

## Donaldson Run Civic Association

June 29, 2026

Matt de Ferranti, Chair  
Arlington County Board  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard  
Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Lee Center

Dear Chair de Ferranti:

In our June 11 letter, based on the views of its members at our most recent membership meeting, the Donaldson Run Civic Association (DRCA) supported the position of the Leeway Overlee Civic Association and others, seeking earlier funding in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) than the then proposed designated date for renovation by 2030.

We now understand that, in the face of these views and those of many others, the proposed CIP would now delay these needed renovations even further – to FY 2035 and beyond. Apart from this apparent disregard of the views of those most directly affected by the need for a renovated community center in this area, this approach seems to fly in the face of discussions about the future of the Lee Center during consideration of Plan Langston Boulevard, adopted by the Board over two years ago. Page 33 of that Plan specifically recognizes that a “redeveloped Lee Center” is an integral part of the Plan.

The President of Leeway Overlee Civic Association proposed on June 25 a specific approach to the renovation that not only depicts the modest necessary investment but meets the Plan goal. Clearly, an approach such as this can be formulated. There is time to define the approach before a renovation is undertaken. DRCA supports the need for such a final approach and funding to support renovation before 2030, not in 2035 or beyond.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Richardson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bill Richardson  
President  
Donaldson Run Civic Association