



REGION FORWARD COALITION

Friday, July 26, 2024
9:30 a.m. to NOON
3rd Floor COG Board Room
777 North Capitol Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

Meeting theme: Livability

In-Person Meeting: COG 3rd Walter Scheiber Board Room
[PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE HERE](#)

Chairman: Takis Karantonis

9:30 A.M. COFFEE & LIGHT BREAKFAST / NETWORKING

10:00 A.M. 1. WELCOME

Takis Karantonis, Coalition Chair

- a. New member introductions and welcome
- b. Coalition member updates

10:05 A.M. 2. KEY FINDINGS FROM THE 2023 VOICES DMV SURVEY OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Greater Washington Community Foundation
Danielle Yates, Managing Director of Communications
Melen Hagos, Chief of Staff

Ms. Yates and Ms. Hagos will provide a presentation about the regional findings, as captured through the Voices of the Community ([VoicesDMV: Community Insights survey](#)). The results for the 2023 Voices DMV survey are based on a survey of adults living in the Greater Washington region.

10:35 A.M. 3. ZIP CODE DESTINY – DEFINING LIVABILITY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

Livability 22202
Michael Dowell, Civic Association Representative

Mr. Dowell will provide a presentation describing the activities of the Livability 22202 group and provide an understanding of activities at the community level in Arlington County in tackling the challenges facing the community. Livability 22202 is the work of the three civic associations of zip code 22202 – Arlington Ridge, Aurora Highlands, and the Crystal City Civic Associations.

Chair Karantonis will interview Mr. Dowell to further explain the relationship between community and local government as a positive step in creating positive community solutions.

10:55 A.M. 4. EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION – HOW CAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS RESPOND TO AND DEFINE LIVABILITY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL (WORKSHOP)

Erika Moore, Assistant County Manager for Communications and Engagement

Ms. Moore will guide Coalition members in an interactive workshop designed to provide participants with actionable strategies to better communicate and engage with residents, neighbors, and constituents about creating livable communities, and defining what it means to live in one.

12:00 P.M. 5. ADJOURN

The next scheduled Coalition meeting is Friday, October 26