

Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Mount Vernon, Virginia

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Dan Storck
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District
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Dear Mr. Storck:

Thank You for Decision to Support Locating of a Replacement for the Kennedy Shelter for the Homeless at 2801 Beacon Hill Rd.

The Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Mount Vernon wishes to express its gratitude for your decision to move ahead with co-location of the Penn Daw Fire Station with the long-overdue replacement of the Kennedy Shelter at the site of the former Hybla Valley Nursery at 2801 Beacon Hill Rd.

As we wrote to you previously, the Bahá'ís of Mount Vernon desire that all our fellow citizens and neighbors share the dignity of having a home. We urge you and the Board of Supervisors to proceed expeditiously to design, approve, and construct this updated modern replacement for the Kennedy Shelter, along with supportive housing, at 2801 Beacon Hill Rd.

There is a Bahá'í prayer in which we are called "homeless wanderers." If we simply understand that concept, then we can see that all of us deserve not only a spiritual home, but a physical one as well.

We are homeless wanderers, and Thou art our haven and refuge. Graciously aid and assist us to diffuse Thy sweet savours and to exalt Thy Word. Elevate the station of the dispossessed, and bestow Thine inexhaustible treasure upon the destitute. Vouchsafe Thy strength unto the weak, and confer heavenly power upon the feeble. Thou art the Provider, Thou art the Gracious, Thou art the Lord Who ruleth over all things. (From the Bahá'í Sacred Writings)

We offer our continued support to bring this long-needed project to fruition.

With sincere good wishes,



The Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Mount Vernon, Virginia
Representing the Bahá'ís of Mount Vernon and Lee Districts

cc: Jeff McKay, Chairman
Rodney Lusk, Supervisor, Lee District