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PENTAGON CITY

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POTOMAC YARD

January 19, 2023

Christian Dorsey
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Item 16 – Commercial Market Resiliency and Permitted Uses

Dear Chair Dorsey,

On behalf of the Crystal City, Pentagon City, and Potomac Yard business community, the National Landing Business Improvement District (BID) strongly supports the proposed amendments to the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance to enable more flexible uses in commercial and mixed-use districts. We are pleased to see that the amendments are on the Consent Agenda and encourage the Board to adopt the amendments.

Given the high commercial vacancy rate, the BID welcomes the permitting of uses like urban university spaces, urban agriculture, animal boarding, artisan beverage facilities, and workshops in our downtown neighborhood and similar districts. We applaud Arlington County's work on the Commercial Market Resiliency Initiative aimed at responding to economic uncertainties and addressing commercial challenges. Amendments like those being considered are important steps forward to support emerging uses in our commercial centers and we encourage continued zoning and regulatory adaptability to help with the repositioning of obsolete office spaces. We encourage continued reform to ensure our commercial districts can nimbly adapt and innovate to respond to market forces and new opportunities.

We strongly support these proposed zoning amendments and encourage their adoption. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

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