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To:            Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

From:         Dan Storck, Supervisor  
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Subject:      **BOARD MATTERS for February 14, 2017**

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

- 1. Thank you to Chief Richard Bowers, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Team, and DPWES**
- 2. Mount Vernon's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting**

## **1. Thank you to Chief Richard Bowers, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Team, and DPWES**

### ***Background***

On Thursday evening, February 2, a fire at Covanta's Lorton waste-to-energy facility started as a one alarm fire and progressed throughout the event. Fire investigators determined that the fire originated on the tipping floor and extended to the holding pit of the facility. When I was contacted by staff, I immediately went to the site and joined our fire and rescue crews and James Patteson and John Kellas from the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services.

I would like to thank Fire Chief Richard Bowers and the entire fire and rescue team for their immediate and exemplary response to this fire event and their continued efforts to protect our community; this was a first for the Lorton community. There were no reported civilian or fire fighter injuries, and for that, we are very thankful. I would also like to thank the very professional services of James Patteson and his team for their expertise and hands-on support both before, during and after the event.

## **2. Thank you to Fairfax County Staff for Participating in the 30th Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting**

### ***Background***

On February 4, 2017, I hosted the 30th Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting at Mount Vernon High School. At 7:45 AM, the doors opened to the exhibit hall where over 60 Fairfax County agencies, non-profits organizations, and other groups were able to connect with and answer questions from Mount Vernon District residents. This year, the town meeting theme was #ConnectMVD, and the focus was on how we can better connect our residents to each other, to available services and current events in Mount Vernon, and also helping constituents understand the importance of community engagement.

I would like to thank all the agencies that were able to attend and who continue to make this tradition so successful. I would also like to thank Chairman Bulova, County Executive Ed Long, Fort Belvoir Public Affairs Director Joe Richards, Mount Vernon District School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders, Congressman Connolly, and Congressman Beyer for their willingness to join me on Super Bowl Saturday and for providing residents updates on key issues affecting the Mount Vernon District, the County, and our nation.

And finally, special thanks to the Channel 16 Crew who helped us live stream and Facebook live the event - Donna Monacci, Sara Mingo, Greg Smalfelt, Patrick Balsamo, John Graham, Josh Bass, Albee Sinayoko, Steve Adams, Ali Al Taweel, Douglas Zambrano, Larry Aronson, Scott Coco, Bob DeMarco, and Sean Metzger; our tremendous DIT team, Joey Taguding and Mark Leonard; and Matt Miller from GIS. Matt worked with my staff to help us create the first truly virtual flying tour of the district by utilizing the same technology that is available to residents at Virtual Fairfax on the county's website. The software allows you to visualize, analyze, and host 3D GIS with available tools for flooding analysis, line of sights, and viewsheds.

The town meeting will air play on Cox cable channel 16 at 8:00 pm on the following dates: February 11, February 13, and February 26. DVD copies are also available at Mount Vernon District libraries.