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Board Matter

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Mr. Chairman— In May 2020, Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority purchased the Mount Vernon Athletic Club to establish a multi-service center to meet the program and service needs of neighborhoods in the Buckman Loop area (west side of Richmond Highway in Alexandria), identified by Coordinated Services Planning data as the “epicenter” of basic needs requests in South County. The Community Center opened in May 2022, providing recreation services, youth programs, and other equitable, accessible, and effective resources for the Hybla Valley area in the Richmond Highway Corridor.

In May and June 2021, Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) hosted five community engagement

sessions (two virtual and three in-person) to collaboratively engage residents from the Buckman Loop area about the naming of this new center. These community engagement efforts were intentionally designed to reduce barriers to participation, create culturally appropriate engagement settings, and ensure that participation reflected those whose lives will be impacted by the decision.

Based on the feedback from these sessions, six possible names were identified. The community was able to narrow their selection further which facilitated the appointment of the name Hybla Valley Community Center as the name for the new community center in Lee District.

Motion:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board recognize Hybla Valley Community Center as the name for the new community center located at 7950 Audubon Avenue in Fairfax County's Lee District.