

**Fairfax Innovation Challenge**  
**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**1-3:30pm**  
**The MIX – 4400 University Dr., Fairfax, VA**

**Agenda**

**1:00 – Arrivals/Networking**

**1:20 - Welcome and kickoff**

Carola Mandelbaum, Executive Director, Smart City Works

Eta Nahapetian, Manager, Smart Community Innovation & Strategy, Dept. of Economic Initiatives, Fairfax County

John Morrill, Division Manager for Innovation and Sustainability, OEEC, Fairfax County

Chairman Jeffrey McKay, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

**1:30 - Pitch Competition:** Presented by David Heyman, Chair of the Board, Smart City Works

**2:25 Judges Deliberation/ Fireside discussion:** *“The role of innovation – and federal funding – in achieving climate neutrality”*

John Morrill, Division Manager for Innovation and Sustainability, OEEC, Fairfax County

Lynn Abramson, President, Clean Energy Business Network

Smita Chandra Thomas, Founder, Energy Shrink

**3:00 Student Choice Award Announcement** – presented by Dr. Jeremy Campbell, George Mason University’s Institute for a Sustainable Earth

**3:15 Winner Announcement & Closing remarks**— presented by Supervisor Dan Storck, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

**3:25 Winner’s remarks**

**3:45 Tour of the Mason Innovation Exchange (“the MIX”)**