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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-2020-4 In Support of Teacher Priority in COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

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 and/or eliminate conventional in-person instruction and reopening of school buildings; and

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

WHEREAS closing of schools to in-person instruction has serious impacts on the economy as parents face lack of childcare impeding ability to effectively return to work and businesses which support and supply schools and families with school age children also suffer; and

WHEREAS returning to in-person instruction will put teachers and school staff in daily unavoidably close contact with hundreds of children and will pose significant risk of infection to teachers and staff, many of whom have personal risk factors or who have close family members who would be endangered; and

WHEREAS a substantial return to in-person instruction, even in a hybrid or restricted form, is not feasible until all teachers and staff (including those who have currently opted for all-virtual, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)accommodation or extended leaves) are confident that they are protected by vaccine and can safely return to the classroom; and

WHEREAS vaccines are expected to be available soon but the magnitude of the rollout process will require a tiered “triage” approach to eligibility considering Centers for Disease Control (CDC) advice, but the ultimate decision on priority and distribution rests with the States; and

WHEREAS the reopening of schools is essential to Pandemic recovery with teachers and staff serving as essential frontline workers so that prioritizing teachers and school staff along with other first responders such as police and fire would be appropriate in the vaccine distribution program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations urges the Governor, Secretary of Education and Secretary of Health and Human Resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax School Board and our elected representatives to take such action as needed to assure that teachers and school staff receive appropriate vaccine distribution priority in recognition of their status as essential frontline workers and first responders for our children.

Approved by the General Council on December 16, 2020