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Dear Chair de Ferranti, Vice Chair Coffey, and Members Cunningham, Spain, and Karantonis,

I am writing behalf on the Yorktown Civic Association to request your continued support for the Arlington Neighborhoods Program (ANP) through the upcoming Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Yorktown Civic Association supports a request of \$7 million in CIP funding for neighborhood infrastructure projects for the upcoming two-year cycle.

The ANP has enhanced the quality, safety, and character of Arlington's diverse neighborhoods since the Program's inception almost 60 years ago. Indeed, a review of the Program in 2021 emphasized:

Neighborhood Conservation remains a unique and valuable County program. Its bottom-up nature is distinct from and complements other Arlington programs. It effectively delivers physical improvements to neighborhoods and is a strong example of Arlington's commitment to community development and resident engagement.

The ANP is the primary source of infrastructure and parks improvements for neighborhoods. While we recognize that other County programs do similar projects, only the ANP has the broad scope and funding to accomplish up to ten such projects a year. For example, the ANP has improved the quality of life in the Yorktown Civic Association by:

- Improving pedestrian safety for residents on 25th Place N. & N. Emerson St. by adding sidewalks near a major school bus stop (note this project has been approved but has not yet commenced)
- Improving the streetscapes at N. Greenbrier St. from 26th St. N. to 27th St. N.
- Improving park infrastructure at the popular Chestnut Hills Park
- Improving streetscapes on Yorktown Boulevard from Little Falls Road to 30th St. N.
- Improving streetscapes on 27th St. N. from N. George Mason Dr. to N. Florida St.
- Improving streetscapes on N. 25th St. from N. Columbus Street to George Mason Dr.

And these have only been the improvements in the last twenty years. ANP projects have funding 16 additional projects between 1995 and 2003 that provide much-needed street lights, street improvements, traffic management improvements, and neighborhood signs.

In addition, ANP staff, in collaboration with the ANP's citizen-led counterpart, the Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (ArNAC), has a record of sound fiscal oversight of CIP funds allocated to the ANP. For example, it is the Yorktown Civic Association's understanding that only \$7 million in CIP funding is necessary to recommend 16-20 projects over the next two years. While the

Yorktown Civic Association recognizes that future bond requests will likely need to be greater, this bond estimate keeps the ANP functioning at its current rate of recommending 4-5 projects every half-year.

As mentioned, ANP projects include a wide range of pedestrian safety, traffic calming, environmental, and parks projects. The priority project list currently shows about 25 unfunded projects.

As projects are funded, new project requests quickly move onto the list, allowing more neighborhood needs to be satisfied and improving the quality of life for the community. Neighborhoods look to the ArNAC and the ANP to address these needs. For example, the Yorktown Civic Association hopes to fund through future ArNAC funding pedestrian improvement measures on 25th Road N. from N. George Mason Dr. to Columbus St. N.

ANP projects capture those improvements that may not otherwise rise to the attention of County departments, but are no less important to citizens' day-to-day lives. For that reason, and as discussed above, Yorktown Civic Association appreciates your support of the ANP and the request for \$7 million in CIP funding for this important program.

Sincerely,

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