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NewsFlash



**Mayor Roger Vance Next
Blue Ridge Planning Commissioner!**

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While not an elected position, appointments to the County's Planning Commission are critical to our success, as the Commission makes important recommendations to the Board regarding comprehensive planning, land use, development, and much more.

As such, I'm pleased to announce my nomination of Hillsboro Mayor Roger Vance as our next Blue Ridge District Planning Commissioner!

Time and time again, Roger has proven his commitment to permanently preserving western Loudoun's rural, historic and scenic character; to ensuring more park, trail and recreational opportunities; to identifying area specific and fitting solutions for reducing traffic congestion; to protecting western Loudoun's small schools; to reducing allowable densities of by-right cluster development; to stopping the loss of prime agricultural soils for farming; and more.

Key for any Planning Commissioner is the ability to develop positive relations with fellow Commissioners and to generate a majority consensus for their positions. As Mayor of Hillsboro, member of the Coalition of Loudoun Towns (COLT), Loudoun Now contributor, founding member of the Greater Hillsboro Area Business Alliance, and active participant in several other organizations, Roger has proven himself an effective leader with the ability to build strong support for his positions.

As we prepare to update Loudoun's zoning ordinances to align with our newly adopted Comprehensive Plan, it is imperative that our next Blue Ridge District Planning Commissioner possess the ability to positively influence our future. It is for these reasons that I am confident in my nomination of Roger Vance as Loudoun's next Blue Ridge District Planning Commissioner.

In accepting the nomination, Roger stated, ***"I look forward to bringing the perspectives of Loudoun towns along with my commitment to preserving the rural area, open spaces and trails, and to ensuring that we maintain our agricultural heritage and irreplaceable farmland."***



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Planning Commissioner Tom Priscilla for his dedication to serving Loudoun over the last several years. In addition to serving as my Planning Commissioner, Tom previously served as a Purcellville Planning Commissioner, and as a member of the Purcellville Town Council. I wish Tom the best of luck as he embarks on plans to retire within the next few years! Many thanks for all you've done for Loudoun, Tom!

All my best,

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