

Reply from Arlington County Board Chair Libby Garvey on Item #24, Continuity of Governance and Special Planning Process Amendments

From: CountyBoard@arlingtonva.us

To: annebodine@yahoo.com

Sent: Fri, May 15, 2020 at 4:24 PM

Subject: ASF Letter for the Record - Agenda Item 24, May 16 County Board Meeting

Dear Ms. Bodine,

On behalf of the County Board, thank you for sharing your thoughts regarding Item #24, the Permanent Continuity of Government Ordinance. The Board appreciates hearing from members of our community before taking action on this item.

For your awareness, my Colleagues and I have decided to remove this item from the Consent agenda for a hearing at our Tuesday Virtual Recessed Meeting. In addition, and in response to the concerns we have heard and share, the section granting the Manager authority to suspend or change LRPC, SPRC and Commission processes - subsection 4d of the Permanent Continuity of Government Ordinance - has been removed at the direction of the Board. The new version of the ordinance, without subsection 4d, will be posted for our Tuesday agenda.

If you would still like to speak on this item at the Tuesday recessed meeting, we ask that you please register to speak in advance. A registration form will go live on the [County Board Website](#) tomorrow morning once the Consent Agenda has been adopted. Alternatively, you may call the Board Office at 703.228.3130, and a member of our staff will assist you with the registration process.

Upon submitting your registration, you will immediately be provided instructions via the website and through email on how to join and participate in the Virtual meeting on Tuesday, either by phone or via your web browser. For your planning purposes, note that items removed from the Consent Agenda will be heard no earlier than 6:30PM.

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Your letter has been made part of the public record for this item. As we deliberate on this matter, the Board will take into consideration your comments and those submitted by all members of the public.

To learn what action the Board has taken on this item after the meeting, you can review the meeting video and minutes on the [County website](#) .

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to the Board's attention. I hope you are staying well.

Sincerely,
Libby Garvey
Chair, Arlington County Board