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**Jackie Henderson**

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2-26-13

**From:** Melissa Hudson Howard <melissahud@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2013 9:09 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Recommendation for Ms. Monika Jones

Dear City Clerk,

I would like to express my support for Ms. Monika Jones for the position on the Commission for Women. I have known Ms. Jones for nearly five years through our mutual work with the Alexandria Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Monika is a leader within our organization and inspires our members to become actively involved in the work of our chapter. Not only is Monika an active member of the chapter's Mentorship Circle, but she also joined the first cohort of the Chapter's Leadership Institute. Monika completed the program in 2010 and we are co-developing the 2013-2014 program. In support of this program, Monika has identified creative ways to enhance leadership skills amongst our members.

Monika is a well respected member of our organization; as well as within her other civic organizations. It has been a pleasure to work with Monika as we develop training to encourage our members to seek leadership opportunities within their professions, our organization and within the City. Monika's positive attitude and enthusiasm to support women will serve the Commission for Women well.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Hudson Howard  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.  
Alexandria, Virginia Chapter  
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## Jackie Henderson

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**To:** Council and Aides  
**Subject:** FW: Recommendation: Commission for Women

For Tuesday's meeting.

**From:** Emmanuella Greene [<mailto:duplessy@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2013 8:57 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Recommendation: Commission for Women

Good Morning Ms. Henderson,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you this morning to recommend Ms. Monika Jones for the open position on the Commission for Women.

I first met Ms. Jones in 2007 shortly after she graduated from George Mason University and joined the Alexandria Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Ms. Jones immediately emerged as a leader within our organization, even as the youngest member at that time, by joining the executive board her during her first year of membership.

Over the past 6 years I've observed Ms. Jones serve as a role model for new members joining the directly out of college who were intimidated by the change from serving a college campus community of students to an urban community of citizens.

In addition to Ms. Jones' leadership qualities she has also demonstrated creativity in developing initiatives that serve as "benefits" of membership in our organization. The most recent and successful example is our Healthy Living Initiative. She designed this program to promote and educate our members on how to set healthy living goals and implement them in a supportive environment. This initiative was more than an exercise network or an accountability system, Ms. Jones created a venue for dialogue about key issues impacting personal and family health. She also addressed risk factors for diseases affecting African-American women and invited guest speakers to identify strategies to achieve personal health goals. She continually reinforced the importance of prioritizing our personal health, which is vital to our professional and civic success. This is an area that is often overlooked in other organizations, but Ms. Jones' ability to identify needs within our organization served as a benefit for our entire membership; a benefit that is still active and has now moved on to another member to lead and provide her own creative twist to healthy living.

I could say much more about Monika Jones and am happy to do so if you have additional questions. She would be an exceptional asset, if approved by the Alexandria City Council and I do believe that her ability to lead and inspire women would be valuable to the Alexandria Commission for Women.

Best Regards,

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Christopher J. Lewis <christopher.lewis@acps.k12.va.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2013 4:45 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Allison Silberberg; John Chapman; Timothy Lovain; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Justin Wilson  
**Cc:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Commission on Women Recommendation  
**Attachments:** Monika Jones Recommendation Letter.pdf

Good afternoon Mayor Euille and Councilmembers,

Attached is a letter of support for Monika Jones in her application for the opening on the Commission on Women. I hope you can will give it your consideration.

Thank you,  
Chris Lewis



February 25, 2013

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Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council,

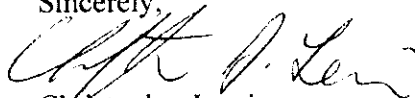
I am pleased to write to you in support of the application of Monika Jones for the open appointment to the Commission on Women. She is a skilled and engaged community member who would bring diversity and a strong work ethic to the Commission roster.

I have had the opportunity to see Monika's work and dedication to Alexandria over the past several years. I first met Monika through the Alexandria Democratic Committee and the Alexandria Young Democrats where she showed a strong sense of dedication to the City and a willingness to do real work, not just to sit in attendance. Monika was a part of a small group of young leaders who stepped up to lead the Alexandria Young Democrats during a period of uncertainty and declining activity. During the 2012 city council races, I was impressed with the amount of volunteer time that Monika gave to her candidate, John Chapman. It was her skill and dedication during her time managing Councilman Chapman's race that convinced me to ask her to serve as treasurer of my school board campaign committee in 2013.

Monika would bring a diverse perspective to the Commission on Women. As a West End resident and renter, Monika represents a large portion of the Alexandria population that is not always heard from in the normal city discussions among civic association leaders. Her tenure on the Human Rights Commission gives her previous experience with city commissions that will allow her to hit the ground running amidst a period of high turnover in the Commission on Women's roster. As a young African American professional, she is just the sort of next generation leadership that I would hope the Council would look to invest in and encourage to increase her role in city policy and governance.

I am confident that Monika Jones will be a strong asset on the Commission on Women and I strongly recommend that you select her for the open seat.

Sincerely,



Christopher Lewis  
Alexandria City Public School Board

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Jean Niebauer  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2013 1:06 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Monika Jones

Hi, Jackie: Please share this note with members of Council. Thanks. Jean

Mayor Euille and Honorable Members of City Council:

Monika Jones has informed me that she is applying for the Commission for Women. She is currently serving on the Alexandria Human Rights Commission (AHRC) as a citizen member and is Vice Chair for internal matters. Monika hopes to be appointed to the Commission for Women, and then serve as liaison to the Human Rights Commission. Although she would have to resign her current seat on the AHRC, hopefully she would be back before long! I just want to let you know that Monika is a star; she is bright, committed and enthusiastic. I have been fortunate to work with her on human rights issues and look forward to her future contributions to our work. Alexandria is lucky to have her boundless energy! Thanks so much for your consideration of her application. Jean

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Krysta Jones <krysta.n.jones@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2013 4:02 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Monika Jones-Alexandria Commission on the Status of Women

Mayor Euille and Honorable Members of City Council:

I would like to recommend Ms. Monika Jones for your appointment to the Alexandria Commission for Women. While I am an Arlington resident, I am a former Alexandria resident and continue to serve the City in several capacities.

I met Monika Jones in 2006 through our work with the Alexandria Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Monika has served as a true leader within our organization and has extended her leadership throughout our organization at the State, Regional and National level. Monika continues to show a desire to grow professionally and continue her leadership growth and she has also encouraged members of our chapter to become more involved in our service community, Alexandria.

She has attended training sessions with the Virginia Leadership Institute, and I can attest that Monika will continue to serve as a leader and role model in the Alexandria Community.

As a member of the Arlington Commission on the Status of Women, I know Monika has the drive to push the commission forward and the dedication and commitment to plan, organize, and execute initiatives in support of the Alexandria Commission for Women. Monika has made great contributions in our Zeta chapter to continue the development of women. Monika established a health committee for the chapter, developed an orientation program for new and transferring members and also chaired our annual Reclamation Tea. This annual event is one of the Chapter's priority events and largest recruitment event for members of the organization that aren't affiliated with our chapter. Monika led efforts to connect with members to encourage their participation, organized speakers and arranged all the logistics. Monika's positive attitude, enthusiasm and initiative have contributed to the Chapter's success.

I am certain that she will be a great addition to the Commission for Women.

Sincerely,

Krysta Jones

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Krysta Jones  
Founder and President  
Virginia Leadership Institute

National Social Action Director  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Board of Directors, ASPAN, Nu Xi Zeta HAVE Foundation, and Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria

Commissioner, Arlington Commission on the Status of Women



## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** bm1908@msn.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 23, 2013 9:08 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #29572: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Councilm

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- Address: No Address Specified
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- Email: [bm1908@msn.com](mailto:bm1908@msn.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Councilmembers,

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I have the pleasure of serving with Monika on the Alexandria Human Rights Commission. During Monika's short tenure with the commission she has truly emerged as a leader and serves as an example for other commissioners to follow. Monika is the current Vice-Chair and has shown her ability to strengthen the commission. Monika has an active voice and persistently addresses issues that may be of concern to the Human Rights Office. Most recently, Monika led the Human Rights Commission's Black History Month program. This annual event hosted by the Commission reaches out to the community to promote awareness of African American history and also focused on addressing discrimination challenges Ms. Shirley Chisholm faced in her campaign for U.S. President in 1972. Monika has takes initiative to identify how the commission can get involved with issues impacting our entire community, such as affordable housing. Monika also continues to develop connections with other commissions and encourages collaboration to address issues of common concern. Because of Monika's ability to bring others together, the Human Rights Commission, Commission on HIV/AIDS and Commission for Women are co-hosting a program on March 14th. I can speak with confidence that Monika will be an excellent addition to the Commission for Women. During the time I have known her, she has shown a true passion for service and the development on women leaders in our community. Monika's leadership skills, ability to motivate and encourage, and hard-working attitude will strengthen the Commission for Women. I highly recommend Monika and thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Betty Morrison, Commissioner  
Commission on Aging  
Human Rights Commission  
2012 Commission for Women Rising Star Recipient

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 4

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**From:** Sayeh Nikfar <nikfrs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2013 6:25 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Recommendation for Alexandria Women's Commission

Dear City Clerk,

Please accept this email as my recommendation for Ms. Monika Jones and her application for the Alexandria Women's Commission. I met Monika in 2006, through our work at Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. Monika started her career at the firm as an intern during her senior year at George Mason University. She was a very hard worker and would step in to assist any team members where she could. I was impressed with Monika's work ethic and commitment to quickly learn about the organization and excel in her role. Monika was awarded with multiple awards and developed close relationships with her colleagues. Monika continued to go above and beyond by serving on the firm's Board Diversity Initiative. Monika the only junior member of this team, but took a leadership role in developing strategies to promote and encourage inclusion and awareness across our division. Since moving on from Booz Allen, Monika has continued her hard work in the community. She currently serves on the Alexandria Human Rights Commission and continues to promote the same ideals of equality and inclusion in our community. Monika's background and passion will be an excellent asset to the commission if she is granted the appointment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Shashuana Littlejohn <sjlittlejohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2013 10:24 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Recommendation for Monika Jones - Commission for Women

Ms. Jackie Henderson,

Please accept this note as my support and endorsement for Ms. Monika Jones whom is applying for a position on the Alexandria Commission for Women. I became acquainted with Monika through her service to the Junior League of Northern Virginia (JLNV) , where I have been a member for 2 years. Monika recently joined the League this fall and has continued to uphold our principles of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities.

As a new member of JLNV, Monika is not required to take a placement on a committee. Yet, Monika applied to serve on the Leadership and Development Committee, which I chair, and has been a very active member. Monika has demonstrated her commitment to the development of women and has taken the initiative to organize a leadership forum to educate JLNV members about non-profit and municipal boards and commissions.

As a resident of Alexandria, I highly recommend Monika for this position on the Commission for Women. Her dedication and commitment to supporting the growth and development of women will be invaluable to this Commission.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

Shashuana J. Littlejohn  
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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Jenny Wade <jennyrwade@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2013 3:58 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** letter in support of Monika Jones for the Commission for Women

My apologies for the delay, but I wanted to share another letter of support for Monika Jones's application to serve on the Alexandria Commission for Women. Having worked with Monika on the Human Rights Commission, I know that her enthusiasm, commitment and knowledge will benefit the Commission for Women. Her contributions would be a great asset to the CfW, particularly her organization skills, event planning and her concern for the our community. Her service on the Human Rights Commission and the HIV/AIDS Commission have strengthened her candidacy for this potential new role. The Commission for Women would be fortunate to have her, if selected by City Council.

Thank you for sharing my strong support for her application.

Sincerely,  
Jenny Wade

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