20 April 2021

Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board,

On behalf of its members, and the residents of the Clarendon and Courthouse neighborhoods, the Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association (CCCA) submits for your consideration the following thoughts regarding the **proposed updates to the Clarendon Sector Plan.** 

After hearing from the County and developers, our members discussed the proposed updates and what they mean for our neighborhood. We voted to take the following positions, which we think are in the best interest of our community:

- **Support** a change to the Sector Plan to allow step-back requirements on a given parcel to be met in the aggregate, rather than requiring a uniform 20-foot step-back (as the Wells Fargo site developers are requesting).
- **Support** a change to the Sector Plan to allow the parcel at the corner of Wilson and Washington to be developed as a hotel, rather than office.
- The CCCA continues in general to strongly support the step back requirements. The CCCA opposes the proposed elimination of the stepback provisions on Irving Street or Fairfax Drive, for which the developers have offered no rationale that it improves the built environment, and, indeed, have offered justifications that contradict each other.

We thank you for your attention to these positions during the Clarendon Sector Plan update process. We are happy to discuss these positions further with the County Board, staff, and other relevant parties.

Sincerely, Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association

Casey Nolan President

CC: Mark Schwartz, County Manager

Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association membership