

RESOLUTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO VIRGINIA'S CONSTITUTION

Whereas, on November 6, 2012, Virginia voters will vote on a proposed amendment to the Virginia Constitution addressing eminent domain, and

Whereas, the proposed amendment to Article I, Section 11 of the Virginia Constitution would strike a provision which reads, "the General Assembly shall not pass any law ... whereby private property shall be taken or damaged for public uses, without just compensation, the term 'public uses' to be defined by the General Assembly" and replace it with a highly detailed set of restrictions on eminent domain, and

Whereas, the proposed amendment is duplicative of an existing statute, and

Whereas, the proposed amendment will add to the complexity and expense of governmental entities seeking to utilize eminent domain for the benefit of taxpayers,

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Democratic Committee opposes the proposed amendment on eminent domain, and urges voters to vote "NO" on this proposed amendment.