

Attn.: Robert Swennes, Executive Director

Subject: Lubber Run Farmers Market

February 21, 2018

Dear Mr. Swennes,

The Arlington Forest community welcomes opportunities for community building and healthy eating that the proposed Lubber Run Farmers Market (LRFM) would bring to our neighborhood. We join many of our neighbors in the area who support this initiative by Field to Table. We would urge the Arlington County Board to approve a Lubber Run Farmers Market for a spring 2018 opening.

As we understand it, the market would be open Saturday mornings from May through November in part of the Barrett Elementary School parking lot. We understand that roughly a dozen regional farmers and other food providers would sell local fruits and vegetables, breads, meat, eggs, and other food items.

The density of the blocks in Buckingham and other neighborhoods surrounding the proposed market, along with the nearby playgrounds at the school and Lubber Run Community Center present opportunities for the Market to be a community gathering place for both adults and children. Specifically, within a few blocks of the proposed Market are several dense residential developments, including Hyde Park, Buckingham Village Apartments, Gates of Ballston, as well as The Madison at Ballston and Ballston Row townhomes. All these communities would benefit from having the LRFM within walking distance.

The market will also promote healthy eating for our residents through the increased visibility and easy access to nutritious and competitively priced local foods.

The Arlington Forest Citizens Association is happy to lend its support to this effort.

Sincerely,

Allison Kennett

President, Arlington Forest Citizens Association