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Fairfax City Economic Development Authority Elects Leadership for Fiscal Year 2024

Fairfax City, VA – The Fairfax City Economic Development Authority (the “EDA”) recently held its June 2023 Regular Meeting, during which new leadership for the upcoming fiscal year was elected. The EDA elects an executive committee from among the seven appointed Commissioners to represent the organization before state and local elected officials, economic development agencies, prospective businesses and developers, and industry partners.

For the upcoming fiscal year, the Authority has appointed the following Commissioners to the Executive Committee:

- Commissioner Beth Young, Chair
- Commissioner Kathleen Paley, Vice Chair
- Commissioner Dawn McGruder, Treasurer
- Commissioner Tom Ross, Secretary

The Economic Development Authority is responsible for partnering with the Economic Development Office on projects and initiatives that grow the commercial base in Fairfax City. The EDA primarily works to attract new businesses, retain existing businesses, support and identify office tenants, and encourage smart, thoughtful development within the commercial activity centers. The Economic Development Authority and the Economic Development Office work together under the Fairfax City Economic Development brand.

I am delighted to welcome the new EDA leadership into office. These committed volunteers help grow our city in ways that enable us to continue delivering exceptional services to our residents and businesses while we collectively work together to position Fairfax City as the place to start and grow a business in Northern Virginia,” said **Mayor Catherine Read**. “My colleagues and I on the City Council look forward to continuing the deep and growing partnership with the EDA.”

I am looking forward to working with the incoming officers of the EDA, and I am thankful to the outgoing team for their service and support over the previous twelve months. Together with their support, Fairfax City Economic Development has launched exciting new programs like LIFFT, our office vacancy reduction program, and FIIG, our upcoming Façade and Interior Improvement Grant program, and we have overseen the relocation and build out of the MEC-Fairfax which required hundreds of hours of Commissioner engagement,” said **Christopher Bruno, Director of Economic Development and Executive Director of the EDA**.

The new officers will begin their terms on July 1, 2023. The next scheduled meeting of the Economic Development Authority will be on August 2, 2023.

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Fairfax City Economic Development is a collaboration between the Fairfax City Economic Development Office and the Fairfax City Economic Development Authority, an independent agency administered by a commission appointed by the City Council to promote economic development activity within Fairfax. Fairfax City Economic Development helps attract businesses to the city, encourages and develops programs that foster connections between businesses, residents, and visitors of Fairfax, and spearheads innovative programs and strategies devoted to positioning Fairfax City as an ideal location to start, grow, and scale a business. It is a founding member of the Northern Virginia Economic Development Alliance.