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**Arlington County Democratic Committee Reorganizes with a Vision of Inlusiveness and Prosperity**

**Arlington, VA** – January 11, 2018 — The Arlington County Democratic Committee is pleased to announce it reorganized yesterday evening and elected a new slate of officers to lead the party for the next two years. A standing-room only, joyful crowd attended the reorganization meeting to say goodbye to outgoing Chair Kip Malinosky and to elect new precinct captains and Steering Committee Members, including contested seats of Chair and Secretary.

Malinosky, who has overseen a re-energizing of the Arlington Democrats, summed up the theme of the evening in his farewell speech: “We need to build engines of social change to move the country forward no matter which way the wind is blowing. The Arlington County Democratic Committee is one of those engines of change.”

To that end, the party selected Jill Caiazzo to succeed Malinosky as chair. Caiazzo gave a rousing entreaty, explaining that a vote for her today was a commitment to fight for tomorrow. “The Trump era represents a pivotal moment for the Democratic Party. With progressive policies under attack daily, we have much to fight *against* – but we also must demonstrate that we have a positive, solutions-oriented vision that is worth fighting *for*. The dynamic and talented members of the Arlington Democrats are ready to meet this challenge.”

Incoming Secretary Marc Beallor, who is heavily involved with local grassroots organizations, envisioned a future Democratic Party that would return to its progressive roots, cooperate with local grassroots organizations, and begin again “to speak to the real needs of our citizens -- to make the Democratic Party the party of *all* people.”

105 precinct captains were elected by unanimous consent and additional precinct captains are being interviewed and recruited. Other Steering Committee positions were elected by unanimous consent and will be posted at [www.arlingtondemocrats.org](http://www.arlingtondemocrats.org) and are as follows:

<b>Communications Director</b>	<b>Jason Rylander</b>
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	<b>Maggie Davis</b>
<b>Finance Chair</b>	<b>Josh Katcher</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Warren L Nelson</b>
<b>Outreach/Visibility Co-Chair</b>	<b>Kimberly Phillip</b>
<b>Outreach/Visibility Co-Chair</b>	<b>Fatima Argun</b>
<b>Outreach/Visibility Co-Chair</b>	<b>Jack Kinkaid</b>
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	<b>Cragg Hines</b>
<b>Precinct Ops Chair</b>	<b>Carol Fontein</b>
<b>Press &amp; Public Relations Chair</b>	<b>Parisa Dehghani-Tafti</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Inta Malis</b>
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	<b>Sue Walton</b>
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	<b>Matthew Weinstein</b>

Arlington Democrats also voted unanimously to choose this year's County Board Nominee via primary election rather than a caucus in order to achieve greater participation. Matt de Ferranti announced his primary candidacy for County Board and incumbent Chair of the School Board Barbara Kanninen announced her reelection bid for School Board.

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