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Cristol Connects Community with County Initiatives

Arlington, VA - With nearly 90 registered guests, Leadership Center for Excellence held its fifth annual Meet the Chair event on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at George Mason University's Arlington Campus. The event provided an opportunity for Arlington residents and community citizens to learn about the initiatives of 2018 Arlington County Board Chair, Katie Cristol. Scott McCaffrey, editor of *Sun Gazette*, moderated the event.

The program began with Cristol speaking about her main initiatives for 2018. These included affordable housing, child-care accessibility and mass transit funding.

"There's a lot that's changing the Arlington County government; a lot that's new," Cristol mentioned while speaking about her upcoming term as Chair and the uncertainty that many Arlington residents feel with government as a whole. "We don't let events happen to us. We plan for our future."



After hearing from Cristol regarding the goals for Arlington County this year, the event opened up into a town-hall style question-and-answer session. Attendees asked questions covering a range of issues, such as financial and tax incentives that attract businesses, the disappearing tree canopy in Arlington and attraction and retention of college graduates in the area. In response to a question about the timeline of the child-care accessibility initiative, Cristol brought attention to the Child Care Initiative Leadership Roundtable's action plan that was recently released on the Arlington County website, focusing on accessibility, availability and quality of childcare.



To conclude the event, Cristol engaged with members of the community and thoughtfully listened to their questions and concerns.

To view more photos from Meet the Chair, please visit our [Facebook page](#).

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