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Dear Members of the Arlington Redevelopment Board:

I recently learned that the ARB meetings have returned to in-person sessions, which I am glad to hear of. Face to face communication for Board Members, applicants and members of the public is an important part of good governance and decision making.

During the pandemic, we all learned of the importance of meeting flexibility - for all who might not be able to leave their homes or offices to attend. The need for this is not new, including for parents, people working later shifts, the elderly or handicapped as well as those with illness was not new during COVID. Through 2020 and 2021 we all discovered how to effectively address the need. The remote-meeting can happen, through Zoom and similar technologies. It would be wrong to walk away from that now that in-person meetings have resumed.

It's very important that you can properly hear Arlington, the applicants before you and that you can occasionally have the flexibility of remote attendance. I urge you to immediately resume Zoom-style meeting, while continuing in-person meetings -- I urge you to enact hybrid meetings of the ARB.

Please enter this in the ARB correspondence received.

Thanks,  
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