### **Marybeth Connelly**

#### 1) Should Falls Church City increase the percentage of affordable housing set-asides to 10% or higher?

**YES.** City Council has been working on increasing the percentage of affordable housing in recent mixed use approvals. Over the past two decades, increasing affordable housing has been overshadowed by other needs that have been named in the voluntary concessions for previous mixed-use buildings - school and library capital funding. Since those projects have been funded, City Council has taken the opportunity to increase the portion of voluntary concessions directed towards affordable housing. These ratios will change with every project and I do not believe that every project should have the same percentages for each area of budgetary need.

### 2) Do you support Falls Church City public employees entering into collective bargaining agreements with the City?

**YES.** Since the option to use collective bargaining in Virginia is new, everyone needs to learn more about how it can work so that collective bargaining is a benefit to the whole City.

#### 3) Should Falls Church City have more designated bicycle lanes on main thoroughfares?

**YES.** Making Falls Church bike-friendly is a long-term goal. Falls Church has been increasing bike lane coverage when possible, but there's a lot more to do. We have dedicated staff, and we can learn from our neighbors in Arlington.

# 4) Should the new ordinance prohibiting the possession of firearms in public spaces and buildings have an exception for concealed carry permit-holders?

NO.

# 5) Should Falls Church City continue to issue permits for local businesses to use parking lots and sidewalks for additional outdoor seating?

**YES.** This has been a Covid success. We should do all that we can to encourage the use of outdoor spaces for businesses and entertainment. This may need to be considered on a case-by-case basis because every business has different location requirements. also need to be careful to respect the neighborhood residents and other businesses that may need those parking spaces.

### 6) Should Falls Church City extend the definition of daytime hours to 10:30 pm for the purpose of noise levels?

**NO.** The noise ordinance, as passed by City Council earlier this year was much-discussed and well-thought-out. At this time there doesn't seem to be a need to further extend daytime hours.

#### 7) Should the City require all new developments be carbon-neutral?

**YES.** Climate change is real, and carbon-neutral buildings are one way to reduce emissions. Our new high school is net-zero-ready and when the photovoltaic systems are installed it will be a great demonstration of how to build a large carbon-neutral building. This would be a bold step for Falls Church.

## 8) Should Falls Church City create a police oversight civilian review board with investigative and subpoena powers?

**YES.** Our Use of Force Committee did an admirable job reviewing police practices and that work should continue. We are lucky to have Chief Mary Gavin who is focused on her role serving the citizens and leading a guardian-focused police force.

#### 9) Would you support future Falls Church City local elections using ranked-choice voting?

**YES.** Everything I've learned about Rank Choice Voting makes it appealing as a way to better reflect the will of the voters. I'd be very supportive of educating our community about it and using it in a future election.

10) Do you believe election fraud is a widespread problem?

NO.