



AURORA HIGHLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

March 22, 2022

Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Members of the Arlington County Board,

Attached please find a thorough analysis of the Special GLUP Study Application submitted by Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc., on December 20, 2021. The analysis was prepared by the Aurora Highland Civic Association's Zoning Committee and outlines numerous concerns regarding the size, scope and potential impacts of the project envisioned therein. Indeed, with nearly 100 members present, our Association was nearly unanimous in adopting the analysis and in its opposition to said project at a Special Meeting on March 14, 2022.

Our concerns are described in more detail in the accompanying report; and, while many of our members do support Melwood's mission and acknowledge Melwood's value to the neighborhood, it is overwhelmingly clear that this project cannot be allowed to go forward on the site. We are interested, however, in trying to find a path forward for a Melwood project in Arlington, that could gain community support.

We would appreciate a response, and welcome the opportunity to continue to be involved in a meaningful way as the Melwood application is considered by the County Staff, Commissions and County Board.

Sincerely,

Cory Giacobbe
President
Aurora Highlands Civic Association