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HOUSING FOR ALL

1) Transit-Oriented Communities

Providing homes in walkable, mixed-use, mixed income communities close to transit can provide more equitable access to opportunities, reduce reliance on driving, and improve environmental and social outcomes for residents. In fact, County plans call for inclusive, transit-oriented development near its transit stations and along its transit-rich corridors.

1a) Do you agree with the Comprehensive Plan's inclusive, transit-oriented communities goals?

Yes No Partially

1b) How would you improve on or change the County's approach to inclusive, transit-oriented communities?

Our Independent Green Party has been leaders in pursuing inclusive, transit-oriented communities with our 2023 candidates: Our Chairman Carey Chet Campbell for Braddock Supervisor, Terry Modglin for Mason Supervisor, and me, Corazon Sandoval Foley for Springfield Supervisor -- the First Filipino American and First Asian American Candidate for Springfield Supervisor 2023 who pledged voluntarily, if elected, to donate the pay raise bulldozed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to the Foley Community Center Project (aka Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls)
<https://fcaahp.wordpress.com/bwsscwow/>.

As Founding Chairman of the Foley Community Center Project, I, Corazon Sandoval Foley, have participated actively with the Active Fairfax program <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/bike-walk/activefairfax> Fairfax County is updating and combining the Bicycle Master Plan and the Countywide Trails Plan into the ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan. Active transportation means self-propelled, mostly human-powered travel including walking, biking, rolling (scooter, wheelchair, stroller), hiking, running, and riding for transportation and recreational purposes. The plan will establish a vision and a roadmap for implementation of safe, convenient, and enjoyable streets and trails in Fairfax County. Corazon Sandoval Foley strongly supports the Independent Green Party program of "More Trains Less Traffic" championed by our past chair "Gail for Rail Parker" -- For more walkable, bikeable, pedestrian, rail friendly

communities we still need light rail on the beltway instead of toll roads. We need dedicated passenger rail track for Virginia Rail Express (VRE). We need more trains, more tracks, more often. And as a taxpaying senior in our long-underserved Springfield District, I am a strong proponent of Safe Streets -- Apply best practices in Complete Streets design, including wider sidewalks, bicycle facilities serving all ages and abilities, narrower streets, lower design speeds and supporting amenities such as shade trees, lighting and places to rest. Our Foley Community Center Project (aka Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls) sponsors community conversations to inform seniors and their families about safer streets, and inclusive, transit-oriented communities, so important for seniors who cannot drive cars as much as they used to.

2) Housing Goals

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG), which includes Fairfax County, has committed to providing 320,000 more homes in our region by 2030 with 75% near high-capacity transit and 75% qualifying as affordable. Yet Fairfax County has not committed to meeting a specific share of this need and is falling behind on its own previously set targets. This contrasts with an earlier time when then-Chairman Connolly committed the County to planning for 48,000 additional households to ensure people could live closer to their jobs and reduce the traffic commuting into and through the County.

2a) Do you believe Fairfax County should be doing more to provide additional housing in the County?

Yes No Partially

2b) What housing and zoning policy steps would you take to fill the housing gap and construct more housing at all levels of affordability, including both committed affordable and market-rate homes? Would you support these changes County-wide or just in specific locations?

I, Corazon Sandoval Foley Independent Green Candidate for Springfield Supervisor 2023, have participated in programs by the Northern Virginia Aging Coalition (NVAN) to improve housing availability and affordability for seniors and their families. I am a participant in SHAPE discussions on housing and community supports -- including accessory dwelling units and multi-generational programs to assist seniors who want to age in place. I also support adaptive reuse of vacant/underutilized commercial buildings for live-work development as in Merrifield -- <https://www.ffxnow.com/2023/07/06/live-work-development-approved-for-inovas-former-hq-in-merrifield/> -- and development of more affordable housing that are transit-accessible for our workforce and residents at all levels of affordability.

3) Affordable Housing Funding

Fairfax County has adopted a minimum affordable housing production goal of 10,000 units by 2034, but the annual funding is still below the amount needed to meet that goal.

3a) If elected, would you support dedicated, sustainable funding to achieve the County's housing goals, particularly for those individuals and families at lower incomes?

Yes

No

3b) What policies and programs would you consider to strengthen or add to address housing affordability in the County? How much money would you ask for in the County budget to build new affordable housing? To preserve/renovate existing affordable housing?

I, Corazon Sandoval Foley, Independent Green Candidate for Springfield Supervisor 2023 support the County goal of 10,000 units by 2024, Aging-in-place programs with accessory dwelling units would be important in addressing housing affordability in Fairfax County -- as well as expanded adaptive reuse programs of empty commercial buildings with huge unused parking spaces would certainly expand affordable housing, particularly for our workforce, especially police, firefighters, teachers. Preserving/renovating existing affordable housing would be part of agreements with developers of new housing projects.

4) Displacement Concerns

The County has pledged no net-loss of affordable housing but as needed investments are made in revitalization areas and transit corridors, older market rate affordable housing is being lost to newer and more expensive homes. This can lead to current residents being displaced from their communities because affordable homes may no longer be available in their neighborhood. They may even need to leave Fairfax County altogether to find more affordable housing, with profound negative impacts on intergenerational communities.

4a) Do you feel the County should do more to address displacement concerns and ensure more inclusive communities available to different income levels?

Yes

No

4b) What tools would you use to help provide more housing options for a mix of incomes in areas facing redevelopment as well as support residents facing possible displacement?

I, Corazon Sandoval Foley, Independent Green Candidate for Springfield Supervisor 2023, serve as Founding Chairman of the Foley Community Center Project (aka Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls) and have been involved in Fairfax County committees like SHAPE working on "Aging in Place" programs to assist seniors facing possible displacement. I support accessory dwelling units and adaptive reuse programs to assist seniors and our workforce in being able to stay here in our Fairfax County hometown.

5) Zoning for More Housing

Eighty two percent (82%) of Fairfax County land is zoned exclusively for single-family detached homes according to a [2019 Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance report](#). Expanding housing options in single family neighborhoods can make way for more housing, increase access to home ownership, reduce racial and economic segregation, and increase access to opportunity.

5a) Would you support a planning process to consider changes to the zoning ordinance to expand housing types in the County?

Yes No

5b) What are your thoughts on this issue in light of Arlington County's recent community study and vote to expand "Missing Middle Housing" options?

I, Corazon Sandoval Foley, Independent Green Candidate for Springfield Supervisor 2023, support zoning to allow seniors to renovate homes for accessory dwelling units that would expand housing availability and support "Aging In Place" programs. I also support adaptive reuse programs to renovate empty commercial buildings near transit for workforce housing. Our Foley Community Center Project (aka Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls) has been involved in several community projects in our Fairfax County to improve programs to assist "Aging in Place" and sponsor many community education programs.

6) Homeownership Opportunities

Multiple studies have shown growing wealth and racial/ethnic homeownership gaps in the County. For Black families, this is due in part to the legacy of segregation through deed restrictions that prevented them from buying homes and building wealth.

6a) Do you support County policies to provide more opportunities for home ownership?

Yes No Partially

6b) What types of policies or programs would you propose?

Expanding affordable housing is key -- and providing accessory dwelling units, particularly for seniors who want to "Age in Place" along with community health support and multigenerational programs would assist in this goal. Affordable workforce housing is important and expanded adaptive reuse programs would be positive in addition to more live-work programs near work and transit.

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

1) Improving Public Transit

Public transit is the backbone of a sustainable, equitable transportation system and a thriving economy, and Fairfax County has admirable plans to expand its bus rapid transit (BRT) network to ensure fast, frequent, and reliable service for residents. While public transit ridership on some systems has been hit by the pandemic with reduced commute trips due to increased teleworking, transit remains key for essential workers, and for supporting compact, walkable communities.

1a) Do you support increased funding for public transit to address budget shortfalls and make improvements to better serve riders?

Yes

No

1b) What is your experience riding public transit? What ideas do you have to improve public transit in Fairfax County?

Our Independent Green Party has long led in the issue of improving transit and in 2023 we have three excellent Candidates for Supervisors -- Carey Campbell for Braddock District, Terry Modglin for Mason District, and me, Corazon Sandoval Foley for Springfield District. As our past leader "Gail for Rail Parker" has stressed repeatedly: We need more trains, less traffic! We need a massive expansion of Metrorail, Virginia Rail Express, protected bike lanes, and safe pedestrian space county wide.

2) Active Transportation Funding

The ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan - the County's most significant overhaul of its bicycle, pedestrian, and trails plans - is expected to be finalized this year. The plan's recommendations address critical safety needs for residents who already walk and bike and also make improvements to allow more residents to walk and bike conveniently and safely for daily needs. Realizing the Plan's vision will require substantial, dedicated, and consistent funding.

2a) Would you support Fairfax committing dedicated annual funding to support the ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan, even if that meant potentially delaying road expansion and interchange projects?

Yes No

2b) What is your personal experience dealing with or advocating for pedestrian or bicyclist safety issues?

I, Corazon Sandoval Foley, Independent Green Candidate for Springfield Supervisor 2023, participated in the deliberations of ActiveFairfax for its goals would be beneficial for all members of our community, including our growing numbers of seniors. Safer Streets are important for seniors and our families and I support -- access to safe, comfortable and connected active transportation facilities (such as shared-use paths, bike lanes and sidewalks) for people of all ages, incomes and abilities). As Founding Chairman of the Foley Community Center Project (aka Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls), I supported public outreach to support ActiveFairfax goals.

3) Low-Stress Bike Network

Fairfax County has committed to reducing the amount people have to drive and associated transportation-related carbon emissions. The County's climate plan calls for meeting a goal of 30% non-auto commuting trips by 2030. To make this shift, the County will need robust, accessible alternatives and bicycling is an ideal, low-cost, carbon-free alternative. But that mode shift requires dedicated infrastructure including an expanded network of trails and comfortable, protected, low-stress bicycle facilities - not just painted bike lanes or sharrows - to make bicycling meaningfully safer, more appealing, and more accessible and often requires roadway redesign that reduces parking and/or vehicle lanes.

3a) Compared to the current prioritization, do you think greater priority should be given to the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians in the County's roadway designs?

Yes No

3b) How would you ensure that people of all ages and abilities have robust active transportation access to and along the County's major and most important thoroughfares and connecting streets?

Our Independent Green Party -- with three strong 2023 Supervisor Candidates: Carey Chet Campbell for Braddock District; Terry Modglin for Mason District, and I, Corazon Sandoval Foley for Springfield District -- have long supported walkable, bikeable safe streets. I support ActiveFairfax Goals -- specifically access to safe, comfortable and connected active transportation facilities (such as shared-use paths, bike lanes and sidewalks) for people of all ages, incomes and abilities.

4) Safe Streets for All

On May 10, 2022, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors unanimously endorsed the Safe Streets for All Program, a comprehensive initiative to address systemic transportation safety issues for people walking, biking, taking transit, and driving. Included in the recommendations is a call for roadway infrastructure changes to slow traffic on our community's streets. Unfortunately, the County has not yet dedicated staff or funding to begin executing the program. At the same time, Fairfax County experienced a troubling uptick in traffic-related pedestrian fatalities in 2022.

4a) Do you support the full implementation of the Safe Streets for All Program in Fairfax County, including changes to roadway design guidelines and an expanded automated speed enforcement program?

Yes

No

4b) What proven traffic safety improvement policies, programs, and/or technologies would you like to see implemented in your district and throughout the County?

Given the lack of clarity around who has the legal and budgetary authority to make roadway safety improvements stemming from state ownership of County roads, what steps would you propose to ensure that these roadway safety improvements are implemented?

Our Independent Green Party has strong candidates for 2023 Fairfax Supervisors: Carey Chet Campbell for Braddock District, Terry Modglin for Mason District, and I, Corazon Sandoval Foley for Springfield District. We will provide strong leadership and communication with our State legislators to promote Safe Streets in our Fairfax County hometown. I support the ActiveFairfax goal of Safe Streets and would continue the public outreach as Supervisor to engage our citizens in supporting roadway design developments and expanded automated speed enforcement program -- will work closely with the Fairfax County Police Department in enforcing speed limits and installing signs, rumble strips and speed bumps to support communities with Safe Streets.

5) Safe Routes to School

Trips to and from schools are among the best opportunities to reduce car trips in Fairfax County. A robust Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program can play a critical role in encouraging more families to walk and bicycle to school, which has been shown to increase confidence and sense of independence among children while also reducing pickup/dropoff vehicle congestion and associated carbon emissions. Unfortunately, the County's SRTS program includes just one dedicated staff position for a public school system that serves 185,000 students.

5a) Would you support expanding the Safe Routes to School program, including additional staff capacity, to get more kids to walk and bike to school?

Yes No

5b) What other policies or budget items will you pursue to upgrade transportation infrastructure so kids can safely walk and bike to school?

Our Independent Green Party with strong candidates for 2023 Supervisors: Carey Chet Campbell for Braddock District, Terry Modglin for Mason District, and I, Corazon Sandoval Foley for Springfield District will provide strong leadership to protect our children and grandchildren with Safe Routs to School programs, including outreach to the community to encourage volunteers. As Carey Campbell wrote: Arlington County has protected crosswalks, with flashing caution lights. These have proven very effective. Also narrow roads near crosswalks for traffic calming. This slows drivers, and is safer for all.

CLIMATE MITIGATION, RESILIENCE, AND GREEN SPACES

1) Reaching Carbon Neutrality by 2050

*The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report made clear that tackling the climate crisis is **the** challenge of this century, and will interact with all others, from ecological to economic to social. Leaders who boldly act to reduce and prepare for climate impacts have the opportunity to truly preserve and create a better world for ourselves and our children. This starts with reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. The Community-wide Climate & Energy Action Plan (CECAP) established a goal of carbon neutrality for Fairfax County by 2050, with interim goals of 50% greenhouse gas emissions reductions by 2030 and 75% by 2040. To reach these goals, the County requires actionable implementation plans, effective management, robust accountability mechanisms, a clear communication strategy, consistent metrics and monitoring, and sufficient funding to address the current challenges. We have just seven years to reach the first 2030 goal.*

1a) Are you committed to ensuring that Fairfax County complies with and achieves its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals by 2050?

Yes No

1b) What specific policy actions and/or programs would you undertake as supervisor to accelerate and/or achieve the aggressive carbon reduction goals?

Our Independent Green Party has strong candidates for 2023 Supervisors: Carey Chet Campbell for Braddock District, Terry Modglin for Mason District, and I, Corazon Sandoval Foley for Springfield District. We will work together and lead in achieving aggressive carbon reduction goals. I, Corazon Sandoval

Foley, have supported the generation of our grandchildren in petitioning the Virginia State Legislature to amend the regulation that enables the HOAs to impose Total Ban on Solar Panels -- including my very own Edgewater HOA off Burke Lake Road. My grandson and I have walked around our neighborhood with petition to STOP HOA TOTAL BAN ON SOLAR PANELS -- <https://fcaahp.files.wordpress.com/2023/03/230303stoptotalbanonsolarpanelsltr2editorbycorazonsandovalfoley-1.pdf>. The Virginia State Legislature regulation has a loophole -- unless the recorded declaration for the association establishes such a prohibition (on solar panels) -- that must be removed. In addition, Fairfax County should include in its nomination process for new developments, a requirement that developers can not include TOTAL BAN ON SOLAR PANELS in the covenants.

2) Climate Resilience

In 2022, Fairfax County adopted Resilient Fairfax, a roadmap to help residents and infrastructure adapt to an increasingly warmer and wetter climate. Ensuring our County is implementing the necessary measures (such as providing emergency relief hubs, planting trees, and improving stormwater management) in the face of a changing climate is important, particularly for disadvantaged communities who are identified as the most vulnerable.

2a) Will you support the plan recommendations of Resilient Fairfax?

Yes No Partially

2b) How would you further fund and support equitable resilience investments to implement the Resilient Fairfax plan in communities most affected by climate impacts?

Our Independent Green Chairman and Candidate for Braddock District Supervisor Carey Chet Campbell provided the answer that I support: Ask the state legislature for permission to impose a special local tax on all fossil fuel use.

3) Climate Impacts of Land Use and Development

Every land use decision is an environmental decision. To meet both our climate and resilience goals, the County can take actions through the development process such as prioritizing compact development and land use patterns, which have a positive impact on reducing carbon emissions and on protecting current natural resources. To do this, we must ensure the implementation of energy efficient buildings (such as green buildings and the use of solar and other renewable energies), eliminate any building or development in Resource Protection Areas, reduce the amount of impermeable surfaces, and increase native tree canopy and natural landscaping.

3a) Are you committed to utilizing the development process to reduce carbon emissions and minimize environmental impacts on our natural resources?

Yes No

3b) How would you utilize the development process to achieve CECAP and Resilient Fairfax goals?

I, Corazon Sandoval Foley Independent Green Candidate for Springfield Supervisor 2023, petitioned the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors that the nomination process should not enable new development to impose a covenant providing for TOTAL BAN ON SOLAR PANELS. In addition, I have asked the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to join me in petitioning the Virginia State Legislature to amend the regulation that enables HOAs to impose TOTAL BAN ON SOLAR PANELS like my own Edgewater HOA off Burke Lake Road. <https://fcaahp.files.wordpress.com/2023/03/230303stoptotalbanonsolarpanelsltr2editorbycorazonsandovalfoley-1.pdf> Our Independent Green Party has strong candidates dedicated to supporting the generation of our grandchildren and we will lead to achieve Resilient Fairfax goals: Carey Campbell for Braddock Supervisor; Terry Modglin for Mason Supervisor, and I, Corazon Sandoval Foley for Springfield Supervisor 2023.

4) Tree Canopy and Forest Management

Trees help mitigate climate impacts by sequestering carbon, mitigating heat island effects, and improving stream valley integrity, thus improving drinking water quality and minimizing flooding. The result is a healthier, more friendly, and more resilient urban habitat. CECAP calls for a minimum of 50% tree canopy coverage in every census block by 2050, prioritizing areas of highest socioeconomic need first. Data from 2015 to 2018 shows that the County lost 2.6% of our tree canopy, which will make reaching these goals even more challenging. Relatedly, the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) owns nearly 10% of land in Fairfax County, including stream valleys and forested areas, yet faces significant budget challenges that impact its ability to manage and protect its natural resources.

4a) Are you committed to protecting and increasing Fairfax County's tree canopy?

Yes No

4b) Which actions would you take to protect and grow the County's tree canopy, particularly in areas with the lowest tree canopy coverage?

Our Independent Green party has long supported the protection and growth of the tree canopy of our Fairfax County hometown -- and as Supervisors, we will lead in ensuring that new developments of housing, commercial or road programs will achieve that goal.

FOOD SECURITY

1) Inclusive and Accessible Community Gardens

The Fairfax County Park Authority has 10 community gardens, but only one is near communities where the residents struggle to get enough to eat. Additionally, almost all of the gardens require a car to get to and have multi-year waiting lists.

1a) What County actions would you advocate for in order to increase residents' ability to grow their own food, particularly food-insecure residents?

Our Independent Green Party leaders support expanding community gardens, particularly near communities where residents would benefit the most from expanded food production.

2) Urban Agriculture

The pandemic showed how fragile local food supply systems are. However, County zoning rules can severely limit entrepreneurs who want to start commercial agricultural operations that would help build a more robust food production system locally. Fairfax County also lags behind its neighbors in providing incentives for would-be commercial food growers, who may be unable to finance the upfront technology and equipment needs or support an agricultural operation for the length of time it takes to become sustainable.

2a) What regulation changes or incentives would you endorse to facilitate innovative urban agriculture in Fairfax County?

I would review County zoning rules with strong outreach to our community so we could develop appropriate zoning rules that would encourage urban agriculture where possible.

3) Food Insecurity

The demand at local food distribution sites has not yet fallen back to pre-pandemic levels, likely due to inflation and employment insecurity in low-income neighborhoods. Yet federal programs for extra food as well as rent relief have ended, leaving many residents worse off than they were before the pandemic.

3a) Do you support additional County funding for food assistance to meet the current needs?

Yes

No

3b) What policies or programs would you support to make sure the lowest income families have access to food?

Our Northern Virginia Aging Network has been working to extend the waiting period for evictions of renters as our contribution to needed rent relief. I would work on County outreach and partnership with nonprofits/churches to expand assistance for food support.

OTHER COMMENTS

Are there any other comments you would like to provide? (optional)

The Independent Green Party has a strong slate of candidates that would promote the goals of the Fairfax Healthy Communities Network: Our Chairman Carey Chet Campbell for Braddock District Supervisor; Terry Modglin for Mason District Supervisor and Corazon Sandoval Foley for Springfield District Supervisor.