

Waterfront Commission

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| Laura Crist | 1/27/2026 | Waterfront Commission Contested | Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes | | Validated |
| Mr Tom Gelson | 9/28/2025 | Waterfront Commission Contested | Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes | | Validated |
| Mr Shai Seyed | 11/26/2025 | Waterfront Commission Contested (RW) | Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes | | Validated |
| Mr. Mark Villinger | 3/26/2026 | Waterfront Commission Contested | Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes | | Validated |
| Tiffany Wagner | 11/28/2025 | Waterfront Commission Contested | Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes | | Validated |

Laura Crist

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Status

Name Laura Crist
Application Date 1/27/2026
Expiration Date 8/27/2026
Board Member [Laura Crist](#)
Status Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

| Board | Vacancies | Status |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Waterfront Commission | 3 | Contested |

Basic Information

Name
Laura Crist
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria.
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Yes
Email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Self-Employed
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Citizen

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.

Yes

How long have you lived in Alexandria?

Almost 13 years

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

I have lived just steps from the Waterfront for nearly thirteen years and have seen many changes in nearby infrastructure and developments. All of which have either directly or indirectly affected my family and our neighborhood community of Cameron Mews. Some of these changes have been positive, some have been communicated well and welcomed and widely advertised public input. Others, less so. And many questions remain for some past, present and future projects. I have a vested interest in this commission and the city's stated goals of improving quality of life and modernization, carefully balanced with environmental, historic, and community service considerations. I also believe consistent and thorough communication with the residents of District I is essential in engaging community buy-in and majority support.

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

No

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

Attendance Requirements: Sec. 2-4-7 of the City Code requires appointees to attend at least 75% of the yearly committee meetings. Absences may be excused because of personal illness or serious illness of members of the immediate family, death of a family member, unscheduled business trips and emergency work assignments only. All other absences are recorded as unexcused. In light of the aforementioned statement, will you be able to attend at least 75% of the regular meetings of the board which you may be appointed?

Yes

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867 regarding the completion of a financial disclosure statement?

Yes

Educational Background

Bachelor's of Arts

Summary of Work and Experience

I have nearly 20 years' policy and public affairs communication experience that includes federal government service, work downtown for a business trade association, and operating my own boutique public affairs firm.

References - Please list names, phone number and/or email addresses of three references that support your application.

REDACTED

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REDACTED

Gender

REDACTED

Sexual Orientation

REDACTED

How did you hear of this vacancy?

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Mr Tom Gelson

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Status

Name Mr Tom Gelson
Application Date 9/28/2025
Expiration Date 4/28/2026
Board Member Tom Gelson
Status Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

| Board | Vacancies | Status |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Waterfront Commission | 3 | Contested |

Basic Information

Name
Mr Tom Gelson
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)
Yes
Email
REDACTED
Alternate email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Alphabet (Google)
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Waterfront Commission

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.

No

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

Dear City of Alexandria Waterfront Commission, Thank you for considering my application to join the Waterfront Commission. As a resident of the Southeast Quadrant, I deeply appreciate living near the waterfront and enjoying all the wonderful amenities it offers my family and me. My strong connection to the water is also rooted in my experience as a United States Coast Guard Veteran and an avid boater. Sincerely, Tom Gelson

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

No

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

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Yes

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867 regarding the completion of a financial disclosure statement?

No

Educational Background

-St. Joseph's University (BS Marketing) -United States Coast Guard (Search & Rescue Boatswain and Coxswain) See attached resume and <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tgelson/>

Summary of Work and Experience

Serial Entrepreneurial with a track record of building successful teams and outcomes in the Information Technology, Real Estate, and Retail Marketplace. Also, former Board Member at South Coast YMCA (Massachusetts) and University of Massachusetts Boston -See attached resume and <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tgelson/>

References - Please list names, phone number and/or email addresses of three references that support your application.

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REDACTED

Sexual Orientation

REDACTED

Ethnicity

REDACTED

Do you have a disability?

REDACTED

How did you hear of this vacancy?

REDACTED

Mr Shai Seyed

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Status

Name Mr Shai Seyed
Application Date 11/26/2025
Expiration Date 6/26/2026
Board Member Shai Seyed
Status Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

| Board | Vacancies | Status |
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| Waterfront Commission | 3 | Contested (RW) |

Basic Information

Name
Mr Shai Seyed
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria.
(NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)
Yes
Email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Rajesh Puri, MD
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Waterfront

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.

Yes

How long have you lived in Alexandria?

5 years

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

Voice of the people

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

No

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

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Yes

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867 regarding the completion of a financial disclosure statement?

Yes

Educational Background

High school and college

Summary of Work and Experience

15 years as medical clinic-practice owner and manager

References - Please list names, phone number and/or email addresses of three references that support your application.

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REDACTED

Gender

REDACTED

Sexual Orientation

REDACTED

Ethnicity

REDACTED

Do you have a disability?

REDACTED

How did you hear of this vacancy?

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Mr. Mark Villinger

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Status

Name Mr. Mark Villinger
Application Date 3/26/2026
Expiration Date 10/26/2026
Board Member [Mark Villinger](#)
Status Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

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Basic Information

Name
Mr. Mark Villinger
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)
Yes
Email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
HR Green, Inc
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

At large, citizen

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.

No

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

I'm writing to express my interest in serving on Alexandria's Waterfront Commission. I've spent over 20 years working in community planning, with a focus on open space, parks, and environmental issues, and I'd welcome the opportunity to contribute in a volunteer role. My experience includes trail and recreation planning, land preservation, and working with communities to balance public access with resource protection. I've also been involved in floodplain and hazard mitigation efforts, which has given me a practical understanding of the long-term challenges waterfront communities face. What stands out to me about Alexandria is how well the waterfront is integrated into the life of the city. It's clearly a valued community asset, and I'd be glad to help support its continued stewardship. Thank you for your consideration.

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

No

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

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Yes

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Yes

Educational Background

BA in Geography, environmental planning conc.- Rowan University-2005 Master of City and Regional Planning, real estate and housing conc. - Rutgers University-2013

Summary of Work and Experience

Professional planner for 20 years. Work in local and federal government spanning diverse planning programs from community development to environmental planning. See resume.

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How did you hear of this vacancy?

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Status

Name Tiffany Wagner
Application Date 11/28/2025
Expiration Date 6/28/2026
Board Member [Tiffany Wagner](#)
Status Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

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Basic Information

Name
Tiffany Wagner
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)
 Yes
Email
REDACTED
Alternate email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

citizen

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.

Yes

How long have you lived in Alexandria?

since 2007 except 2010-2014 and 2017-2019 due to military assignments

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

I live on the waterfront in Old Town North and the development and preservation of this area is of great interest to me and my family.

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

No

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

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Yes

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Yes

Educational Background

B.A., J.D., LL.M., M.S.

Summary of Work and Experience

Served in the Air Force JAG Corps for 21 years. Recently started working as the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Court for the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

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REDACTED

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