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To Present and Prospective Members of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations:

As your elected representative, I'd like to share my thoughts with you on the value of being a member of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA). I have worked with and enjoyed the energy of the dedicated community members and the Board of Directors of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Associations (MVCCA) for over 17 years. It is a pleasure to participate in their monthly General Council meetings and hear firsthand the positions they take regarding County policies, land-use cases and civic interests.

There are big issues facing our Mount Vernon District over the next few years including major redevelopment along the Richmond Highway Corridor, the provision of adequate housing for our residents, improving public safety, jump-starting education after the pandemic, and improving the quality of life for all. We are all proud of our District, but to get all of these issues right, we must have the involvement of our residents.

As the EMBARK plan, the widening of Richmond Highway, and the BRT system continue to become a reality, the MVCCA plays a critical role in ensuring your voices are being heard by our state and local elected officials. The Council has helped guide the redevelopment plans of many projects, such as the Huntington Metro Station area; North Hill Affordable Housing project with a 12-acre public park; the adaptive reuse of Original Mount Vernon High School; and numerous private development projects.

The MVCCA has fought for appropriate funding of our schools and teachers, as well promoting environmental issues to improve living conditions for ourselves and our children. A recent focus has been to create County awareness to the frequent flooding of local property due to poor storm water management. It is deeply involved with the National Park Service in improving safety along the George Washington Parkway, and has worked with regional partners to ensure that George Washington's River Farm remain accessible to the public and is not developed.

If your community association is already a member of the MVCCA, I congratulate you and urge you to continue that membership. If your association is not currently a member, I encourage you to join TODAY and get involved. Your involvement gets things done and it creates positive change for the Mount Vernon District and the County as a whole. MVCCA reflects the voices of the community it serves and has been a stalwart within the Mount Vernon District and Fairfax County for over 50 years. What makes this organization a value to our District and the County is YOU and YOUR community.

I take this opportunity to thank the MVCCA for their hard work, continued efforts and collective leadership in helping to revitalize Richmond Highway and keeping our communities as safe, vibrant places to live, work and play.

Respectfully yours in public service,

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