

Sally (City Attorney)
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CONTESTED APPOINTMENT

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Wilson, Lovain, Silberberg

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(residency waiver required)

2 members who represent the public-at-large, as arts consumers and participants

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~~_____~~ Cynthia Clauson ~~None~~

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Wilson, Lovain, Silberberg

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Gloria Sitton

From: Jackie Henderson
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 8:22 AM
To: Allison Silberberg; William Euille; Del Pepper; Jane McDonald; John Chapman; Justin Wilson; LaShawn Timmons; Lillian Thompson; Mark McHugh; Nancy Lacey; Nancy Lavalle; Paul Smedberg; Timothy Lovain; Wendy Donohue
Cc: Gloria Sitton
Subject: FW: Letter for Arts Commission Vote on Jan. 8, 2013

For docket item #17 on tonights docket – the Commission for the Arts contested appointment.

From: burnskathy@earthlink.net [<mailto:burnskathy@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2013 10:19 PM
To: William Euille; Allison Silberberg; John Chapman; Paul Smedberg; delpepper@aol.com; tim.lovain@alexandriava.gov; Justin Wilson
Cc: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Letter for Arts Commission Vote on Jan. 8, 2013

Dear Ms. Henderson----I do not have the names and contact information for the new aides for the Council members. Could you please forward this letter to them and email me the sheet with that information? Thank you.

TO: Mayor Bill Euille and Members of the Alexandria City Council
RE: Nomination of Shirley Downs for vacancy on Arts Commission
FOR: Council Vote on Jan. 8, 2013

As a long-time Alexandria resident, I have seen many people seek out a nomination for various Boards and Commission with the sole goal of adding “one more thing” to their resumes. Fortunately, that is not the goal of Shirley Downs, an Alexandria resident for more than 30 years who is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Arts Commission.

Nor is she someone, like various members of assorted Boards and Commissions, who lack the knowledge, passion, education and experience for the tasks they supposedly want to take on, for these voluntary, non-paying positions. She has a broader vision of what the Arts in Alexandria should be like. While it is wonderful to see the works of talented Alexandrians, young and old, decorating the walls of our City Hall, Ms. Downs thinks the vision of what is artistic and beautiful should go beyond those walls and permeate the designs of the buildings under consideration---with the materials used, the actual placement on the site, the façade as seen from different angles, the interaction with those who will live and work in that building and the surrounding community. She sees the role of the Arts Commission as involved in the essential task of “Place Making” with its signage, or with the use of public facilities, and in the instructional level of the arts in our schools, in both basic and adult education.

Public parks, bike trails, bus and train stops, park benches and outdoor restaurants all provide very utilitarian functions, but they do not need to be devoid of artistic, innovative, practical aspects of design and maintenance. Ms. Downs would be a voice for those who want a more inviting and welcoming vision of

Alexandria, from the moment we cross into in---on the GW Parkway, across King Street, off Duke Street and into Beauregard, off Seminary and #395.

She has worked in Art Galleries so she knows the nuts and bolts of financing and management for the arts, raising funds to cover the costs, looking out for the workers in the arts---whether they be at the Torpedo Factory, the Little Theater, the Washington Metropolitan Symphony, or the gifted students such as the musical choir from T.C. Williams who sang at the Jan. 2 Swearing-In Ceremony. In times of tough financial constraints, her Capitol Hill experience would be invaluable as she leverages those insights for protecting our historic houses by seeking federal and state assistance. Ms. Downs isn't merely looking to have the Commission purchase an occasional artistic work. She wants a pervasive citywide vision since the arts make a community liveable, loveable, lively and available to all.

Like an Ever Ready Battery, Ms. Downs would offer her unquenchable energy to helping the City and this Commission achieve the goals its sets. She doesn't just "sign on" to a project, she puts in all the leg work needed along with reading the documents, talking to the parties involved, speaking to those with divergent viewpoints, building consensus and fighting for a sensible completion of the project---on time and on budget.

For many years, I have worked with Shirley, on neighborhood projects and on behalf of the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association. Without any reservations, I highly support her nomination for this Commission and request that you support her---and our City---with your vote.

Sincerely, Kathleen M. Burns, 1036 N. Pelham St., Alexandria, VA 22304 (burnskathy@earthlink.net)

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From: Jackie Henderson
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 9:01 AM
To: Gloria Sitton
Subject: FW: COA Contact Us: Public at Large Position Commission for the Arts
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

From: Nathan Lee [<mailto:nathanl@me.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 9:00 AM
To: William Euille; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Jackie Henderson; Tony Castrilli; Craig Fifer; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Allison Silberberg; Justin Wilson; Timothy Lovain; John Chapman
Subject: COA Contact Us: Public at Large Position Commission for the Arts

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Tue Jan 08, 2013 08:59:54] **Message ID:** [44609]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Nathan

Last Name: Lee

Street Address: 3713 S George Mason Drive Unit #815W

City: Falls Church

State: VA

Zip: 22041

Phone: 719-244-6807

Email Address: nathanl@me.com

Subject: Public at Large Position Commission for the Arts
As the deliberation on the positions for the
Comission for the Arts is

today, I want to reiterate my passion and
excitement to potentially make an

impact on the artistic community within the city of
Alexandria through the

Comments: use of my artistic background and business
acumen. I truly feel that this

position is one that I could make a real and
tangible difference within the

community and artistic endeavours in the city of
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Nate

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To: Allison Silberberg; William Euille; Del Pepper; Jane McDonald; John Chapman; Justin Wilson; LaShawn Timmons; Lillian Thompson; Mark McHugh; Nancy Lacey; Nancy Lavalle; Paul Smedberg; Timothy Lovain; Wendy Donohue
Cc: Gloria Sitton
Subject: FW: Commission for the Arts
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Good morning—

Please see the email below from Cynthia Clauson, who is removing her name from consideration of tonight's vote for the Commission for the Arts. Attached is the revised ballot removing her name (we will also have this ballot at your places this evening.)

Jackie

From: Cynthia Clauson [<mailto:drclauson@educationinnovations.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2013 10:58 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Cc: Allison Silberberg
Subject: Commission for the Arts

Dear Jackie,

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to be considered for the Commission for the Arts. Unfortunately, I have had a conflict come up at this time. Therefore, for the time being, I wish to withdraw from the Commission for the Arts consideration. However, I would like to request that my application remain active and be considered for subsequent openings where I may be of service.

Respectfully,

Cynthia (Cindy) Clauson