terms. Individual At Large
137 Community Members will be nominated for appointment and reappointment by the
138 Nominations Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Members in attendance

139 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Council. Individual At Large Community
140 Members are not permitted to designate an alternate.

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142 **Organizational At Large Community Member Terms & Appointment:**

143 Organizations may apply to the Nominations Committee to become Organizational At
144 Large Community Members of the Council, to be represented by the organization's
145 executive director, or his or her alternate. Once approved by the Nominations Committee,
146 Organizational At Large Community Members will serve a three (3) year term and may
147 be reappointed to the Council for an unlimited number of terms.

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149 **Designation of Organizational At Large Community Members as Standing Community**
150 **Members:**

151 Any organization that has been an Organizational At Large Community Member for at
152 least one (1) three-year term may apply to be designated as a Standing Community
153 Member.

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155 Resignations and Vacancies.

156 In the event a member cannot serve or resigns as a member, then the Chairperson, or the
157 County staff coordinator, shall advise the Chairperson of the Council and the Staffer to
158 the Council of the vacancy in writing. The Council may decide to appoint a replacement
159 for the remainder of any applicable term. Members may be removed for cause, or for
160 repeatedly failing to comply with membership obligations after multiple reminders to do
161 so, by a majority vote of the Leadership Facilitation Group. The Council's authority to
162 appoint or remove Members under these bylaws neither limits nor waives the Board of
163 Supervisors' authority to remove Members as provided by law.

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165 Holdovers.

166 In the event a member completes his or her term of office, remains qualified to serve as a
167 member, and a successor member has not been appointed, then that person may continue
168 to serve until such time as the member is reappointed or a successor member is
169 appointed.

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171 Member Obligations.

172 All Members are expected to participate actively and consistently in the work of the
173 Council, provide thoughtful input into discussions, focus on the best interests of the
174 group rather than personal interests, and work towards accomplishment of agreed-upon
175 goals. Members will focus on the best interests of those we serve, including people from
176 diverse backgrounds with varying degrees of access to resources.

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178 **Members will:**

- 179 1) attend as many Council meetings as possible; with either the Member or his or
180 her alternate attending at least three meetings per year;
- 181 2) understand relevant issues in the community and have the ability to provide
182 input on an issue or decision;
- 183 3) treat information shared at Council meetings and during Council activities with
184 discretion;

185 4) actively participate in appointing a Chairperson and identifying new Council
186 membership and other leadership; and
187 5) propose agenda items as appropriate in advance of Council meetings.
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189 Members are expected to attend all Council meetings, and all meetings of Committees
190 and Work Groups to which they are assigned. If a Member cannot attend a meeting, the
191 Member will notify the primary County staff contact of the anticipated absence.
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193 Designated Alternates.

194 Government Members, Standing Community Members, and Organizational At Large
195 Community Members may designate principal and alternate representatives in
196 accordance with these bylaws. In the event a Member or Member's principal
197 representative, as the case may be, cannot personally attend a meeting, the designated
198 alternate may serve and vote in place of the principal Member or representative for that
199 meeting.
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202 **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

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204 Elections.

205 The Council shall be served by two officers: a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The
206 Council shall appoint a Chairperson (Chair) and a Vice-Chairperson (Vice-Chair)
207 (hereinafter referred to collectively as the Leadership Roles), both of whom will serve
208 three (3) year terms. The Nominations Committee will bring forward names of candidates
209 for both roles to the full Council for a vote. Nominees must be a resident in or work in
210 Fairfax County and possess the necessary experience individually and in the community
211 to fulfill the duties listed below. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be confirmed by a
212 majority vote of the Members in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting of the
213 Council.
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215 Membership Requirements

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217 Either the Chair or Vice-Chair shall be a member of the Fairfax County Board of
218 Supervisors or a member of Fairfax County Senior Management. During a term in which
219 one of the two Leadership Roles is filled by a County leader, the other role shall be filled
220 by a leader of a local nonprofit organization that works on domestic violence issues. At
221 the end of one (1) three-year term, the positions will rotate and the Leadership Role that
222 had been filled by a County leader will be filled by a nonprofit leader and the position
223 that had been filled by a nonprofit leader will be filled by a County leader. Any
224 individual who is approved by a majority vote of the full CEDV may serve one term in
225 one of the Leadership Roles. They then may serve an additional three-year term in the
226 other Leadership Role if approved to do so by the full CEDV. No individual shall serve
227 more than one term in either of the Leadership Roles. The successful candidates for both

228 Leadership Roles shall either be current Council Members or will become Council
229 Members immediately upon appointment.

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231 Duties

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233 The Chairperson shall perform the following duties and the Vice Chairperson shall assist
234 the Chair in the performance of these duties:

235 1) as directed by the Council, bring the actions and concerns of the Council to the
236 Board of Supervisors;

237 2) as appropriate and as directed by the Council, communicate with elected
238 officials and others, where a coordinated community response is needed to
239 remedy a significant barrier to victim safety and services;

240 3) collaborate with staff and other appropriate partners in the development of
241 Council meeting agendas;

242 4) lead all meetings of the Council in accordance with these bylaws;

243 5) partner with, and serve as a liaison to, the DV Network (other CEDV members
244 may be designated to assist with this task);

245 6) guide strategies and efforts to garner community participation and voice in
246 determining the agenda and work of the CEDV;

247 7) encourage active participation and consistent attendance by all Members; and

248 8) establish Committees and Work Groups as requested by the Council or
249 Leadership Facilitation Group.

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251 Chairperson.

252 The Chairperson presides over meetings of the Council and is eligible to vote at all times.

253 The Chairperson has the authority to delegate appropriate functions to Council members
254 and to request assistance from the County staff supporting the Council.

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256 Vice-Chairperson.

257 In the absence of the Chairperson at a meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform the
258 duties and exercise the powers of the Chairperson. In the event that neither the

259 Chairperson nor the Vice-Chairperson is available, the Chairperson shall name a member
260 or associated staff person to perform the duties and exercise the powers of the

261 Chairperson for that meeting.

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263 Replacement Officers.

264 If an office becomes vacant for any reason, it shall be filled by an election at the next
265 regular meeting having a majority of members present. The newly elected officer shall
266 complete the unexpired term of the officer succeeded. Prior to the election of any

267 replacement officer, all members shall be provided with notice of the proposed election
268 before the meeting at which the replacement is elected.

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270 Community Leader and Organizer

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272 Term and Appointment

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274 The Council shall appoint a Community Leader/Organizer to serve one three-year term.

275 The Nominations Committee will present candidates to the Leadership Facilitation Group

276 and bring forward candidates to the full Council for a vote.

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278 Nominees must be a resident of Fairfax County and possess the necessary experience

279 individually and in the community to fulfill the duties listed below. The Community

280 Leader/Organizer will be approved by a majority vote of the Members in attendance at a

281 regularly scheduled meeting of the Council.

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283 The three-year term can be extended for one additional three-year term by a majority vote

284 of the Members in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Council. No

285 Community Leader/Organizer can serve more than two consecutive terms.

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287 Membership Requirement

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289 The Community Leader/Organizer shall either be a current Council Member or will

290 become a Council Member immediately upon appointment.

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292 Duties

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294 The Community Leader/Organizer will be expected to:

295 1) provide strategic direction to the CEDV and supporting systems as appropriate
296 where a coordinated community response is needed to remedy a significant
297 barrier to victim safety and services;

298 2) serve as a member of the Leadership Facilitation Group;

299 3) serve as a visible advocate on issues related to victim safety and access within
300 the various communities that the leader is a part of;

301 4) garner resources (funding, people, advocacy, etc.) as available to address
302 identified issues;

303 5) provide varying perspectives from one's communities and able to garner
304 diverse voices and representation of the issues, gaps, and bright spots related to

305 the systems' response to interpersonal violence, and able to bring forth current
306 trends and efforts: and
307 6) garner community participation and voice in determining the agenda and work
308 of the CEDV.
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310 Considerations When Recruiting for Candidates

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312 The Community Leader/Organizer should be able to:

- 313 1) have access to community voices and perspectives, have a good grasp of
314 issues, concerns and opportunities related to the systems' response to
315 interpersonal violence, and be able to present issues from the perspective of
316 someone engaged as a community organizer and advocate;
- 317 2) as needed, mobilize the community to address identified issues, implement
318 changes, and promote action aligned with the CEDV priorities and work plans;
- 319 3) be committed to ending interpersonal violence in communities using best
320 practice approaches, including focusing on community healing practices and
321 accountability for those that cause harm; and
- 322 4) be able to regularly attend Leadership Facilitation Group meetings and full
323 body CEDV meetings, as scheduled.

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325 Vacancies

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327 If the Community Leader/Organizer must resign any time during their term, their role
328 shall be filled by a majority vote at the next regular meeting. The newly appointed
329 Community Leader/Organizer shall complete the unexpired term of the member who they
330 succeeded. Prior to the appointment of any replacement Community Leader/Organizer,
331 all Members shall be provided with notice of the proposed vote before the meeting at
332 which the replacement appointment will be held. When possible, the Community
333 Leader/Organizer should make recommendations to the Nominations Committee of
334 interested candidates who may be able to complete their term.

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337 **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

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339 VFOIA.

340 All meetings shall be open to the public except as provided under the Virginia Freedom
341 of Information Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-3700 *et seq.*, as amended ("VFOIA").

342 "Meeting" or "meetings" means the meetings including work sessions, when sitting
343 physically, or through electronic communication means pursuant to the VFOIA or other
344 applicable Virginia law, as a body or entity, or as an informal assemblage of (i) as many
345 as three members or (ii) a quorum, if less than three, of the constituent membership,
346 wherever held, with or without minutes being taken, whether or not votes are cast, of any
347 public body. The CEDV may hold public hearings and report its findings to the Board of
348 Supervisors on CEDV issues that affect the public interest.

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350 Notice and Agenda.

351 Notice and the agenda of all meetings shall be provided as required under the VFOIA. All
352 meetings shall be preceded by properly posted notice stating the date, time, and location
353 of each meeting. Notice of a meeting shall be given at least three working days prior to
354 the meeting. Notice of emergency meetings, reasonable under the circumstances, shall be
355 given contemporaneously with the notice provided to CEDV members. Notices of all
356 meetings shall be provided to the Office of Public Affairs for posting at the Government
357 Center and on the County website. All in-person meetings shall be conducted in public
358 places that are accessible to persons with disabilities. Public access via electronic
359 communications must be provided for virtual meetings, including those held pursuant to
360 the VFOIA.

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362 Frequency.

363 The Council shall meet quarterly, typically in the months of January, April, July, and
364 October, or as determined by the Chairperson. Meetings shall be held at a time agreed to
365 by a majority of the Council's members, and at a place arranged by the staff of the
366 supporting County department.

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368 Voting.

369 A quorum is necessary for a vote. One-third the membership of the Council shall
370 constitute a quorum. In making any recommendations, adopting any plan, or approving
371 any proposal, action shall be taken by a majority vote of Council members present and
372 voting. Upon the request of any member, the vote of each member on any issue shall be
373 recorded in the minutes. All votes of Council members shall be taken during a public
374 meeting, and no vote shall be taken by secret or written ballot or by proxy.

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376 Conduct.

377 Except as otherwise provided by Virginia law or these bylaws, all meetings shall be
378 conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, and except as
379 specifically authorized by the VFOIA, no meeting shall be conducted through telephonic,
380 video, electronic, or other communication means where the members are not all
381 physically assembled to discuss or transact public business.

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383 Public Access.

384 For any meeting, at least one copy of the agenda, all agenda packets, and, unless exempt
385 under the VFOIA, all materials furnished to CEDV members shall be made available for
386 public inspection at the same time such documents are furnished to the CEDV members.
387 Pursuant to the VFOIA, any person may photograph, film, record, or otherwise reproduce
388 any portion of a meeting required to be open, but such actions may not interfere with any
389 CEDV proceedings.

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391 Fairfax County Staff Support of Council.

392 Fairfax County Domestic and Sexual Violence Services will provide principal staff
393 support for the Council through the Countywide Coordination Program Manager. Under
394 the leadership of the Deputy County Executive, the Director of Family Services, and the
395 County-Wide Coordination Program Manager, staff from various County and community
396 agencies will also provide technical and analytical support.

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398 Records.

399 The Secretary or an appointed representative shall ensure that minutes of meetings are
400 recorded as required under the VFOIA. Minutes shall include: (1) the date, time, and
401 location of each meeting; (2) the members present and absent; (3) a summary of the
402 discussion on matters proposed, deliberated, or decided; and (4) a record of any votes
403 taken. Such minutes are public records and subject to inspection and copying by citizens
404 of the Commonwealth or by members of the news media. The supporting County
405 department shall provide staff support to review and approve records and minutes of the
406 meeting.

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408 Attorney-Client Privilege.

409 Records containing legal advice from counsel to the CEDV, and advice provided in
410 closed session by legal counsel to the CEDV, are protected by the attorney-client
411 privilege and from disclosure under the VFOIA. Any such records or advice should not
412 be disclosed by members of the Council to any third party, or the privilege against
413 disclosure may be waived. Questions regarding the handling of records or advice subject
414 to attorney-client privilege should be directed to the CEDV's legal counsel.

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417 **ARTICLE VI - ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION**

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419 Any CEDV member who misses three consecutive meetings or more than half of the
420 scheduled meetings within a 12-month period, or who fails to participate in the work of
421 the CEDV without good cause acceptable to a majority of the other CEDV members,
422 may be subject to removal from the CEDV.

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425 **ARTICLE VII - REMOVAL**

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427 Any CEDV member(s) may be recommended to the Chair of the CEDV for removal from
428 the CEDV for cause, including but not limited to cause as set forth in Article VI, by a
429 two-thirds majority vote of all of the CEDV members. The members' authority to
430 recommend removal under these bylaws neither limits nor waives the Chair's authority to
431 remove members from the CEDV as provided by law.

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434 **ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES**

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436 Standing.

437 The Chairperson may appoint standing committees and a chairperson for each with the
438 consent of a majority of the CEDV members present and voting.

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440 Special.

441 The Chairperson may appoint special or ad hoc committees and workgroups and a
442 chairperson for each with the consent of a majority of the CEDV members present and
443 voting.
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445 All meetings of any such committees shall comply with the notice and other requirements
446 of the VFOIA. To the extent practicable, any such committees shall be composed of at
447 least four members. Committee meetings may be held at the call of the Chairperson or at
448 the request of two members, with notice to all members.
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450 Leadership Facilitation Group.

451 A Leadership Facilitation Group comprised of Council and Community Members shall
452 be formed and will serve as the executive leadership of the Council. The Leadership
453 Facilitation Group is responsible for helping to facilitate the strategic direction of the
454 Council, ensuring the work of Committees and Work Groups is ongoing, and providing
455 support to achieve the goals of the Council. The members of the Leadership Facilitation
456 Group are responsible for supporting the strengthening and enhancement of the County's
457 coordinated community response to domestic violence. **The members are responsible for**
458 **selecting and approving members of the Nominations Committee.** This body will be
459 facilitated by the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Council and will maintain a stable
460 composition with additional Members participating as needed, at the invitation of the
461 Group, depending on identified specific initiatives and especially if contributing to
462 succession planning for the Council. This body meets quarterly and on an ad hoc basis as
463 needed.
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465 The Leadership Facilitation Group shall be comprised of the following:
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- 467 • Chairperson
- 468 • Vice-Chairperson
- 469 • Previous Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson (for the first year, if possible)
- 470 • Director, Domestic and Sexual Violence Services
- 471 • Director, Department of Family Services
- 472 • Deputy County Executive, Health and Human Services
- 473 • Deputy County Executive, Public Safety
- 474 • DV Network Leader
- 475 • Community Leader/Organizer
- 476 • Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, Fairfax County Public Schools
- 477 • The Executive Directors of two nonprofits
- 478 • Committee Chairs
- 479 • Representative from Survivor community
- 480 • Representative from Immigrant community

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482 All meetings of the Leadership Facilitation Group shall comply with the notice, meeting,
483 records, and other requirements of VFOIA.
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485 The Nominations Committee.

486 The Nominations Committee is a part of the CEDV governance structure and has a key
487 role in CEDV leadership effectiveness, recruitment, succession planning, and CEDV
488 governance. The Nominations Committee has influence on the mix of skills, expertise
489 and diversity represented in the leadership positions. The primary responsibility of the
490 Nominations Committee is to establish and carry out a transparent and formal process for
491 filling leadership vacancies on the CEDV. Members work together to form the best
492 process for recruitment and selection of key member positions.

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494 The leadership facilitation group will identify and approve members of the Nominations
495 Committee. The Community Leader/Organizer, at least two government representatives
496 and two representatives from non-profit leadership will comprise the Committee. The
497 committee will select the roles of Chair and vice-chair among its members. Ideally, the
498 committee will be comprised of representatives from a diverse mix of gender, age, race,
499 etc.

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501 The Nominations Committee shall comply with the notice, meeting, records, and other
502 requirements of VFOIA. Nominations Committee meetings may be held at the call of the
503 Nominations Committee Chair, the Council Chairperson, or at the request of two
504 Members, with notice to all Members.

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506 **Duties**

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- 508 1) Develop a recruitment strategy and selection policy to fill vacancies on the
509 leadership facilitation group and the Chair and Vice-chair (s) based on established
510 criteria and responsibilities;
- 511 2) Willing to exercise due diligence in recruitment process as to build a diverse
512 leadership structure over time with a focus on encouraging candidacy from
513 underrepresented groups;
- 514 3) Identify, recruit, screen and interview qualified candidates for CEDV Chair and
515 Vice-Chair and leadership facilitation positions to ensure effectiveness and ability
516 to meet CEDV goals and objectives;
- 517 4) Elect a chair and vice-chair of the Nominations Committee
- 518 5) Responsible for keeping a pulse on the membership make-up of the leadership
519 facilitation group and filling vacant positions as needed with consideration for
520 diversity in community/government representation, gender, race and ethnicity,
521 sexual orientation, age, socio-economic status, etc. and with an eye towards
522 succession planning. As appropriate, recommend mentorship opportunities
523 between new members of the leadership facilitation group and existing members.

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525 **Terms: Three-year term limit**

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528 **ARTICLE IX – ANNUAL REPORT**

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530 The CEDV shall prepare an annual written report that describes the actions of the CEDV
531 and plans for future actions and activities. This report shall be provided to the Clerk to

532 the Board of Supervisors for distribution to the members of the Board of Supervisors and
533 to the County Executive.

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536 **ARTICLE X – COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND COUNTY POLICY**

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538 The CEDV shall comply with all Virginia laws, including, but not limited to, the VFOIA,
539 and the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, Virginia Code
540 § 2.2-3100 *et seq.*, as amended, with all County ordinances, and with all County policies
541 concerning the activities of its boards, authorities, and commissions. In case of a conflict
542 between a provision of these bylaws and any applicable ordinance or law, the provisions
543 of the applicable ordinance or law, as the case may be, shall control.

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546 **ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

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548 These bylaws may be amended by the CEDV by adopting the proposed amendment or
549 amendments and by presenting those proposed changes for approval to the Board of
550 Supervisors. Any such amendments to bylaws shall become effective upon approval by
551 the Board of Supervisors.