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The Honorable Alyia Gaskins
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Dear Mayor Gaskins,

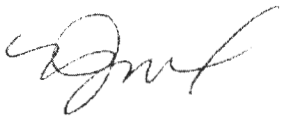
I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Goodwin Living Seminary Road project to be considered by the City Council this Saturday, June 14, 2025. Unfortunately, I am unable to testify in person, so I want to share my support in this letter.

I have spent my entire career in mission real estate. I was President and CEO of the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, now True Ground Housing Partners, from 2014 – 2021. I joined the Goodwin Living Board of trustees in 2022 to support a faith-based nonprofit that supports, honors and uplifts the lives of older adults and the people who care for them.

I am excited about the new Goodwin House Seminary Road project and its ability to serve even more seniors with high quality, caring homes. Goodwin House has hundreds of seniors on their waiting list. I was pleased to learn that this new property will have seven units dedicated to low income seniors—with all the benefits of Goodwin Living at a fraction of the market value. I also was pleased to learn about the \$932,000 contribution to the City's affordable housing trust fund.

As our community continues to grow and evolve, it is vital that we address the needs of older residents who wish to age in place with dignity, security, and access to essential services. Well-designed senior housing not only supports the health and independence of our older population but alleviates pressure on other parts of the housing system, benefiting the broader community. This project represents a thoughtful, compassionate investment in Alexandria's future.

I urge you and the City Council to approve and support this proposal. Doing so would demonstrate Alexandria's continued leadership in inclusive, forward-thinking urban development. Thank you for your service to our city and for your consideration of this important matter.



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