

September 25, 2018

# BOS BRIEF

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The Board of Supervisors (BOS) began the day with a public hearing on the [FY 2018 Budget Carryover](#) to the FY 2019 Budget Plan. As a result of these carryover funds, the Board is able to **fund the County's first Operational Energy Strategy**. While I voted against the Energy Strategy because it did not go far enough, I do believe this is an important step toward good environmental stewardship.

**I also believe the County needs to do more to save people, places and property.** Funding the Energy Strategy will have a **significant return on investment** in just a few short years. I also agree with today's public hearings speakers that **we need to move forward quickly to strengthen the Energy Strategy goals, adopt a Community Climate Action Plan and a Resiliency Plan.**

## Top 3 Things You Need to Know from the BOS Meeting:

1. Approved **\$5.5 million in FY 2018 Carryover Funds** to the FY 2019 Budget, as well as **\$4.5 million to budget reserves**.
2. Approved the Huntington Crossing **rezoning and conceptual development** plan.
3. Approved an amendment to **complete the transfer of Jeff Todd Way to State roadway management**.

While recognizing **October 2018 as [Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#)**, I thanked **Karen Stone, Maddie Palmore and Lisa Sales** for their efforts to support domestic violence victims and for advocating for new emergency housing in southern Fairfax County. I also received this artwork recognizing the **Step Up 4 Kids** initiative.



The BOS was informed that the contract to create the **Board's Strategic Plan** has been awarded to Accenture, LLP. For the next year or two, the BOS will be developing a strategic plan that **focuses our time, energy and resources** on what is important to the people of the County.

The Board also received a report on the [status of transportation projects](#) in the County.

Please be sure to scroll to the end of this Brief to **see upcoming events** in the District!

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The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors September 25, 2018 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). You may listen to highlights from the Board meeting on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. Subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.

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## The Board proclaimed:



**October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**



**September 2018 as Kinship Care Month**



**September 15 - October 15, 2018 as Hispanic Heritage Month**

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To view the September 25, 2018 Board Package [click here](#).

## Administrative Items

### The Board authorized public hearings:

- To lease space on a radio tower at the I-95 Landfill to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for the provision of telecommunications services for its **emergency safety network**.
- On a proposed amendment that addresses the **2017 Priority 1 [Zoning Ordinance Amendment Work Program](#)**.
- On a zoning ordinance amendment to facilitate building repurposing and accommodate emerging land use trends, the proposed amendment defines a new use: **[Small-Scale Production Establishments](#)**. The amendment **extends the ability to have an establishment for production, processing, or manufacturing** to most commercial and planned development districts and the light industrial district, but only in accordance with the proposed use limitations.
- On a zoning ordinance amendment **creates flexibility to permit [continuing adult care facilities](#)** to provide wrap-around services for seniors within one facility.

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## Action Items

**Action 5:** Approved an agreement between the County and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) to **continue ridesharing and transit marketing activities in FY 2019**. This grant program provides funding to promote the use of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, park-and-ride facilities, and commuter alternatives throughout Fairfax County including ride matching, carpooling, teleworking, vanpooling, Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH), and use of FAIRFAX CONNECTOR, Metrobus, Metrorail, Virginia Railway Express (VRE), and other HOV/transit options. In addition, funds are used to support FCDOT's **[Transportation Demand Management](#)** (TDM) activities. *The full item can be read on pages 250 - 256 of the Board Package.*

**Action 7:** Approved a **third amendment to an existing agreement** between Fairfax

County, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the U.S. Department of Transportation, Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLFD). This **amendment changes the Period of Performance (POP)** in the agreement to a date certain of September 30, 2020, for the **Mulligan Road (Jeff Todd Way) Widening Project** (from U.S. Route 1 to Telegraph Road). *The full item can be read on pages 273 - 303 of the Board Package.*

To read the full Board Matters, [click here](#).

## Board Matters

### Third Annual Tour de Mount Vernon

The **3rd Annual Tour de Mount Vernon**, community bike ride will take place on **October 27, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**, starting and ending at **Fort Hunt Park**. Hosted by my office in partnership with the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB), this event is focused on encouraging community members to **explore the many of the treasures** of the Mount Vernon District. This year's ride travels through the northeastern part of the district and includes the Mount Vernon Estate, Belle View Park, Grist Mill Distillery, the Gum Springs Museum and Cultural Center, among many more. For more information, [visit](#).



#### Action

*Directed the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the 2018 Tour de Mount Vernon.*

### Opportunity Alternatives and Resource Community Job and Resource Fair

I would like to invite all to participate in a **Fall Community Job and Resource Fair** on Tuesday, **October 2, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**, at the South County Government Center hosted by the Fairfax Opportunity, Alternatives, and Resources, NAACP, and New Hope Housing. The Fair will **connect community members with prospective employers** and provide those in attendance with the skills necessary to conduct job searches and successful interviews. Approximately **30 local employers will be present** to meet with community members and to perform job interviews. My office has helped organize, provided resources, and supported this effort since its inception. I am very **pleased to support this program** which meets a critical need to helping ex-offenders find jobs and help bring their life and families back on track. For more information, [visit](#).

#### Action

*Directed the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the 2018 Opportunity, Alternatives and Resources Community Job and Resource Fair.*

### Motion to Consider a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the North Gateway Community Business Center

Last October, this Board approved a rezoning application for the Riverside Apartments located in the **North Gateway CBC** to allow the addition of several multifamily buildings to the existing Riverside apartment complex. It was anticipated that the Riverside rezoning would serve as a catalyst for the redevelopment of the gateway area, which is the **entrance to the northern Richmond Highway Corridor**.

There are two parcels adjacent to the Riverside Apartments that are **planned for a redevelopment option for mixed use**. The purpose of this motion is to **initiate a Plan amendment that would broaden the consolidation language** to include these parcels and the potential increased intensity. The amendment should assess changes to the transportation network, including the potential vacation of a portion of Old Richmond Highway and the provision of alternative access to Huntington Avenue.

#### Action

*Authorized the consideration of an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for Sub-units A1*

and A2 of the North Gateway CBC to evaluate increasing the planned intensity up to a 2.0 FAR, altering the language regarding parcel consolidation to consider options with Sub-unit A3, and reconfiguring the planned road network with the CBC including alternative access from Huntington Avenue.

## **Motion to Initiate a Study of Planned Intersection Improvements at Huntington Avenue/Richmond Highway**

I moved consideration of a Comprehensive Plan amendment for the **intersection of Huntington Avenue/Richmond Highway**. The current Comprehensive Plan recommendation shows a **full interchange for this intersection**. An interchange is incompatible with the Richmond Highway design guidance and vision for this portion of Richmond Highway as a **gateway to Fairfax County and the Huntington community**. A study will look at whether the currently planned transportation improvements at the intersection are compatible with surrounding land use changes and promote a safe, walkable, pedestrian friendly environment should be conducted.

### **Action**

*Authorized the consideration of an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for the intersection of Huntington Avenue and Richmond Highway, to assess the removal of the planned full interchange, and provide suitable alternatives to the surrounding street network that are in harmony with land use planning for the immediate area and accomplish the Comprehensive Plan goal of creating a gateway development at the northwest corner of this intersection.*

## **Joint Board Matters**

### **Library Initiatives - Supported by All Board Members**

On September 19, the Board of Supervisors met with the Library Board of Trustees to discuss the present and future of Fairfax County Public Libraries. Topics included the **new Strategic Plan for FCPL, trends in book lending and special collections** like kids' nature backbacks. Two topics need further exploration. First, as Supervisor Jeff McKay brought up during the meeting, students in DC Public Schools have their library card, Metrobus card and other capabilities included on a **single student identification card**. Second, Supervisors and Trustees said the top library concern they hear from residents is about a **desire for more library hours**.

### **Actions**

*Directed the County Executive to:*

- 1. Work with Fairfax County Public Libraries, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, Fairfax County Park Authority, and the Fairfax County Public Schools to explore the potential creation of a single card solution for FCPS students.*
- 2. Evaluate options for the Board to consider to expand library hours as part of the FY2020 Budget.*

### **Support of Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Ratification - Joined with Supervisors Gross, Bulova, Cook, Foust, Hudgins, McKay, Smith, Smyth**

Thirty-eight states must ratify an amendment before it becomes a part of the United States Constitution. To date, 37 states have done so. The **Virginia General Assembly** will have the opportunity to **ratify the ERA** in the upcoming 2019 session.

### **Action**

*Approved a resolution in support of Virginia's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, and provided copies to the General Assembly Delegation.*

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## **Public Hearings that Impact the Mount Vernon District**

### **Rezone Huntington Crossing to Permit Residential Development and Approval of the Conceptual Development Plan**

Approved **Huntington Crossing development of 62 multi-family residential dwellings** at the intersection of Huntington Avenue and Metroview Parkway. My office is working



closely with County staff and the developers to ensure **pedestrian connectivity and a trail connection** to the Huntington Levee.

## Amendments to the County Code Relating to Weapons

Approved amendments to Chapter 6 of the County Code to **prohibit transporting loaded shotguns and rifles in vehicles** on any public road or highway in the county.

## Amendment to the County Code Relating to Junior Firefighters

Approved amendments to the County Code to limit **junior firefighters** who are members of a volunteer fire company to **non-hazardous activities**.

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## Upcoming Events

- Sept 29: [Jeff Todd Way Cleanup](#) - 8:30 a.m.
- Sept 29: [73rd Annual Pohick Church Country Fair](#) - 10 a.m.
- Oct 2: [Community Job & Resource Fair](#) - 10 a.m.
- Oct 2: [Affordable Housing and Housing Discrimination in Fairfax County](#) - 7 p.m.
- Oct 3: [How to Save When Living Paycheck-to-Paycheck](#) - 7 p.m.
- Oct 6: [Laurel Hill Park Clean Up](#) - 9 a.m.
- Oct 27: [Tour de Mount Vernon](#) - 8:30 a.m.
- Nov 10: [Environment Expo: Saving the Earth One Person at a Time](#) - 8 a.m.
- [And more!](#)

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## Opportunity to Serve

In 2016, the Board of Supervisors created the **Police Civilian Review Panel**. The mission of the Panel to **enhance police legitimacy** and to **build and maintain trust** between the citizens of Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors, and the Fairfax County Police Department. You can read more about the Panel here:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecivilianreviewpanel/about-us>

**If you would like to be considered for future appointment to the nine-member panel, please send me a resume or bio and a brief note explaining why you'd like to be appointed.** Send email to: [MtVernon@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:MtVernon@FairfaxCounty.gov)

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