

Our Revolution Alexandria

Press Release

Alexandria VA

Amazon Town Hall: A Deeper Dive

Location: Charles Houston Rec Center

(901 Wythe St., Alexandria VA 22314)

Date: Sunday, January 20th

Time: 2-4 pm. Doors open at 1 pm

Co-sponsors: Our Revolution Arlington and Our Revolution Northern Virginia

This two hour Town Hall is the only forum scheduled in Alexandria to address the many questions and concerns citizens have about Amazon coming to Northern Virginia. Amazons choice of location will have a huge impact on our area. Will it be positive or negative? Some of both? How will it affect transportation, infrastructure and housing? Where will people live? Will it affect nearby housing prices? Rental Affordability? Is there enough capacity in our schools? These are some of the questions we have heard already, but there are many more. How was the deal put together, and why in secret. There is also the elephant in the room, and depending on how you feel about Amazon, may determine your answer: Should we be subsidizing Amazon at all?

Elected officials from both Alexandria and Arlington have been invited, as well as groups interested in presenting on specific topics. We will start with 4-5 speakers who will lay the groundwork for the discussion, followed by a panel, moderated by Virginia NPR reporter Micheal Lee Pope. And the best part is that 45 minutes at the end will be devoted to questions from the audience directed to the person you best feel can answer the question on your mind. There have been listening sessions, and virtual town halls, but this is a chance not only to learn but to engage on the issue, a chance not just to read the headline, but get deep into the article to have an informed opinion.

We have reserved the gymnasium at Charles Houston Rec Center, so there is room for everyone. We will make sure there is a live broadcast of the event, and we will have microphones so you can have your say. Already, more then 2,000 people have expressed an interest in coming, so we know there are lots of people focused on Amazon HQ2. This is a public event so go to the OurRevolution Alexandria Facebook page, share the event, and like the page. Charles Houston is 5 blocks from the Bradock Metro Station, so come by Metro. If

you have any questions, want to volunteer, or set up a table to provide information please contact me. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2181521642109078/>

Confirmed speakers and panelists so far include Sen. Adam Ebbin, Del. Mark Levine, Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey, Del. Lee Carter, Our Revolution Arlington Steering Committee member Roshan Abraham, and 31st Senate District Candidate Nicole Merlene, Neri Canahui, from the Carpenters Union and Sandra J. Klassen, Our Revolution Northern Virginia Chair. If you are press please contact me, but all our welcome.

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