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Ref: Approved Resolutions from the MVCCA

December 19, 2020

Dear Supervisor Storck,

Thank you for attending the MVCCA's Dec 16, 2020 General Council meeting. Our committees were hard at work since November and established a series of resolutions that express our concerns. Those resolutions were presented to our General Council membership on December 16, 2020 and were all unanimously approved.

These attached resolutions cover a variety of issues regarding the Fairfax County School System, Land Use/Planning and Zoning, Transportation, and Public Safety.

We respectfully ask for your support on these matters and ask that you raise them with your fellow County Board members, the School Board and the county staff to ensure they are successfully adopted.

Regards,

Katherine Ward

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Enclosed:

1. Support Pandemic Recovery Services Funding -FCPS
2. Support Teacher Priority in Covid-19 Vaccine Distribution
3. Opposing Approvals of Special Exceptions for Multi-pump Gas Stations/Convenience Stores along Richmond Highway Corridor

4. Supporting Improving Current and Planned Design roadway, sidewalks, and safety conditions on North Kings Highway Between School Street and Huntington Metro Station

cc:

Supervisor Lusk- Lee District Supervisor

Barbara Byron- Director Planning and Development

Tom Biesiadny- Director Department of Transportation

Bryan Hill- Fairfax County Executive

Rachel Flynn- Deputy County Executive

Karen Corbitt Sanders- Fairfax County School Board Chair

MVCCA ED-2020-3 Resolution in Support of Pandemic Recovery Services Funding

WHEREAS the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic (Pandemic) has caused widespread death, illness and economic displacement, and has forced Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to greatly restrict conventional in-person instruction and reopening of school buildings; and

WHEREAS the inability to provide conventional in-person instruction has been highly disruptive to educational progress and deleterious to the social and emotional health of students; and

WHEREAS full reopening of schools for conventional in-person instruction may still be many months away, depending on health guidance, local infection rates and the availability of vaccines to permit the safe return of teachers, staff and students to the classroom; and

WHEREAS it is generally considered that students, particularly (but not exclusively) economically disadvantaged, language learners, and special education students have already lost many months of progress during the all-virtual or hybrid instruction necessitated by the Pandemic; and

WHEREAS it will be critical to address educational deficits and delays in an immediate and robust fashion once schools can reopen in order to preserve student opportunities and the priority value of FCPS to all taxpayers and citizens, as Fairfax County recovers from the Pandemic; and

WHEREAS recovery services options could include widespread summer school, extended day, early start of the 2021-2022 school year, and/or expanded after school programs: and

WHEREAS all recovery services options will require substantial additional investment in FCPS in FY2022 but are necessary to recovery of student educational progress and continuation of FCPS' critical value to the County economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS expenses related to sanitizing buses and buildings, improving air flow and assuring availability of adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) will also continue to have a significant impact for many months even after schools reopen,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations urges the Fairfax County School Board and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to recognize the Pandemic-related needs of FCPS and include substantial additional investment in FCPS in on-going FY2022 budget development negotiations thus reflecting the priority businesses, taxpayers and citizens place on safe, high quality education for all students.

Approved by the General Council on December 16, 2020