



**NATIONAL
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PENTAGON CITY

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POTOMAC YARD

May 3, 2021

Chair Jim Lantelme
Arlington County Planning Commission
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 700
Arlington, VA 22201

Letter of Support – **Crystal Plaza 1 – 2001 S. Clark Street**

Dear Chair Lantelme and Members of the Planning Commission,

On behalf of the Crystal City, Pentagon City, and Potomac Yard business community, the National Landing Business Improvement District (BID) expresses its enthusiasm for the proposed development at 2001 S. Clark Street.

The proposed development by JBG SMITH will deliver a project that will enhance the neighborhood's housing offerings in a transit-oriented location just one block from Metro. Delivering a better balance of housing within the Crystal City neighborhood relative to the office offerings is a core priority of the Crystal City Sector Plan.

As proposed, the development will also construct a new S. Clark-Bell Street road segment. This realigned north/south street offers greater pedestrian, vehicular and transit circulation and will provide safer pedestrian crossings at Route 1. It also brings us incrementally closer to achieving desired multimodal mobility for National Landing. Additionally, the BID supports the applicants proposed build-to line of 72', as it meets the spirit and vision of the Crystal City Sector Plan.

The proposed open space and pedestrian passage offers improved biophilic design, public access and improved street-level experience. The BID supports maintaining public accessibility through public use easements for the proposed open space and pedestrian passageway.

Additionally, the new building proposed along Richmond Highway establishes attractive new architecture to frame Route 1/Richmond Highway corridor. The reconfiguration of the 20th Street intersection lays the groundwork for a future Route 1 that puts people before cars and establishes an urban boulevard that reconnects our community.

The BID looks forward to the implementation of this exciting residential project and encourages the Planning Commission to recommend the County Board's approval.

Sincerely,

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