# United States Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, D.C. 20549

## Notice of Exempt Solicitation Pursuant to Rule 14a-103

#### Name of the Registrant:

Arlington Asset Investment Corp.

### Name of Person Relying on Exemption:

VA Property 1 LLC (1,350,000 shares of AAIC Common Stock)

### Address of Persons Relying on Exemption:

240 W Main St, Suite 100 Charlottesville, VA 22902

#### Written Material:

Response to Board Opposition Letter (Request for Clarification)

### **Voluntary Submission; No Proxy Solicitation; All Statements Opinions:**

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#### **Request for Clarification**

To the Board of Arlington Asset,

In reference to your letter opposing the liquidation proposal, it seems that the Board has conveyed some mixed messaging, which we fear may confuse shareholders as they evaluate a potential liquidation.

On one hand, and despite Q4 book value's 84% premium to the April 14<sup>th</sup> closing price, the letter expresses your view that the company will achieve greater value as a going concern than in a liquidation.

On the other, since the initial submission of the liquidation proposal on August 4<sup>th ii</sup>, one of the Board's own members (CEO Rock Tonkel) has purchased over \$270,000 worth of AAIC common stock.<sup>iii iv v vi viii</sup> viii

At the time the liquidation proposal was first submitted, Mr. Tonkel had not purchased a single AAIC share in nearly seven months. Immediately thereafter, however, he appears to have made six purchases over an eight month period, with the first such trade occurring less than one week after receipt of the liquidation proposal.

To clarify, we do not allege that these trades were in any way improper, and specifically disclaim any such implication.

Having said that, and all else held equal, we believe your colleague's sudden interest in AAIC stock – beginning just after receipt of the proposal – would appear generally inconsistent with your alleged view that a liquidation might reduce shareholder value.

Insofar as actions may speak louder than words, perhaps the Board could reconcile this apparent contradiction for shareholders, as the CEO's views on the merits of a liquidation might bear significantly on their voting considerations.

i https://www.arlingtonasset.com/2022-03-02-Arlington-Asset-Investment-Corp-Reports-Fourth-Quarter-and-Full-Year-2021-Financial-Results

ii https://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/cf-noaction/14a-8/2022/arlingtonvaprop033122-14a8.pdf

iii https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/0001209028/000120919121051111/xslF345X03/doc4.xml

iv https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/0001209028/000120919121064784/xslF345X03/doc4.xml

v https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/0001209028/000120919121070769/xsIF345X03/doc4.xml

vi https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/0001209028/000120919122002193/xslF345X03/doc4.xml

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