



# *Alexandria Waterfront Commission*

*Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities*

*1108 Jefferson Street*

*Alexandria, Virginia 22314*

February 1, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor & members of City Council

Re: Alexandria Seaport Foundation Seaport Center II

At its January 20, 2022, meeting, the Alexandria Waterfront Commission received a presentation from the Alexandria Seaport Foundation (ASF) concerning its request to place a second Seaport Center adjacent to its current center in the City Marina. The Commission unanimously voted to support the request subject to City Council approval of an amended agreement with the City, and compliance with all City, State and Federal requirements.,.

The Commission recognizes the significant contribution the Seaport Foundation provides to the community. Through their programs and presence in the City, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation has worked with more than 100 City youth including at-risk youth from the Court Services Unit Day Reporting Program. The addition of a second educational seaport center will provide the needed space to meet the increased demand to serve the City's most vulnerable youth. It will also expand opportunities to increase awareness of the City's maritime heritage and traditional wooden boat building by hosting youth and adult boat building and woodworking classes and sponsoring educational guest speakers for the public's enjoyment.

The Waterfront Commission looks forward to continued collaboration with City Council to implement activities in support of the Waterfront Small Area Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ally Tracy", is written over a light blue horizontal line.