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Honorable Penelope A. Gross  
Vice Chairman Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor Mason District  
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Dear Penny

Last night at the last meeting of the Seven Corners Land Use and Transportation Task Force (TF) I asked the members if they would allow me to write a letter to you telling you of our appreciation of Aaron Frank's very positive impact on the TF efforts, and I am happy to report was endorsed by unanimous acclaim.

We seldom notice the things that make community meetings possible and Aaron's quiet efficiency has made our TF meeting logistics flawless from scheduling them and getting the public rooms to setting them up.

Aaron has on every occasion of one of our meetings (even when he has an education conflict) properly set up the room so that we could focus on the meeting tasks and not having to pull out chairs into the proper configuration; setting up the tables; getting the microphone and podium into the proper place; name plates for TF members; having the sign-up sheets for TF members and the public available and then following up with everyone to get their names for the record. Without this basic information the meeting minutes would have been even more difficult for county staff.

In addition, in the very highly charged atmosphere of this past summer's more contentious public meetings I have asked Aaron to step in and handle the public comment sign up and the logistics of getting the speakers to the podium by both calling the names, getting everyone in an order of presentation and occasionally finding the individuals in the crowded room and bringing them to the podium. As you can imagine with 149 people at the first meeting 138 at the second and 141 at the third this was no easy task. Aaron handled the assignment with aplomb and firm professionalism.

He has been our central point of coordination and communication with the TF and the staff. Minutes, agendas, material for presentation and the like have all been well done by Aaron—In fact I know of no one instance where there was any kind of problem due to an oversight by Aaron.

So aside from the meetings themselves, Aaron has attended many meetings with me and the staff to discuss upcoming meetings, land use and transportation issues, and this past summer on next steps to take in the highly charged atmosphere. He has always requited your office very well with insightful comments and good judgment.

Aaron is still a young man but I believe that he is both a quick learner and unlike some others at the early stages of their career generally thinks before he speaks.

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Please know that we very much appreciated his constant commitment to performing an excellent job. This is one of the things that makes the Supervisors office shine in the public's eyes.

Best wishes,

John H. Thillmann

Co-Chair

On behalf of the Seven Corners Land Use and Transportation Task Force.