

MAYOR EUILLE, VICE MAYOR DONLEY, ETC. SALUTATIONS.

I AM MIKE MCCAFFREE. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF GOODWIN HOUSE ALEXANDRIA AT 4800 FILLMORE AVENUE FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS. I WORK IN THE MARK CENTER IN A BUILDING NEXT DOOR TO THE BRAC BUILDING. MY PURPOSE IN SPEAKING IS TO URGE OUR CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE BEAUREGARD SMALL AREA PLAN.

I AM THE CHAIR OF THE GOODWIN HOUSE ALEXANDRIA RESIDENTS COUNCIL. THIS ELECTED COUNCIL REPRESENTS OUR 425 RESIDENTS, ABOUT 130 OF WHOM HAVE SENT LETTERS AND EMAILS TO THE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE SMALL AREA PLAN.

WE ARE AMONG THE ELDERS WHO ARE ADDRESSED IN THE VERY FINE "STRATEGIC PLAN ON AGING" PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL THIS PAST FEBRUARY. WE LIVE IN THE AREA INCLUDED IN THE BEAUREGARD SMALL AREA PLAN. WE SHOP AT THE RETAIL STORES THERE, WE ENJOY WALKING IN THE WINKLER PRESERVE AND THE DORA KELLEY NATURE PARK, WE HAVE A STRONG COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM, AND WE DRIVE ON SEMINARY ROAD AND BEAUREGARD STREET – AND WE ARE CERTAINLY CONSCIOUS OF THE TRAFFIC ON THEM NOW! IN SUM,

WE ARE AMONG THE ALEXANDRIANS WHO LIVE IN THAT PART OF OUR CITY, AND WE VERY MUCH CARE ABOUT ITS FUTURE.

IN RECENT MONTHS I'VE ATTENDED MANY MEETINGS SPONSORED BY THE CITY AND THE BEAUREGARD CORRIDOR STAKEHOLDERS GROUP THAT HAVE EXAMINED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BEAUREGARD CORRIDOR. THE RESULT IS THE BEAUREGARD SMALL AREA PLAN THAT IS BEFORE YOU. THIS PLAN REFLECTS THE EXCEPTIONAL CAPABILITY OF OUR CITY GOVERNMENT TO DRAW TOGETHER FIVE MAJOR DEVELOPERS INTO AN EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS PRODUCED A COHESIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF THAT PART OF OUR CITY - AND THEN LISTENED TO AND ACCOMMODATED THE COMMENTS THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE NOW. I DO BELIEVE THAT THE PROCESS AND THE PLAN WOULD BE THE ENVY OF MANY CITIES IN OUR COMMONWEALTH AND BEYOND.

IN CLOSING, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO APPROVE THIS SMALL AREA PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF THE BEAUREGARD CORRIDOR.

THANK YOU.