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Joint Board Matter with Supervisors Dan Storck and Jeff McKay regarding Undergrounding Utilities

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Background

As this Board is aware, we've had a number of discussions about undergrounding utilities over the past few months. As those discussions have progressed, whether because of bills in Richmond or our work here locally, Dominion has principally been at the table discussing the costs associated with undergrounding. Also, as it relates to the Dominion Strategic Undergrounding project, there have been no discussions with Verizon, Cox Cable, or other utility companies, to our knowledge.

In order to get a clearer picture of the cost and work associated with a true undergrounding of utilities, it is critical to assemble representatives and decision makers from all of the county's utility companies to have a broader conversation about what it would take to do this work.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madam Chair, we ask that the County Executive invite decision makers from Cox Communications, Verizon, Dominion Power, and any other utility partners who are impacted be invited to our next Revitalization Committee meeting to discuss and determine costs, benefits, and the process to underground utilities in the County.

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Madam Chairman - As you may recall, in June 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved Phase 1 of our first-ever housing strategic plan, called the Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan. This first phase led to the creation of 25 short-term strategies that are being implemented over the next two years. Phase 2 of the Plan includes longer-term strategies for developing new tools, policies, and resources to support the production, preservation, and access to housing that is affordable to all who live and work here.

To accomplish Phase 2, on Supervisor Hudgins' motion, we created an Affordable Housing Resources Panel (AHRP) of housing experts to provide recommendations on the number of additional affordable housing units the County should work toward developing and preserving over the next 15 years; and the funding sources and mechanisms by which these units should be developed.

We are happy to announce that the AHRP concluded its work on February 26. We are also aware that staff from the Department of Housing and

Community Development (HCD) is offering individual briefings to Board members to discuss the recommendations in more detail. The Board discussion of the recommendations will inform FY 2021 Budget Guidance that I will draft and review with Board members in April as we finalize our decisions on the budget, consistent with the Phase 2 motion.

As we move forward, it will be critically important that the community is fully informed of our efforts surrounding Phase 1 and 2 of the Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan.

Additionally, we would like to make the Board aware of another significant affordable housing milestone. On February 21, the Embark Housing Advisory Group concluded its work. As some of you may know, the group was created to ensure we're preserving affordable housing in the Richmond Highway Corridor as part of the Embark Comprehensive Plan Amendment. The group's recommendations will be transmitted to the Strategic Economic Development Team, created by Supervisor Storck and me, before being distributed to the Board. This effort is extremely important because its recommendations will also be incorporated into the Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan.

Therefore, Madam Chairman, we ask without objection that proclamations to be signed jointly by yourself, Supervisor Storck, Supervisor Hudgins, and myself be prepared for presentation to members of both groups at a future Board meeting. We further move that the recommendations from the AHRP be distributed to the Board and placed on an upcoming Budget Committee meeting agenda for discussion.



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Madam Chairman — As this Board is aware, Crystal City was awarded one-half of Amazon's HQ2 late last year.

Although the physical structure will not be located within our boundaries, we know this announcement and new headquarters location will still have impacts on Fairfax County.

Therefore, Madam Chairman, without objection, I ask that staff ensure representatives from Fairfax County are attending regional HQ2 forums and keeping our Board apprised of those discussions. I further move that staff evaluate when it would be appropriate for the County to host its own forum to discuss the impacts of Amazon HQ2 to the County.