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**Board Matter**

**Recognizing Annie Turner, Executive Director of Food for Others**

Members of the Board,

After 7 years as Executive Director for Food for Others, Annie Turner will be stepping down at the end of July. Annie's work with Food for Others began as a volunteer in 2002, a few years after it was founded in 1995. Annie was a Neighborhood Site Volunteer, where her growing passion for the need for food in Northern Virginia, as well as the Food for Others' community and staff, led her to serve on the Food for Others' Board of Directors for seven years before becoming the Executive Director in July 2016.

Since 1995, Food for Others has been helping countless families facing food insecurity, ensuring that these families have the resources they need. When the pandemic hit, the demand for food increased by about 400%, increasing the daily people served from 60-80 families to about 250. Annie led the Food for Others' team through this chaotic and unprecedented time to ensure our community's most vulnerable residents didn't go hungry and she continues to manage the ongoing needs of many residents.

During her time leading Food for Others, Annie also shared her passion around healthy food access, to the start-up, development and growth of the Fairfax Food

Council, a community coalition dedicated to healthy, equitable food access for all. She lent her expertise and leadership to the work of the Food Council, including serving as Co-Chair for two years during the pandemic. Her contributions have been greatly appreciated and meaningful.

Annie is an integral part of both the Food for Others community and the Fairfax Food Council and has made a tremendous impact on so many by providing essential services and unwavering support to our families in need. Thank you, Annie, for your years of dedication and commitment to our Fairfax County families.

Therefore, I move to recognize Annie Turner for her many years of dedicated service and for the positive impact she has made in our community, and request that the Office of Public Affairs prepare a proclamation for presentation outside the Board room.