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Chairman McKay
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Storck
Mount Vernon District

June 24, 2020

Ref: Fairfax Federation of Citizens Association letter - Uncodified Ordinance to Establish Methods to Assure Continuity in Fairfax Government and Conduct of Board of Supervisors Meetings During the Novel Coronavirus Emergency- Dated June 16, 2020

Dear Chairman McKay and Supervisor Storck,

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Associations (MVCCA) is a member of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations (Federation) and as such we participated in their Board meeting and general membership meeting where the issue of stopping virtual land-use cases was addressed.

The **MVCCA voted against the Federation's letter referenced above.** We argued that virtual methods offer many more opportunities for citizens to participate in these public hearings. Sadly, we were outvoted. This letter, approved by our general council on June 24,2020, is to reiterate our support for virtual land-use and re-zoning public hearings to continue.

The Federation's letter also encouraged the BOS to improve their technology for future virtual meetings and hearings. We do support that improvement process and hope to see virtual public hearings and meetings become a permanent reality. We believe that more citizens will participate virtually than participate via face to face public hearings.

Regards,
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