



RESOLUTION FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ‘MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING STUDY’

WHEREAS Arlington County has recognized the need to generate more “missing middle” housing, [defined as](#) “a range of house-scale buildings with multiple units—compatible in scale and form with detached single-family homes—located in a walkable neighborhood”.

WHEREAS in 1938 row houses and similar types of multiple-unit housing were [banned](#) in Arlington for decades to “preserve suburban character”.

WHEREAS these and other restrictive covenants are examples of [redlining](#), a nationwide 20th century practice designed to price non-white groups out of certain neighborhoods.

WHEREAS today 61% percent of the County population are made up of [non-Hispanic whites](#) yet occupy 70% of the County’s single-family neighborhoods.

WHEREAS Arlington County has commissioned [this study](#) to examine the needs of generating more housing that is not solely single-family homes or high-rise apartments.

WHEREAS “missing middle” is NOT a tear down of existing residential housing; rather, it serves as a blueprint for future sustainable development and growth in Arlington County.

WHEREAS “missing middle” housing is separate from “affordable” housing and seeks to increase housing options in the County for residents at all income levels.

WHEREAS an inadequate response to the housing shortage in the County would result in more longtime Arlington residents being forced out of their homes due to skyrocketing costs.

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED THAT...

- The Arlington Young Democrats continue to support the County in its ‘Missing Middle’ efforts through the Phase 2 and Phase 3 studies.
- The Arlington Young Democrats support increasing the supply of housing in the County, leading to more opportunities for residents to live and own a home.
- The Arlington Young Democrats support the County’s efforts to address institutional racism in the housing market through these efforts.

. The Arlington Young Democrats support the County's efforts to create more housing while also addressing issues of sustainability and preserving the tree canopy.

Action Items

The Arlington Young Democrats call on members to urge the County Board to continue to raise awareness of the Missing Middle Housing Study. This includes use of social media, phone calls, emails, and any other relevant form of correspondence to residents. Many residents of the County [do not know](#) that the project exists.

The Arlington Young Democrats also call on its members to urge for increased transparency regarding the Missing Middle Housing Study. Through the use of social media, phone calls, emails as well any other relevant form of correspondence to County Board officials and their staff, members can pressure the County to make this process more transparent and responsive to feedback from residents.

The Arlington Young Democrats are in favor of a community-oriented redevelopment plan that takes all voices into account. In particular, the Missing Middle Housing Study should prioritize affordability, equity, and sustainability in its plans to increase diversity in housing types in the County.