

To : Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
From : Dan Storck, Supervisor  
Mount Vernon District  
Subject: BOARD MATTERS for January 23, 2018

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For your consideration, I submit the following Board Matters accompanied by a brief explanation. Your support will be appreciated.

- 1. Request for the Board of Supervisors to Establish Additional Goals for Public Engagement**
- 2. Recognition of County Staff for their exemplary work to assist with the opening of the Covanta Energy-from-Waste Plant**
- 3. Initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Woodlawn Fire Station**
- 4. Mount Vernon 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Town Meeting**

## **1. Request for the Board of Supervisors to Establish Goals for Public Engagement**

### ***Background***

When I first became an elected official fourteen years ago, one of the many initiatives I worked with staff to implement was to find new ways to engage and inform the public. As I begin my third year of office on the Board of Supervisors, I would like to continue that work with my colleagues to explore new ways to engage and inform the residents of Fairfax County. Over the past two years since my original board matter at my first meeting, we have successfully implemented a new conference room with increased seating, improved presentation displays, Channel 16 gavel to gavel coverage and live video streaming, more consistent advance agenda and meeting materials postings. We now welcome pre-submitted video testimony and have improved websites to make navigating and connecting with our vast county resources even easier. We have very professional and responsive representatives dedicated to an open and effective government.

There remain several areas I urge the Board to consider expediting existing plans or implementing changes that could improve the ease, quality and speed of communications essential to the public. I would like our Board to continue to challenge ourselves and our staff to achieve even more and I would summarize these opportunities as follows:

- Expanding efforts and setting specific sign-up goals to be achieved for enrollment in Fairfax Alerts. This service provides the ability for residents to receive notifications on a variety of county topics, issues or emergencies. It is on this final key communication, emergencies, which I believe much more can be done and is essential to do. The Covanta fire brought that issue to the fore front for me.
- Continue our increased posting of agendas and materials for all meetings preferably seven days in advance, but at least three days in advance. This is key to providing the public with sufficient time to properly review, formulate questions and have prepared answers at the meeting. Where not

possible, materials to be provided should be web posted at or before the time they are distributed so residents watching remotely can access them as well.

- Initiate remote video testifying for meetings and public hearings, beginning with the FY2019 Budget Public Hearings. South County Government Center would provide an ideal location and the video process could be as simple and cheap as using a Skype or FaceTime type connection. Saving two hours of travel and fuel would make a real difference to all Mt. Vernon-Lee District residents, and especially the most physically or transportation challenged. This has been a long-standing community request.
- Encourage and provide funding for court hearings or remotely convening court at the South County Government Center.

These are just a few ideas. I am sure other Supervisors will have their own. Some of these are attainable relatively quickly, some are long-term. The end state is that we find a way to leverage technology and the talents of our staff to be the most responsive, transparent, and engaging Board we can be.

### ***Proposed Action***

Therefore, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Board of Supervisors direct the County Executive to return to the Board of Supervisors with a memorandum on ways to further improve public engagement and enact those the Board may agree upon at a future date, perhaps in the Board's Procedures Committee.

## **2. Recognition of County Staff for their Exemplary Work to Assist with the Re-Opening of the Covanta Energy-from-Waste Facility**

### ***Background***

On February 2, 2017, a catastrophic fire at Covanta's Lorton Energy-from-Waste facility closed the facility until it recently reopened on December 27, 2017. This ten month process required a significant amount of county staff time, expertise, and project management, above and beyond the county's usual commitment. DPWES Director James Patteson, John Kellas, Hans Christiansen, and their staff were intimately involved from the first day of the event to the last conference call and inspection before Covanta could begin accepting trash and restarting the first burner. We were also fortunate to have the LDS technical expertise of William Marsh on the team. I would also like to thank Fire Chief Richard Bowers, the entire Fire Safety Team, Deputy Chief Richard Roatch, and especially the Fire Marshalls Office, with Battalion Chief John Walser and Bill Aceto for their commitment to the highest standards and working with Covanta to ensure that the renovated facility would meet current fire safety standards and have the ability to prevent a future fire event.

This staff team met regularly with Covanta, but also as important, was their commitment to the community with several citizen update meetings, setting up a website for transparent communications, and ensuring that Covanta keep their commitments to the community to include improved transparency. For the first time, you can go to the Fairfax Covanta website and see daily emissions data; they have implemented new technology to improve safety and operations; they are participating in regularly scheduled training with the fire department; and Covanta will also be hosting a community event in the spring. All of this could not have been accomplished without the dedication and professionalism of Fairfax County staff.

### **3. Initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Woodlawn Fire Station**

#### ***Background***

The existing Woodlawn Fire Station building and systems are well beyond the end of their life cycle and no longer meet the current and future operational needs of the county Fire and Rescue Department. The Woodlawn Fire Station is located on a 1-acre parcel at 8701 Lukens Lane in Alexandria (Tax Map 110-1 ((1)) 28A). The adjacent 0.5-acre parcel located at 8707 Lukens Lane (Tax Map 110-1 ((1)) 29) was purchased by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2013, with the intent of using it for future expansion of the Woodlawn Fire Station. The project is listed in the Public Safety and Court Facilities Section of the FY 2018-2022 Fairfax County Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

The DPWES Capital Facilities Building Design and Construction Division evaluated several options for new facilities. It was decided that the best option was to build a new station adjacent to the east side of the existing station, maintain operations at the existing station during construction, and completely demolish the existing station after relocating operations to the new facility. The existing parcel is planned for public facilities and the parcel at 8707 Lukens Lane is planned for residential uses at a density of 2-3 dwelling units per acre. Zoning district regulations consistent with the planned density would preclude the proposed phasing of the new station. Given the need for greater flexibility, it would be appropriate to consider whether the Comprehensive Plan land use recommendation for 8707 Lukens Lane should be revised to a public facilities use.

#### ***Proposed Action***

Therefore, I move that the Board authorize the consideration of an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan (for public facility uses) for Tax Map Parcel 110-1 ((1)) 29.

*This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation for a potential Plan amendment or any subsequent rezoning or other application and does not relieve the applicant from complying with all regulations, ordinances, or adopted standards, and will not prejudice the consideration of this application in any way.*

#### **4. Mount Vernon's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Town Meeting**

##### ***Background***

This year I am fortunate to have the opportunity to continue a Mount Vernon tradition established by my predecessor in 1988, the annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting. The Town Meeting is about informing the Mount Vernon community of what its government is doing for them, and even more importantly, listening to the people discuss and debate our future in an open forum. I am pleased the Chairman Sharon Bulova, County Executive Bryan Hill, School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders, and FCPS Superintendent Scott Brabrand will join me. The meeting will take place on Super Bowl Saturday, February 3 at Mount Vernon High School, from 7:45 am - noon. I invite all my colleagues to join me there.

##### ***Proposed Action***

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the Town Meeting on its various communications platforms.

##### ***Attachment***



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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**Supervisor Pat Herrity jointly with Supervisors Cook, Hudgins, Smith, Smyth, and Storck  
Board Matter  
January 23, 2018  
2018 Fairfax County Teen Job Fairs**

**Background:** Madam Chairman, my office and Connection Newspapers, along with a variety of Supervisor's offices, businesses, and community organizations, hosted four teen job fairs and resume building workshops last year. These events focused on students and younger job seekers looking for a variety of employment opportunities; full time, after-school, seasonal positions, internship opportunities, and volunteer positions. These four job fairs provided hundreds of teenagers the opportunity to get in front of employers and for employers to find talented Fairfax County students to fill their positions. The combined attendance was over 1200 Fairfax County teenagers and over 100 employers/organizations.

Last year we expanded from two fairs to four fairs. This year we are again expanding our efforts. I am teaming up with Connection Newspapers, Fairfax County Government, Fairfax County Public Schools, and Supervisors Cook, Hudgins, Smith, Smyth, and Storck to bring our community six Fairfax County Teen Job Fairs and Resume Building Workshops. They will be open to all teens in Fairfax County looking for employment or tips to build their resume. Free booth space will be provided to any business or organization to advertise their available positions. Both teenagers and businesses or organizations may register to attend by visiting the following link: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teenjobfairs>

First jobs are important and these events help connect teens and employers face to face and prepare our youth for the workforce. Please view the Fairfax County Teen Job Fair schedule (attached).

**Motion:** Therefore, Madam Chairman, I move that the Board ask the Office of Public Affairs to help publicize the 2018 Fairfax County Teen Job Fairs and Resume Building Workshops to the local community.

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**2018 Fairfax County Teen Job Fair Schedule**  
**Hosted by Supervisor Pat Herrity, Connection Newspapers, Fairfax County Government**  
**and Fairfax County Public Schools**

**Saturday, March 10th**

**1 pm to 3 pm**

**Woodson High School**

Additional Hosts:

Supervisor Linda Smyth

Supervisor John Cook

Woodson High School

Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce

**Saturday, March 17th**

**1 pm to 3 pm**

**South County High School**

Additional Hosts:

Supervisor Dan Storck

South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce

South County Federation

South County High School

**Saturday, April 7th**

**11 am to 1 pm**

**Chantilly High School**

Additional Hosts:

Supervisor Kathy Smith

Chantilly HS STEM Academy

Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**11 am to 1 pm**

**Mount Vernon High School**

Additional Hosts:

Supervisor Dan Storck

Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce

Mount Vernon High School

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**2 pm to 4 pm**

**TBD**

Additional Hosts:

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins

Reston Chamber of Commerce

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**12 noon – 2 pm**

**West Springfield High School**

Additional Hosts:

West Springfield HS Student Government

Association

Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce