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Arlington County Park and Recreation Commission
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chair Kuppa and Members of the Arlington County Park and Recreation Commission:

On behalf of the National Landing Business Improvement District (BID) and the collective business communities of Crystal City, Pentagon City, and Potomac Yard, I am writing to provide feedback in support of the naming of Met Park and PenPlace open spaces.

I want to applaud the team at JBG SMITH for conducting outreach to stakeholders and community members to gather thoughts on naming these two important green spaces.

Prior to the start of construction of Amazon's HQ2 at Met Park, the associated green space had been present, open and utilized by the community for years. Similarly, the community dialogue about PenPlace dates back over a decade. As a result, the community has grown accustomed to using these names. At the same time, the robust community process revealed no compelling alternatives.

This led to the consensus determination from the Parks and Recreation Commission, Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Commission, Crystal City Civic Association, Aurora Highlands Civic Association, Arlington Ridge Civic Association, and the National Landing BID that continuing to utilize the established names of Met Park and Pen Place would be preferred.

We look forward to working with Arlington County and JBG SMITH on the next stage of this process and the delivery of signature open space in the heart of National Landing.

Sincerely,

Tracy Sayegh Gabriel
President & Executive Director, National Landing BID