



## **McLean Citizens Association Resolution**

### **Commending Robert Jackson**

**March 17, 2022**

**Whereas,** the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) wishes to commend Robert Jackson, who is retiring after many years of service to the MCA and serving as the MCA President on two occasions, for his many contributions to the MCA and the residents of the Greater McLean Community and Fairfax County; and

**Whereas,** Mr. Jackson has lived in McLean since 1987, was elected to the MCA Board of Directors (Board) in 2006, was elected first Vice-President the first year he was on the Board, while also serving as Budget and Taxation Committee Chair, and has been a member of the Board for the past 16 years; and

**Whereas,** Mr. Jackson was President of the MCA from 2007 to 2012 and from 2020 to 2022, more than twice as many years as any other President since the MCA was first established in 1914; and

**Whereas,** during his first term as MCA President, Rob Jackson played a lead role in MCA's successful effort to seek modifications to the Tysons Comprehensive Plan, leading to recognition from Dranesville Supervisor John Foust in 2012 for Mr. Jackson's leadership of "MCA's successful efforts to ensure that the concerns of the McLean community were considered as the comprehensive plan for Tysons was revised;" and

**Whereas,** the positive results from his leadership on this effort included:

- Direction by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to the County Department of Transportation to develop an alternative formula for allocating the costs of required transportation improvements so that County taxpayers would not have an increased tax burden, saving County taxpayers an estimated \$400 million;
- Consideration by the Fairfax County Planning Commission (Commission) and the BOS of the unintended consequences of urbanization of Tysons on surrounding communities;
- Identification of transportation priorities and need for dedicated funding that was incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan; and
- Implementation of a study of intersection improvements in communities surrounding Tysons due to Tysons growth; and

**Whereas**, in June of 2012, the BOS named Rob Jackson as the Lord of the Dranesville District for his outstanding service to McLean, an annual tradition Fairfax County has undertaken since 1984 as a way to recognize exceptional citizens of Fairfax County; and

**Whereas**, the citation he received in connection with being named Dranesville District Lord stated “Mr. Jackson has been active on a number of other issues, including battling the City of Falls Church's water rate hikes; improving communication with VDOT, MWAA and their contractors for the HOT Lanes and Dulles Rail Projects; working with county staff, planning commissioners, school board members, supervisors, state legislators, and members of Congress on numerous projects; and presenting the MCA's views to local and national media;” and

**Whereas**, Mr. Jackson became First Vice President of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations in 2012 and served as President from 2013-2014, during which he successfully led efforts to get the Commission to reconsider a broad proposal to allow the location of residential studio units throughout the County and to get the County to reconsider a proposal to streamline services provided by the Fairfax County Library system; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Jackson was the Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Transportation Planning Board from 2019-2020, previously served as Vice-Chair, and served as a member of the Committee from 2014 to 2022; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Jackson was a board member of the Tysons Partnership from 2011 to 2013, helped create the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition and was Chair or Co-Chair of the MCA Tysons Committee, serving as a liaison to the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition from 2012-2017, and;

**Whereas**, Mr. Jackson was Vice-Chair of the MCA Planning and Zoning Committee (P&Z) from 2017-2019 and was the Chair from 2019-2020; and

**Whereas**, during his second term as MCA President, in spite of pandemic challenges, Mr. Jackson successfully led the MCA in efforts to provide community input on the proposed revision of the Fairfax County's Strategic Plan, the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan amendments for the McLean Community Business Center, the 495 Northern Extension project, and Zoning Ordinance revisions.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the McLean Citizens Association recognizes Robert Jackson's exceptional public service to the MCA and to the residents of the McLean Area over the past two decades, and expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Jackson for his extraordinary commitment to, and considerable impact upon, improvement of the lives of residents in the McLean Area and the effectiveness of Fairfax County governance.

*Approved by the MCA Board of Directors*

*March 17, 2022*

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