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17 August 2009

Ms. Barbara A. Favola
Chairman, Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 300
Arlington, Va. 22201

*Re: ARCA and AHCA Comments & Recommendations Pertaining to the
Crystal City Vision Plan 2050 (Draft 1.1 dtd 05-29-2009)*

Dear Ms. Favola;

In May of 2009, ARCA and AHCA convened a Joint Working Group to study the draft Crystal City Vision Plan 2050. Over the last three months, this team has conducted a detailed review of the Vision Plan in parallel with our attendance at Long Range Planning Committee review sessions.

Please find attached the results of our joint community review effort. While these Comments & Recommendations include the initial perspectives of the Joint Working Group and may be further supplemented in the future, they provide a synopsis of our concerns for the entire 22202 zip code.

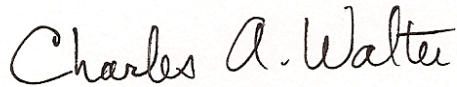
We understand the importance of Crystal City as an economic engine and appreciate the potential benefits of a vibrant Crystal City. Nonetheless, as residents of two long-established, stable, family-oriented neighborhoods we have focused our review on Vision Plan Goal 6: *Preserve the integrity of the single-family neighborhood to the west*. In doing so, we have again highlighted current inadequacies affecting pedestrian safety including street intersection design, traffic controls, and sidewalk insufficiencies, along with a number of additional observations and recommendations that affect the development of a strong, aesthetically-pleasing, safe, vibrant community throughout the 22202 zip code.

We have taken our invitation by Mr. Fusarelli and the Task Force to participate on the review team seriously. As such our neighbors have volunteered countless hours to create a document that articulates our issues and concerns within the construct of the goals and objectives set forth by the County. We thank you in advance for equivalent consideration as you review these Comments & Recommendations.

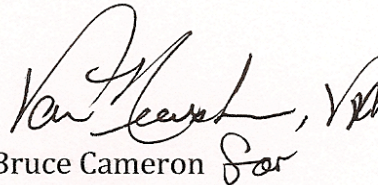
We look forward to the inclusion of these considerations, comments, recommendations and

requests into the Crystal City Vision Plan 2050, and your further detailed response to the various issues and concerns raised. We further ask that any changes or modifications to the GLUP, any zoning ordinance, site plan, or the master transportation plan be held in abeyance until these considerations have been fully reviewed, considered and acted upon.

Sincerely,



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