



# CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

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## P. David Tarter Mayor

In addition to being the Mayor of Falls Church, P. David Tarter is the founder and principal of the law firm Tarter Nova Law in Arlington Virginia, where he specializes in commercial real estate and business law. In his over twenty years of practice, Mr. Tarter has worked on a number of "smart growth" projects throughout the region. His legal peers have given him an "AV" (Preeminent, Highest Legal Abilities, Highest Ethical Standards) rating.



Prior to his term on Council, Mr. Tarter served on the City's Economic Development Authority for five years, chairing the Authority for four of those years. During his tenure as Chair, the EDA established the "Little City" branding effort and consummated an innovative tax sharing deal to bring BJ's Warehouse to the City. He has also served as Falls Church's interim City Attorney.

Mr. Tarter has been a leader in regional matters on behalf of the City, having served as the President and Vice-President of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Vice-Chair of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

He obtained his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Virginia, where he was a member of the University's rowing team. He also received a General Course Diploma from the London School of Economics and Political Science, in European and English law. Prior to commencing his legal career, Mr. Tarter worked for a non-profit organization in Riga, Latvia helping the Baltic nations transition from communist rule. In between college and law school, he taught English in Japan.

Mr. Tarter and his wife, Karen have three children currently in the City's public schools: David, Cole and Anna, all attending George Mason High School. Karen, a lawyer by training, takes care of the City's youngest students as the Clinic Aide for Mt. Daniel School. David and Karen's nieces are also graduates of George Mason High School. Mr. Tarter was born and raised in Northern Virginia, where he has been a lifelong resident.



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Term: January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2019

Elected Mayor: January 6, 2014, January 4, 2016, January 4, 2018

First Elected to Council: July 1, 2012 (has served continuously.)

#### Memberships:

Campus Coordinating Committee for the George Mason High School Campus and Economic Development Project

Liaison to: Planning Commission; City Employee Retirement Board

#### Regional Organizations:

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Board of Directors (Alternate)

Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Vice-Chair