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Hi GrA,

The local movement on the ground here in Northern Virginia is energized with the recent news of Amazon surrendering their plans to move part of its headquarters to NYC. We are seeing that an organized group of community advocates, with support from their elected leadership, could successfully win a fight against giving away community resources to an anti-labor \$800 billion corporate tech giant, which pays **\$0** in federal taxes and enables ICE.

There are many opportunities to be involved in the growing movement to invest in the community and not Amazon, here in the DMV. To start there will be a "What Now?" local organizing call <u>this afternoon at 5:30 pm</u>, email <u>novahq2@gmail.com</u> to RSVP.

Next, Saturday morning at 10 am, there will be more canvassing in Arlington, to knock on doors to talk to community members and collect signatures for a petition (<u>http://chng.it/w5fQSmwr</u>) to the Arlington County Board. The link to the FB event is here: <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/1677670822379515/</u>.

Then, on Monday at 7 pm at Café Sazon there will be a community Forum to discuss the proposed Amazon development and its impact on our region. Link to FB event here: <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/596676684107417/</u>.

Stay tuned also for Alexandria specific events and if you can't participate in any of the above, but would still like to be involved please email me.

Finally, please go and like For Us, Not Amazon on facebook and check out #ForUsNotAmazon on twitter if you haven't done so already.

Have a great weekend!

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