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## Addendum to Roundtable Summary Report

After the five roundtables in February and March 2023, Arlington County staff offered individuals who had been unable to participate in real time a chance to do so using online questionnaires. Four individuals did so. County staff also talked to approximately 20 to 30 attendees of the Live in Arlington Information Fair (LAIF) in April 2023 about issues and challenges experienced by prospective and current homeowners.

### **The additional engagement conducted online and at LAIF affirmed several points heard in the roundtables.**

For example, questionnaires completed by two prospective homebuyers affirmed the concern heard in the prospective and recent buyer roundtable about the **lack of affordable homes to purchase in Arlington**. These forms also reflected the related challenge of finding homes within Arlington's for-sale housing inventory that both offered buyers' desired features and fell within their price ranges. Likewise at LAIF, prospective homebuyers cited the low inventory of available, desirable, and affordable for-sale housing in Arlington, as had participants in the prospective and recent homebuyer roundtable.

Also at LAIF, prospective buyers agreed that **condos can come with unique challenges**, such as the impact of condo fees on cost, the lack of FHA approval for some condo buildings, and limited green space. These challenges were also noted during the mortgage lender roundtable. During both the lender and real estate agent roundtables, County staff heard of recent immigrants experiencing challenges due to lack of knowledge of the homebuying process, language barriers, reliance on cash, and cultural distrust of the banking system. Attendees at LAIF corroborated those **challenges facing immigrants**.

LAIF attendees and the online questionnaire completed by one older adult homeowner corroborated a concern voiced during the older homeowner roundtable: **home layouts not corresponding to the needs of homeowners who wish to age in place**. The homeowner who took the questionnaire even specified concern about a basement-level laundry room, as had attendees at the roundtable for older homeowners.

Likewise, LAIF attendees and a questionnaire-taker validated concerns heard during the condo-owner roundtable: **condo fees; maintenance/structural issues and their attendant costs; and a homeowners association/condo board whose makeup was less diverse than that of the condo community**. Like most condo-owner roundtable participants, the condo-owner who completed the questionnaire participated in their condo's board.

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