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Dear David and Neighbors in the Arlington Heights Civic Association,

Thank you for your outreach and feedback regarding the plans for renovation of the Columbia Pike Branch Library and plans for a shared facility with Arlington Public Schools.

In consultation with my County Board colleagues and the County Manager's Office, I am writing to share our intent and plan that, after the short construction period to renovate its building, the Columbia Pike Branch Library will re-open to the community, consistent with the APS co-location plans shared with the community to date. At no time has our County staff presented to us, nor has the County Board considered, a scenario in which the Library does not return to this site and continue its operations until a time in the future that a new location for the Columbia Pike Library has been identified and constructed.

As you can imagine, the current pandemic and our collective response has significant repercussions for not only current County operations, but for future budgets, capital budgets and project delivery schedules. So, we ask for your patience and understanding if the planned dates of construction and/or the level of County services (such as hours and staffing levels at County facilities) change over the coming months and even years. I can assure you, however, that any such changes would be the result of these financial and planning exigencies and not reflect any intent to move the Library off the site prior to a new home being found.

Thank you again for your partnership. Please stay safe and well during this difficult period.

Sincerely,

Katie Cristol

Arlington County Board