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**Chair Walter Tejada Presents the State of the County**  
*Tejada discusses key issues facing Arlington County*

**Arlington, VA** - On Tuesday, June 11, the Honorable J. Walter Tejada, Arlington County Board Chair, delivered his address at the annual State of the County at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The event was co-hosted by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Arlington.

Before a crowd of approximately 150 private, nonprofit and civic leaders, the County Board Chair provided an update on the achievements and progress made on the County's economic and development goals and shared the Board's plans for the coming year.

Tejada noted some key topics affecting the Arlington community, mentioning the streetcar project, affordable housing, and the NSF relocation. He also touched on homelessness and how addressing the issue in Arlington is important, stating, "Homeless people are not numbers or statistics, they are our neighbors...I believe if there is a community in the United States that has a shot at ending homelessness, we are it." He recognized the number of organizations in our community that support the homeless and work toward decreasing the amount of homeless people in Arlington.

In addition, Tejada talked about how Arlington is such a great place to live, and how we are consistently rated one of the top places by various publications. "The state of the county is strong," said Tejada. "We are a strong region and have a strong holding in the economy."

Even with all of the positives, there are always opportunities for improvement moving forward. Tejada encouraged everyone to look at Arlington's future. "We need to think about how we are going to move forward together in our community and how we are going to once again, reinvent ourselves. We will not become complacent," said Tejada.

**About Leadership Arlington**

The mission of Leadership Arlington is to enlighten, inspire and connect leaders to strengthen the community. The vision of Leadership Arlington is a prepared, inspired and inclusive leadership who together embrace responsibility for the common good. For more information, visit [www.leadershiparlington.org](http://www.leadershiparlington.org) or call 703-528-2522.

**About the Arlington Chamber of Commerce**

The mission of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce is to strengthen businesses and the economic environment for those who work, live and do business in Arlington. The vision of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce is to be the essential partner for business success. For more information, visit [www.arlingtonchamber.org](http://www.arlingtonchamber.org) or call 703-525-2400.

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