Resolution to Amend Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Article 2 Section 514-3-A-(3): Telecommunication Monopoles on Public Land in Residential Districts

- WHEREAS Telecommunication monopoles on public land in residential districts zoned for single family or detached dwellings are allowed by right and not subject to a Special Exception public hearing before the Board of Supervisors that would allow citizens to petition their electors for the redress of grievances; and
- 2. WHEREAS the height of objects other than dwellings in residential districts zoned for single family or detached dwellings is limited to 60 feet; and
- 3. WHEREAS objects taller than 60 feet can be highly visible, attract attention, and may not be harmonious with the surrounding community; and
- 4. WHEREAS telecommunication monopoles on public lands in residential districts regularly trigger local opposition that leaves neighborhoods in turmoil for years because they have no public hearing before their elected officials; and
- 5. WHEREAS Citizens of Loudoun County, Arlington County, Prince William County and the Independent City of Alexandria all enjoy the right to petition their elected officials at a Special Exception public hearing for telecommunication monopoles and related facilities on public lands; and
- 6. WHEREAS the Constitution of Virginia Article 1 Section 12 guarantees the citizens of Virginia the right to "petition the government for the redress of grievances";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Associations requests Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland propose the following underlined change to subsection 3A(3) in Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Article 2 Section 514, to wit:

- 3. Monopoles, with related unmanned equipment cabinets and/or structures:
 - A. Shall be permitted as follows and in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 3 through 3K below:
 - (1) In all C Districts, I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4, I-5 and I-6 Districts, and commercial areas of PDH, PDC, PRC, PRM and PTC Districts.
 - (2) In any zoning district in a utility transmission easement which is ninety (90) feet or more in width.
 - (3) In any zoning district, on property owned or controlled by a public use or Fairfax County governmental unit, except when the public use or Fairfax County governmental unit is located next to a residential district zoned for single family detached and attached dwellings.