

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors PA S13-II-TY1

Statement of the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition

My name is Rob Jackson. I live at 6728 Baron Road in McLean and I am co-chair of the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition, which represents the communities surrounding Tysons. The GTCC has been active since 2008 and has participated in the Tysons rebirth process since then.

I testified to the Planning Commission on this matter in February. I am here to affirm my earlier statement. I also wish to update it because of recent developments concerning the proposed Plan Amendment.

First, the GTCC continues to be concerned that the County will weaken its commitment to build 20 athletic fields within Tysons to serve the needs of the Tysons workers and residents who are projected by 2050. There must be 20 fields in Tysons--period. Further we support the request of the McLean Citizens Association to direct the Park Authority to study options as to how to achieve the 20 fields with input from stakeholders within and outside of Tysons.

The communities surrounding Tysons do not have adequate fields for their own use today nor vacant land upon which more fields can be constructed. We cannot serve the needs of Tysons unless our quality of life is diminished significantly. We cannot accept that result.

Second, we are aware of the proposed compromise changes to the Initial Development Level (IDL). With the approval of the Tysons Urban Center Development Monitoring Program, which I will discuss further, the GTCC can accept this compromise on the IDL.

Third, we remain concerned that at 84 million square feet, Tysons and its neighbors are going to experience total failure of the road network. Our supervisors must prevent that from happening. While we have urged retention of the 84 MSF interim cap as a necessary protection, we are willing to accept a dynamic protection system in the form of the Tysons Urban Center Development Monitoring Program, so long as it meets certain conditions.

The GTCC urges the Board of Supervisors to direct staff to develop the monitoring program in a manner that includes:

- Development of the plan with broad stakeholder input that includes the communities surrounding Tysons;
- Public access, including online access, of the plan's assumptions, mechanics, methodology and results, including performance measurements;

- Use of current technology for measurement of factors;
- Regular updates, both as to results and the plan itself; and
- Use of results in County decisions with respect to further development within Tysons.

The GTCC's mission statement includes the following: "We have a vested interest in Tysons' success." That includes the County's commitment to protect the quality of life for the residents of surrounding communities. We all need Tysons to be successful and our neighborhoods protected. Accordingly, we respectfully request the views of the GTCC be incorporated in the Board's decision on the pending Plan Amendment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.