



October 3, 2008

Loudoun County Board of Supervisors  
1 Harrison Street  
MSC 01  
Leesburg, VA 20175

RE: Changes to Legislative Application Review Process; Proposal 2

Dear Board of Supervisors:

At the September 10, 2008, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the Economic Development Commission (EDC), John Merrithew presented the proposed revisions to the rezoning process related to the Transparency in Government Board of Supervisors item.

The Committee supports the proposed changes and offers two additional comments for consideration by the Board of Supervisors:

1. Make the Development Review Committee (DRC) meeting mandatory to ensure Board participation. The meeting is intended to solicit potential issues earlier in the process and Board comment is critical.
2. Hold the Planning Commission Public Hearing following County staff's first referral. This approach uses the public hearing to capture all issues early to allow a more comprehensive discussion between staff and the applicant. This should help expedite the process. We recognize that an early public hearing, when the project may not be completely detailed may lead to a second public hearing if significant changes are made to the application. If needed, the second hearing may be more of a "reporting out" to the community about how the issues they raised earlier have been addressed.

The EDC appreciates being included in process discussions and stand ready to assist as the Board moves forward with these discussions.

Sincerely,

Tamar Datan Johnston, Chairman  
Loudoun County Economic Development Commission