

October 26, 2021

The Honorable Daniel Storck
Mount Vernon District Supervisor
2511 Parkers Lane
Mount Vernon VA 22306

Dear Supervisor Storck

I want to encourage you to place the new Kennedy Shelter at the old Hybla Valley Nursery site on Beacon Hill Road. The One Fairfax policy calls for equitable opportunities for everyone in our community. That includes those in our community that are experiencing homelessness. As a Christian pastor I am compelled to teach my congregation that our faith calls us to reach out to the most marginalized members of our community and fully include them in the midst of our community rather than relegate them to the sidelines.

The Beacon Hill Road location for the Kennedy Shelter is the perfect spot. It is located on multiple transportation lines so the residents would have easy access to get to appointments, job interviews and apartment searches. The Beacon Hill Road site is within walking distance of multiple businesses and retail stores that would provide for entry level jobs. This location also provides easy access to multiple support services for those in need and is walking distance to a Neighborhood Health Clinic.

I can't think of a better location that supports the needs of our community's most vulnerable than this site. Locating the shelter here also sends a strong message that we are One Fairfax that cares for and provides equitable opportunity for all.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian K Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Dr. Brian K Brown
Woodlawn Faith United Methodist Church