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Carrie Johnson (1941-2018), originally from Milwaukee, moved to Arlington in 1979 as a speechwriter for Katherine Graham, owner of the *Washington Post*. She soon became involved with the Arlington County Democratic Committee, keeping track of actual and potential voters and eventually earning the nickname "The List Lady." However, Johnson is even more well-known for her long tenure on the county's Planning Commission, which was from 1986 to 2005. Known for her ability to get opposing factions to relax, talk, and compromise, and for her concern for all of Arlington's residents, upon her retirement she was called "The Michael Jordan of Planning." After leaving the Planning Commission, Johnson was still active in local planning discussions through volunteering for working groups on specific issues and making appearances at County Board meetings.

The Carrie Johnson Papers document Johnson's work on the Planning Commission and date from 1958 to 2005, with the bulk of the materials dating 1986-2004. The collection measures approximately 2.5 linear feet and contains reports, architectural renderings and specs, meeting notes, memos, and correspondence. Many documents have Johnson's notes on the margins.

This collection has significant materials on Arna Valley, Pentagon Row, and development plans along the Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor, including Virginia Square, Clarendon, and Courthouse neighborhoods.

This collection is currently being processed and will be available to researchers soon.

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