



May 22, 2026

Dear Members of the Arlington County Board and County Manager Schwartz,

I am writing on behalf of the Yorktown Civic Association to request your support to retain the 2024-approved \$15.355 million in CIP funding for the LAC on Langston Boulevard. Additionally, I respectfully request you move the funding from FY2030 to FY2028.

As you know, both the LAC and the surrounding green space have served Arlington residents for more than one hundred years. In September 2025, Arlington County published a study of the site by CGS Architects. Costs to renovate the LAC building ranged from \$6.2 million to \$15.1 million. The 2030 CIP entry of \$15.355 million would adequately cover restoring the community center with improved facilities.

While there may be a maintenance backlog in the county, the LAC site needs to be maintained while it is unoccupied and waiting for stakeholder engagement concerning the future of the site. Future renovations to the site will serve a broad population—not just the residents of the nearby civic associations but whole swaths of Arlington that are unserved or underserved due to a lack of community centers. As you recall, the Langston Boulevard Area Plan was approved only after the County Board removed language recommending community centers be consolidated.

Maintaining the LAC in the intervening years—before its full potential is realized—is critical. Therefore, I write to urge you to keep the \$15.355 million for the LAC in the CIP.

Sincerely,

Zachary Newkirk

President

Yorktown Civic Association (2025-26)