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## Gilliam Place Apartments Approved by the Arlington County Board

Arlington, VA (December 12, 2015) – Today the Arlington County Board unanimously approved the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing's (APAH) request to move forward with Gilliam Place, a new project that would provide 173 net new committed affordable residential apartments as well as approximately 8,950 square feet of ground floor retail and civic space. Today's County Board action authorizes the necessary Use Permit, Rezoning and Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) allocation to move forward with the project on the site of Arlington Presbyterian Church in Columbia Pike's Town Center.

APAH began its work with Arlington Presbyterian Church in 2012 at the invitation of the church. "The congregation of Arlington Presbyterian Church is excited to see our vision for the future of our church property move one step closer to realization," noted Reverend Sharon Core, pastor of Arlington Presbyterian Church. "In providing affordable housing as well as civic space to help make Arlington welcoming and inclusive to all, Gilliam Place will put our faith into action. We have APAH | 2704 N. Pershing Drive | Arlington, VA 22201 | 703.276.7444 | www.apah.org

persevered together on this long journey of discernment and are grateful to the County Board and to APAH, our development partner, for helping us reach this milestone."

Gilliam Place will provide extensive resident services and feature 17 barrier-free units, in a new construction building designed to Earthcraft Platinum standards for environmental efficiency and sustainability. The project will market to low income individuals, active seniors and families and is envisioned as an intergenerational community. "We are grateful to the County Board for today's vote of support for Gilliam Place," said Nina Janopaul, APAH's President and CEO, "and are honored that Arlington Presbyterian Church selected APAH as their partner for this extraordinary project. Today's action helps move forward this amazing congregation's commitment to our community and Arlington County's vision to meet the goals of the Affordable Housing Master Plan. "

In March 2016, APAH will apply for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) allocated by the Virginia Housing Development Authority. If approved, construction will start in 2017, for delivery in late 2018.



Rendering courtesy of KGD Architecture.

Link 1: Rendering of Gilliam Place courtesy of KGD Architecture.

Link 2: <u>Arlington County Press Release</u>, "Presbyterian Church Site to be Transformed into Gilliam Place".

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APAH is a nonprofit that develops, preserves, owns, and advocates quality rental housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income families and promotes opportunity for residents through partnerships and programs. APAH works exclusively in Arlington County. Founded in 1989, APAH now helps 1200 households live in stable, secure and affordable rental homes. APAH's Arlington Mill Residences received numerous awards including 2015 Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Award, 2015 Urban Land Institute-Washington Excellence in Housing Development and 2014 Best Housing Development in Virginia at the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference. In 2014 APAH was named Developer of the Year by the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND). APAH received the 2015 Leadership Legacy Award from Leadership Arlington; the Prize for Innovation and Impact from the Arlington Community Foundation in 2011; in 2009 APAH received the HAND Innovation Award and in 2008 was named Best Nonprofit by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.