

**TO**

The Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council  
Alexandria, Virginia

**FROM**

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**SUBJECT**

Opposition to the City Manager's Request to Declare as "Surplus" the City-Owned Property at  
2 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

The Office of the City Manager has done you and the citizens of Alexandria a great disservice.

The City Manager's Office ambushed the entire Alexandria Waterfront Commission last week, when they asked, at 7:30 am – with no warning, with no further opportunity to deliberate – and wanting only a rubber-stamping approval of an unsolicited proposal by a business entity, to abandon a valuable, city-owned property – that, according to members of the Waterfront Commission – the City acquired through difficult negotiations that lasted more than 25 years!

The Office of the City Manager represented only the private interests of the business entity, and completely ignored all the public interests of the citizens of the City of Alexandria. The proposal from the City Manager's Office completely disregarded the objections voiced by various Waterfront Commissioners.

The written judgement from the Waterfront Commission  
stated that the abandonment of this city-owned property,  
by declaring it "surplus" is  
**"Premature."**

Yet, we are here tonight, with the City Manager continuing with this ill-conceived scheme.

From the voiced objections stated during the Waterfront Commission meeting last week, the Office of the City Manager did not think any of the following objections rose to the level of benefiting the citizens of Alexandria at all. For example, the Commissioners listed these many public uses for this valuable tract of city-owned land:

- Additional Open Space
- Flood Mitigation
- Much-Needed Restrooms
- A Visitors' Center
- Bicycle Parking
- A Location for a Community Police Presence
- Much-Needed Parking

But no! The City Manager would rather build a 3-story restaurant over the absolutely worst flooded street in the City?

NO!

If you agree with this City Manager's scheme, you will be acting with haste.  
And, you will be behaving irresponsibly.

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, I sincerely hope that you will act responsibly tonight and I truly hope that you will act with deliberation, and deny this City Manager's irresponsible scheme.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. M. Ulakovic', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George M. Ulakovic