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March 2, 2015

Hon. Mayor William D. Euille
City of Alexandria Naming Committee
301 King Street
Alexandria VA 22314

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Dear Mayor Euille,

I am writing to request that a structure on the Alexandria Waterfront be named after Engin Artemel who, as Alexandria's Planning Director, led the planning for the City's first Waterfront Plan in the early 1980s, coordinated the redevelopment of the torpedo Factory complex, and has subsequently contributed to the waterfront's improvement both in public service and as a private citizen. Specifically, naming the fountain/gazebo on the Torpedo Factory Docks and Piers after Engin Artemel would be appropriate.

Engin through his expertise on waterfronts coordinated all the public and private-sector planning and development efforts on the waterfront from 1974 through 1984; significantly, he assisted the City of Alexandria in negotiating the Waterfront Title Suit which enabled a number of properties to be integrated into the City's waterfront, and composed the 10 Waterfront Principles which are still valid today. He negotiated for the redevelopment of the Torpedo Factory complex, saving buildings from demolition and making sure they were repurposed into residential, office, and retail uses to the benefit of Alexandria's citizens. He facilitated relocation of industrial uses to other sites in the City, so that significant assets like Waterfront Park and Oronoco Bay Park could be turned into public parks and open space. He also contributed to the preservation of historical assets; for instance, working with the developer of Canal Center, he negotiated for the excavation and preservation of the historic Alexandria Canal lock north of Montgomery Street. For his efforts on the Waterfront, Engin has been named a Living Legend of Alexandria. He recently received the Ben Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award for his dedication to public input, preserving the fabric of historic Old Town, and paving the way for the current waterfront design that connects parks while integrating elements of Alexandria's history.

Engin also coordinated the revitalization of lower King Street, including programming City investments in new Gadsby lighting and paving materials that enabled the renaissance of retail shops and restaurants that support tourism in conjunction with waterfront improvements.

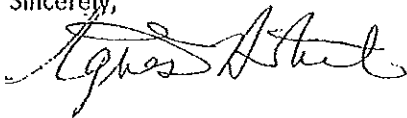
After leaving public service, Engin worked as a planning consultant to developers and property owners seeking to improve the waterfront. His efforts led to significant projects like Harborside and the Ford Plant, and he assisted a number of restaurant and retail businesses in becoming established along the waterfront and on King Street. He also obtained approvals for the much-loved office/retail building at Prince and Union Streets. He has been able to tie together the City's economic development interests

with responsiveness to the needs of residents to improve proposed new construction along the waterfront.

The Torpedo Factory fountain/gazebo was built in the 1980s as part of the Torpedo Factory revitalization project that Engin coordinated. Its design reflects that of water fountains that provided water to the people of cities in Turkey. Given Engin's role in the Torpedo Factory development, this would be an appropriate structure to name after him. The fountain is scheduled to be repaired and improved as part of the new waterfront design plan.

Naming the fountain after Engin Artemel would be a fitting gesture from a City he has served faithfully for over 40 years. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

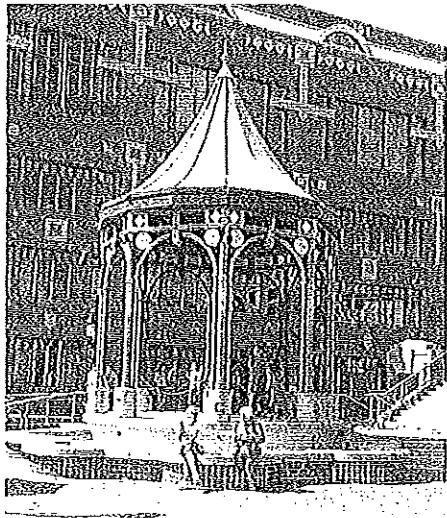
Sincerely,



Agnès Artemel and signers of the attached petition

Attachments:

Petition in support of the naming



Torpedo Factory Gazebo and Fountain

PETITION TO NAME FOUNTAIN AT TORPEDO FACTORY AFTER ENGIN ARTEMEL

We undersigned support naming the Torpedo Factory Docks and Piers fountain after Engin Artemel. Engin was Planning Director for Alexandria when the Torpedo Factory was redeveloped into the retail, office, residential, and arts center complex it is today, and created the original waterfront plan that opened up the City's waterfront to public use.

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