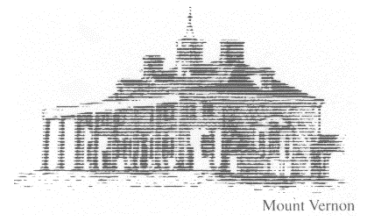




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Welcome everyone, thank you to everyone for being in attendance tonight as we kick off the first of many important conversations about Manufactured Housing in Fairfax County.

The Richmond Highway Corridor is home to six of the eight manufactured housing communities in Fairfax County. (total of 1,116 manufactured homes) The question of manufactured homes as a source of affordable housing has been a very popular topic of conversation lately and is unique due to the subject of ownership.

Many manufactured home residents own the physical home, yet do not own the land it sits on. Simply put, the property (land) owner has historically had the right to redevelop without extensive community engagement. The creation of this Task Force is an important first step to changing that, and to make clear that Fairfax County expects comprehensive and equitable community engagement from ALL residents.

I'm a former mobile home resident and I value their affordability. I led protection/building of affordable housing for more than 50 years/spent more than 50 yrs helping adults reach their full potential through offering social services and leading social service provider organizations.

I am committed to ensuring that all stakeholders are respected, treated equally, engaged & heard, and to not leave anyone behind as the Richmond Highway Corridor develops. By allowing more community engagement opportunities, this process is one example what we're doing to protect/ensure that the manufactured home residents are given more rights. Our intentions are to support the existing social bonds and educate them on the process.

I wanted to give a sincere THANK YOU to all the RESIDENTS of manufactured homes who have volunteered to be members of this task force. It is truly wonderful to see you all get involved and to take advantage of this opportunity.

Second, THANK YOU to the OWNERS of these manufactured housing communities for your collaboration and participation in this task force. It goes a long way and shows you are dedicated not only to your land but also to show good faith the residents that inhabit it.

THANK YOU to Planning Commissioner Walter Clarke for chairing yet again ANOTHER Task Force and for being the consummate public servant for the Mount Vernon District.

Thank you to all the other members for participating in this important initiative– Planning Commissioner Dan Lagana, RHA Commissioners Broderick Dunn & Eric Maribojoc, David Levine, Mark Viani, Leah Tenorio, Mary Paden, Pete Sitnik, Queenie Cox, Evan Kaufmann, & others.

I am looking forward to listening to you all and for the future results of this task force.