

# Strong Support for FRIT Property Improvement Plan for Village at Shirlington

Shirlington Civic Association | June 2, 2021



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Dear Federal Realty Investment Trust,

The Board of Directors of the Shirlington Civic Association greatly appreciates the early presentations and discussions you have provided for the SCA Board and members regarding Federal Realty's proposal for comprehensive improvements in the Village at Shirlington. While we realize these plans will change as they are reviewed by Arlington County staff and others, we have welcomed the early view of draft plans and our opportunity to provide you with preliminary feedback.

The ongoing commercial success and vitality of the Village is of great importance to the Shirlington neighborhood. The high-quality restaurants and shops are one of the reasons that residents move to this area. We also welcome the opportunity to enhance the unique aspects of the Village that are so attractive to visitors, residents, and retail businesses, including the magnificent trees, pedestrian friendliness, public spaces, and entertainment venues.

The SCA Board strongly supports the overall vision for Federal Realty's property improvement plan. While we are not endorsing all details of the draft plan at this time, such as the design for the plaza by the library, we look forward to our continuing conversations to provide input regarding a few areas of concern. We are very excited about the fantastic proposal being presented by Federal Realty to upgrade your properties and to fund new amenities throughout the Village.