

Arlington County Board

January 19, 2016

2100 Clarendon Blvd. #300

Arlington, VA 22201

Dear County Board Members,

The Sports Commission would like to express its strong support for the petition that has been signed by many of the major sports user groups in Arlington County.

This petition was spearheaded by John Foti, who has been a very valuable volunteer and coach who has also worked tirelessly to maintain and upgrade county baseball diamonds over the years. The sentiments in this petition represent the collective voice of thousands of young people, their coaches and parents.

At our regular December meeting, the Sports Commission voted unanimously to endorse and support the efforts of these user groups to secure more playing space for their constituents.

The issue of field space has been the most prominent Commission topic for all of the sports user groups (adults and youth) that play soccer, football, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, baseball, softball and kickball on Arlington County fields.

It is abundantly clear that the county needs additional artificial surface fields as well as more space for fields throughout.

Sincerely,



Craig Esherick

Chairman, Arlington Sports Commission