



Arlington to Replace Energy Champion Jay Fisette on County Board

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Arlington County Board chair Jay Fisette has announced that he will not seek a sixth four-year term on the Board. Jay has been a friend of the Sierra Club for many years and earned many endorsements from the Club for his reelection campaigns.

Jay initiated the process that led to Arlington's [Community Energy Plan](#), which seeks to reduce Arlington's greenhouse gas emissions by 75% by 2050. In addition, he's been a champion on other issues such as waste reduction, where he pushed the County to stop using single-use plastic water bottles and led Arlington's [Zero Waste](#) initiative to divert all of the County's waste from landfills and incinerators by 2038.



Notably, Jay did more than push nice-sounding resolutions. He was diligent in following up on commitments, helping to steer implementation of the Community Energy Plan, keeping it on schedule toward its planned reductions in pollution, and ensuring that the Zero Waste goal can be achieved by initiating work on the goal now.

At present, five candidates have announced their intentions to run for Jay's seat, four Democrats and one independent. A Democratic nominee will be chosen in a May primary. If you would like to participate in the Sierra Club's evaluation of these candidates and a possible endorsement in the race, please contact Mount Vernon Group Political Chair Pat Soriano at patemail@comcast.net or Assistant Political Chair Rick Keller at rkeller49@verizon.net.

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