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## State of the County 2012

**Arlington, VA** - On Tuesday, June 19, the Honorable Mary Hynes, Arlington County Board Chair, delivered her first address at the eleventh annual "State of the County" at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Washington-DC Crystal City. This event was co-hosted by Leadership Arlington and the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

Before a crowd of over 170 private, nonprofit and civic leaders, the County Board Chair provided an update on the achievements and progress made on the County's economic and developmental goals and shared the Board's plans for the coming year.

"I'm proud of Arlington, and I'm glad to tell you this morning that our county is strong," declared Hynes. "One of the hallmarks of Arlington is looking ahead and planning to make situations opportunities."

Hynes noted some key topics affecting the Arlington community, mentioning plans of action including [Building Arlington](#), [emergency preparedness](#) and transportation sustainability. Her big reveal was discussing the PLACE initiative, "a method to have civic conversations about big issues," according to Hynes. Hynes also answered a number of pre-submitted audience questions, some of which included contentious issues such as funding questions for the Columbia Pike streetcar and Artisphere.



In addition, Hynes touched on what she sees as the three current major issues Arlington faces, including the possibility of federal government spending cut-backs, terrorist threats and population growth. Despite these challenges, Hynes believes Arlington is holding strong and will handle these potentially threatening situations appropriately.

"None of it is easy, but it is doable," Hynes said. "We're blessed to live in this community with all of its challenges. It is still one of the very best places to live in America."

A recording of the State of the County address is available to view online [here](#), courtesy of Arlington County.

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