



Date of Council Meeting: October 9, 2011

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Subject: Loudoun County Courts Expansion

Staff Contact: Scott E. Parker, AICP. Assistant Town Manager

Issue: Council endorsement of correspondence to Finance, Government Services & Operations Committee of Loudoun County

Background: The Finance, Government Services & Operations Committee of Loudoun County has requested information from the Town Council of Leesburg regarding the on-going discussions related to the expansion of the Loudoun County Courts.

Since the committee will be meeting on October 22 at 5:00 pm, the Town Council meeting of October 9 provides the only opportunity to formally address the comments within the letter before transmitting it to staff from Loudoun County for its inclusion in their informational packet to the committee.

Attachments:

1. Letter from Mayor Umstattd to Loudoun County

October 9, 2012

Mr. Ralph Buona, Chairman
Finance, Government Services & Operations Committee
Loudoun County Government Center
1 Harrison Street SE
Leesburg, VA 20175

Re: Loudoun County Courts Expansion Project

Dear Chairman Buona:

This correspondence is being provided to the Finance, Government Services and Operations Committee to provide input on behalf of the Town of Leesburg as it relates to the ongoing discussion of the Courts Expansion project in Loudoun County. The Committee had requested this information as part of its discussion of this issue at its meeting of June 11, 2012.

The Loudoun County Courthouse has been an integral part of the fabric of downtown Leesburg since its inception. It has been a vital centerpiece of the Town, and we wish to see it continued as such. It is our sincere desire to see the courts expand in downtown Leesburg, and we are committed to working with Loudoun County to ensure the courts' place in the Town.

The Town would also like to ask for a citizen participation process by which various stakeholders could gather and provide their input into the Courts expansion discussion. In addition, the Town's Economic Development Commission (EDC) has evaluated this issue as well, and voted at its meeting of October 2, 2012 to recommend having the Loudoun County Courts remain in downtown Leesburg, while encouraging public dialogue during the discussions.

We do appreciate this opportunity to provide this input to the discussion. We sincerely look forward to working with you as this important and exciting project moves forward.

Very sincerely yours,

Kristen C. Umstatt, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

Cc: Leesburg Town Council
Leesburg Economic Development Commission Member
John Wells, Town Manager
Marantha Edwards, Director of Economic Development