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**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2013 10:55 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #30900: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council REZONE PLANS, a foreigner's view

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description:  
REZONE PLANS, a foreigner's view

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council

My name is Ana Gomez Acebo. I live on Duke Street, near the river. My family and I come from Spain. I also think that this part of Old Town needs to be changed.

However, I am concerned about your rezone plan and I am try to tell you why.

Last July I went to the meeting organized by the City to show us the hotel that the City was supposed to permit to be built. As I told you, as the daughter of a real estate developer, I was eager to see what the City had planned. After having seen the hotel, I couldn't be more disappointed. I can not believe that the City is going to permit the building of such a tall and vulgar hotel. In my opinion, this kind of hotel, appeared to belong on Route 95.

I am just someone who appreciates the history and beauty of Alexandria. I am just a foreigner who loves Alexandria because it is the only place that I know in America where you can fell history and true beauty. As foreigners, many of my friends have gone to Williamsburg in order to gain a better understanding of American history. However, the overwhelming majority of foreigners prefer Alexandria's historic sites over Williamsburg. Alexandria is a treasure, a jewel, which is almost impossible to find in America.

Please, don't ruin Old Town with such a horrible hotel.

Do what you have to do, but don't permit such buildings in Old Town. If people want to be around vulgar hotels , boutiques and tall buildings, they can go to Bethesda or Rockville. Why do you want Old Town to become another Bethesda or Rockville?? It would be preferable if the City could present a hotel design that would be closer to Old Town's historic principles and architectural style.

I think that the City should preserve what Old Town has become, a beautiful, human and easy city. The City should respect the past and be more creative. I think incoming tourists are demanding other things than tall hotels and boutiques. I can see it when I walk around Alexandria. I can see how families enjoy Old Town because Old Town give us references (past, history, beauty, nature, water, space, freedom, humanity ) .

Although, eventually, my family and I will go back to Spain, I am very happy living in Old Town and I am very grateful to Alexandria. Alexandria has made my life easier in America. I just wanted to express my gratitude and tell you that you have a wonderful city and I hope you will do your best in order to preserve this treasure.

Sincerely,

Ana

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- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Respectfully submitted to the Mayor and City Council members:

We are writing today in support of the Waterfront Small Area Plan and urge each member of the council to vote for the W1 zone text-amendment TA13-005.

The basic tenets of the Economic Sustainability Work Group Report, which was adopted by the City Council (the "Sustainability Report") specifically recommends vibrant, mixed-use re-development of the waterfront in a manner that is quite consistent with the Plan.

This text amendment provides needed clarification for the Plan to move forward and to provide for the needed growth of this valuable city resource.

Bob and Monica Bell  
2714 Kenwood Ave

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #30802: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg

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- Name: Carl Hildebrand
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- Phone Number: 703-299-1176
- Email: [hildes66@aol.com](mailto:hildes66@aol.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg and Members of the City Council:

As residents and property owners in Alexandria, we urge you to vote against the rezoning amendment that enables the existing Waterfront plan to be implemented under consideration at the March 16, 2013, City Council Hearing. We also urge you to vote to retain the right of a public protest petition. Our requests are based on two game-changing events that have occurred since completion of the current Waterfront plan – the closing and decommissioning of the GenOn power plant and the implications of Superstorm Sandy on future waterfront development.

First, closure of the GenOn power plant changes the scope of long-term strategic planning for the future of the Alexandria Waterfront and provides a justification for revisiting and revising the current Waterfront plan.

Second, Superstorm/Hurricane Sandy provided a yet another example of the vulnerability of coastal and tidal regions to flooding resulting from hurricanes, superstorms and severe weather events. The impacts of a catastrophic storms should be taken into account in any responsible planning for development in flood-prone waterfront areas.

The legacy we leave for our future generations will benefit from thoughtful reconsideration of the Waterfront strategy now. Since Alexandria's citizens will bear the burden, and reap the benefits, of Waterfront redevelopment, we urge you to defer actions on implementation of the Waterfront plan pending further broad stakeholder engagement and additional analysis of the future Waterfront options that take into account the costs, benefits, resiliency and risks of different end-states. Careful attention needs to be given to a comprehensive consideration of the interdependent impacts any plan will have not only on the economic status, but also on social, historical, and physical infrastructures of Alexandria City and our neighbors.

Revisiting the Waterfront strategy will allow the City the opportunity to enfranchise a broader stakeholder base and to find innovative ways to develop public-private partnerships that have the promise of achieving an environmentally and economically sustainable and resilient Waterfront that preserves the historic character of Alexandria.

Respectfully,

Ed and Judy Hildebrand  
Alexandria

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 21



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**From:** Ann Dorman <adorman@meetingsandeventsofdistinction.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2013 9:58 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Allison Silberberg; delpepper@aol.com; Paul Smedberg; Justin Wilson; Tim Lovain; Rashad Young  
**Cc:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Saturday's public hearing about the waterfront

Dear Mr. Mayor, members of Council and City Manager

We regret that we are unable to participate in person on Saturday, March 16 but wish to offer the following in support of the City's plan to redevelop the Alexandria waterfront. We are both residents of and business owners in the City of Alexandria at 2724 Kenwood Avenue.

Redevelopment of Alexandria's waterfront has been discussed, planned, charretted, planned again, work grouped and discussed some more. A public hearing that lasted one entire Saturday ending in what was thought to be a decision was held more than a year ago. It could be said the horse has been beaten to death. And on Saturday, March 16 the horse will be beaten again.

We believe we should have a waterfront that is vibrant and economically sustainable . . . a waterfront that serves the interests of citizens throughout the City.

Your professional staff has worked for years to bring forth such a plan. No plan, in fact, nothing in this City will ever please everyone. You have all been elected and the manager hired to serve the **best** interest of **ALL** citizens in this city, regardless of their zip code.

It is time to act with finality. Now. Before you leave the Council Chamber on Saturday. It is time to adopt the waterfront plan presented by the staff.

Sincerely,

*Ann & Rick*

Ann M. Dorman, CMP

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #30836: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Ladies and Gentlemen, This is our water

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- Name: Marliese and Sylvester March
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.549.0154
- Email: [mrmarch@verizon.net](mailto:mrmarch@verizon.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Ladies and Gentlemen,  
This is our waterfront, we deserve a better plan and planning process. We want the council to adopt the Supermajority vote.  
We are saying NO to the leveraged buyout of the waterfront.  
There is a great opportunity for the Alexandria, Va. waterfront, let's get it RIGHT. The future of Alexandria, Va. and the waterfront is at stake. It takes a village, a town, a city, a community's input and ideas to make it work. Thank you. Marliese and Sylvester March.  
412 South Lee Street, Alexandria, Va. 22314
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- Name: Susan Pettey
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-548-8209
- Email: [spettey@verizon.net](mailto:spettey@verizon.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Regarding Council Docket for March 16:

Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

Please reconsider your support for the proposed Alexandria Waterfront Plan, as well as for limitations on citizens' rights to contest zoning changes.

Proposed increased density along the waterfront will severely compromise the historic and architectural integrity of the city, and diminish rather than improve, the attractiveness of the waterfront to tourists and residents alike.

City streets near the waterfront are already congested, and are not capable of handling the increased traffic and congestion the Waterfront Plan will bring, thus again detracting from people's desire to come near the waterfront.

Alexandria has other opportunities to include higher density development near (not on) the waterfront. The closure of the GenOn plant provides a wonderful opportunity to build higher density development, while at the same time, building the infrastructure to support it. In addition, the bus barn that is two blocks off the waterfront could be developed into higher density uses.

Please do not sell the waterfront down the river.

Sincerely,  
Susan Pettey

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- Name: Kathleen Oehler
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-535-1527
- Email: [kalchthaler@hotmail.com](mailto:kalchthaler@hotmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to ask you to not allow hotels on the waterfront in Old Town.

I live on the 100 block of Duke Street. I have two small children, and fear for their safety with the increased traffic (cars and foot) that hotels will bring. The safe, warm environment that we enjoy as a family will be forever gone.

I am not opposed to "updating" the waterfront. Townhouses, restaurants, and commercial development (businesses, NOT HOTELS) is fine. Parks and a continuous path along the waterfront would be wonderful.

I have heard that some on the Council think it's just the "old people" in Old Town who oppose hotels. The truth is that we "younger families" don't have the extra time to attend city meetings, unfortunately. But we feel very strongly and hope you protect our family life.

Thank you,  
Kathleen Oehler

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March 15, 2013

Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silverberg, and Members of the Alexandria City Council  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

We are excited that the City Council is taking action to approve the text amendment to Section 500 of the Zoning Code. This action will save the City money and time and provide the opportunity to move forward with the final approvals for the Waterfront Plan. Why do we say this?

First, although the last Council voted 5-2 in favor of the Waterfront Plan, three Alexandrians filed law suits expressing their opinion that the vote should have been at minimum 6-1 in favor of the plan. The outcome of the litigation is either declaring the City was correct and the 5-2 decision is upheld or the City was wrong and the Plan should be re-voted requiring a supermajority vote, i.e./ 6-1 or 7-0.

Second, the results of the November 2012 City Council election resulted in the citizens voting in favor of six candidates that publically supported the Waterfront Plan. Since the new council is comprised with members in favor of the Plan, a court verdict requiring a revote would end up in a 6-1, or possible a 7-0 verdict and the issue finished. The citizens of our City should not be held hostage to a small but vocal minority.

Saving the citizens money, saving the Council and City Administrators time to devote to the many other issues by taking this vote now makes sense. Taking this action now will also reduce the negative rhetoric that inundated our City for nearly four years.

Again, the Waterfront Plan has been vetted with the Citizens of Alexandria for nearly four years. It is an excellent plan. It will result in a vibrant waterfront for all Alexandrians. Although we supported the three hotels initially approved by the Planning Commission, we understand and support the compromise of two hotels. It is important to "bookend" the Waterfront development with a minimum of two hotels.

We are sorry that we cannot be at the meeting on March 16 because we are out of town on previously arranged business. We all know the issues before Council. Schools, affordable housing, Potomac Yard Metro Station, sewer systems and other infrastructure, transportation, parks, budget, Victory Center, Landmark Mall.....just to name a few. We need our elected officials to focus on the real issue of the entire City by approving the Waterfront Plan

Dennis Auld and Lynn Hampton  
215 Park Rd  
Alexandria, VA 22301

We believe everyone involved wishes to accord this matter the time it deserves for a more deliberative and collaborative result to prevail. After all, in its essence, the public hearing is an adversarial and sometimes intimidating process that does not lend itself to thoughtful dialogue. We look forward to working with the City Staff on this matter and ask you provide us with that opportunity by deferring this item.

Sincerely

Lynn Bostain and Poul Hertel  
Co-chairs, The Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations



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**From:** bhm\_16@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2013 12:13 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #30849: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please do not approve the zoning for a h

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### Request Details:

- Name: bridget spaniel
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038389555
- Email: [bhm\\_16@yahoo.com](mailto:bhm_16@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please do not approve the zoning for a hotel in DC waterfront. Thank you for your consideration.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 22

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #30850: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please do not rezone the waterfront to a

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### Request Details:

- Name: Leigh Turner
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-328-0728
- Email: [aurilla1@aol.com](mailto:aurilla1@aol.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please do not rezone the waterfront to allow 5 story hotels. We just had guests here and they loved our waterfront. I told them of the rezoning potential and they too were saddened to think that we would fall prey to losing the beauty of our waterfront. PLEASE do not allow this rezoning.

Thank you.

The Turners

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #30851: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am opposed to allowing hotels to conge

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### Request Details:

- Name: Judith Suthar
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-6121
- Email: [Judithns@comcast.net](mailto:Judithns@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am opposed to allowing hotels to congest our waterfront and especially feel insulted that you have voted to take away citizens' RIGHTS to oppose any new zoning plans.
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #30857: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am so disappointed about the water fro

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### Request Details:

- Name: L Dickey
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-1601
- Email: [create\\_intent@yahoo.com](mailto:create_intent@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am so disappointed about the water front decision. Myself and many of my friends voted for you to stop or temper the take over of our open spaces. We do not live here to be like DC or that MD monstrosity across the river. I do not want to bus every where I go. I do not want to pay for parking every time I come to the waterfront to eat, walk, or take an art class. I moved and bought here due to the open waterfront. I am definitely putting my house up for sale. I am extremely saddened.
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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #30872: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mr Mayor and City Council, You probably

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- Name: Lee Wick
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-483-0737
- Email: [Lwicko@AOL.com](mailto:Lwicko@AOL.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mr Mayor and City Council,  
You probably will be receiving a number of negative emails regarding the waterfront. I just want to support you and what is planned for the waterfront area. There is much discussion about who will benefit the most e.g. Post, but I think you are doing what is best for the community, visitors, owners of the to be developed properties, and developers (hopefully the beneficiaries will be in that order. Thank you for taking a stand and bringing this issue to a conclusion.
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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #30874: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please do not allow buildings higher tha

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### Request Details:

- Name: Mary Kay Queen
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 228-806-0895
- Email: [querkle@gmail.com](mailto:querkle@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please do not allow buildings higher than 3 stories along the waterfront.
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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #30888: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Re: Waterfront Plan and Zoning Date:

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- Name: Diane Costello
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 256-3603
- Email: [dicos@verizon.net](mailto:dicos@verizon.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Re: Waterfront Plan and Zoning

Date: 15 March 2013

Dear Mayor Euille and City Council members:

I am writing as a West End resident who has always considered Old Town the only Town Center in Alexandria. There will be many residents who will testify before you this Saturday more eloquently than I ever could and with more detailed knowledge of the Plan and zoning issues than I possess. But there is one issue at hand – flooding – that recent family experience compels me to write to you.

My sister and her family have lived on the South Shore of LI for over 20 years. Their Bellmore home is not directly on the water – neighbors to either side of them, do sit on the water. And by water I do not mean the Atlantic Ocean. They are buffered by the Bay and Jones Beach, not nearly as exposed as the Rockaways (Queens) or Long Beach which were pummeled by Sandy last October. Bellmore is pierced by inlets and canals; the water is calm lacking the crashing waves of the oceanfront.

My sister's split foyer home has never flooded – nor have the residences of most of her neighbors. But that changed last year. In the early hours of the morning, the futility of bailing out the lower level was clear. Looking out the living room window, they saw that all the homes were now islands. Only the tops of the pickets were visible on the neighbor's 5ft fence across the street.

My sister and her husband consider themselves fortunate, and they were. No one was hurt, the damage can be repaired, and my sister has always carried flood insurance. But the disruption to lives – two weeks without power, the still ongoing rebuilding, takes a toll. It's more than slightly unnerving to see foundation cracks in your home, be able to poke your finger through the drywall at eye level, or see the inevitable mold despite the cases of bleach and endless scrubbing. And never, did my sister and her husband ever imagine themselves standing in the neighborhood park under a FEMA tent with portable heaters going and hot coffee being passed about.

To this native New Yorker, scenes of water gushing from a Path train, tunnels looking more like viaducts, and all of lower Manhattan dark, felt surreal. I had lived in Far Rockaway and Long Beach but what I saw on the TV screen no longer looked familiar, the destruction having rendered it unrecognizable.

So I ask you, why would you even consider increasing the density along a vulnerable waterfront?

Have any of you toured the neighborhoods in NY or NJ that were impacted by Sandy? Have you spoken to Governor Christie, Governor Cuomo, or Mayor Bloomberg? Have you had discussions with the effected business

owners?

P&Z may wax poetically about developer contributions but Mother Nature will not care.

Sincerely,  
Diane G. Costello

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #30889: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council March15, 2013Memo to Alexandria City

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- Name: Margaret French
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- Request Description: March15, 2013

Memo to Alexandria City Council:

Are you simply trying to wear us Old Town residents down to our very last nerve? First you decide in closed session to begin implementing the very Waterfront Destruction Policy we petitioned against last year. Then you propose to raise our taxes on the property that these changes will devalue. Just because all of you rode in on Obama's lengthy coattails last election, does not mean that voters will keep you in office if you persist in thwarting the people's will.

An example of the unwanted "improvements" you have already foisted on us is the work done on the footpath that runs along the river beginning at the foot of Wolfe Street. There, our very comfortable, fairly new wooden benches were needlessly replaced with hard, cold metal benches set on thick slabs of concrete; and the perfectly good wooden edging replaced. The one improvement that was needed -- an additional layer of gravel to fill in the muddy places -- was not done.

I hope you hear the voters loud and clear.

Respectfully,

Margaret French  
114 Wolfe Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

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REZONE PLANS, a foreigner's view

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council

My name is Ana Gomez Acebo. I live on Duke Street, near the river. My family and I come from Spain. I also think that this part of Old Town needs to be changed.

However, I am concerned about your rezone plan and I am try to tell you why.

Last July I went to the meeting organized by the City to show us the hotel that the City was supposed to permit to be built. As I told you, as the daughter of a real estate developer, I was eager to see what the City had planned. After having seen the hotel, I couldn't be more disappointed. I can not believe that the City is going to permit the building of such a tall and vulgar hotel. In my opinion, this kind of hotel, appeared to belong on Route 95.

I am just someone who appreciates the history and beauty of Alexandria. I am just a foreigner who loves Alexandria because it is the only place that I know in America where you can fell history and true beauty. As foreigners, many of my friends have gone to Williamsburg in order to gain a better understanding of American history. However, the overwhelming majority of foreigners prefer Alexandria's historic sites over Williamsburg. Alexandria is a treasure, a jewel, which is almost impossible to find in America.

Please, don't ruin Old Town with such a horrible hotel.

Do what you have to do, but don't permit such buildings in Old Town. If people want to be around vulgar hotels , boutiques and tall buildings, they can go to Bethesda or Rockville. Why do you want Old Town to become another Bethesda or Rockville?? It would be preferable if the City could present a hotel design that would be closer to Old Town's historic principles and architectural style.

I think that the City should preserve what Old Town has become, a beautiful, human and easy city. The City should respect the past and be more creative. I think incoming tourists are demanding other things than tall hotels and boutiques. I can see it when I walk around Alexandria. I can see how families enjoy Old Town because Old Town give us references (past, history, beauty, nature, water, space, freedom, humanity ) .

Although, eventually, my family and I will go back to Spain, I am very happy living in Old Town and I am very grateful to Alexandria. Alexandria has made my life easier in America. I just wanted to express my gratitude and tell you that you have a wonderful city and I hope you will do your best in order to preserve *this treasure*.



Sincerely,

Ana

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March 15, 2013

**MAR 15 2013**

The Honorable William D Euille, Mayor  
Members of the Alexandria City Council  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: Waterfront Redevelopment Hearing, March 16, 2013

Mr Euille and Members of Council;

I am certain that there will be many who speak on this topic and I do not want to rehash old arguments but rather narrow the scope of discussion to the issues below.

At its heart, the Waterfront Plan is basically a rezoning, with offers of increased density and added uses in return for developer concessions, fees, contributions, etc. There is more to it than that of course, but in one sentence: a rezoning. The opponents fear the density, those in favor see it as an opportunity to gain some measure of control. Regardless, the plan must address the transportation issue before the steel ball hits the *Beachcomber*.

There is a strong parallel in the City waterfront redevelopment and that of the London docks. Post World War Two decline left the waterfront with mixed and marginal uses, several vacant buildings and a derelict feel. I think the description of London fits Alexandria as well.

The City of London created an entity to manage the redevelopment of the docks and they arrived at two conclusions that bear a strong resemblance to the Old Town waterfront redevelopment. The first is that the London managers determined that the market would lead the development, that no amount of cajoling would get serious developers to spend money on marginal projects. And no matter how many locals voice their desire for riverfront restaurants, ice rinks and art galleries, the London managers knew that the market would lead the way.

No amount of wishing for (fill in the blank) will achieve the wanted result. I wish rainwater was Guinness. The Alexandria waterfront will develop under the management of the City consistent with the zoning code as implemented, witness the transition of the Cummings Turner warehouse. And that is a continuing process as the Washington Post Companies have listed their two warehouses for sale, each with the ability to construct a 150 room boutique hotel. (As an aside, how did 150 rooms get to be boutique? The Morrison House, which is my idea of a boutique hotel, has 48 rooms.)

But the second lesson learned on the London dock re-development was the more expensive one.

The Honorable William D Euille, Mayor  
Members of the Alexandria City Counsel  
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It very quickly became apparent that the development march was out pacing the ability of the London transportation infrastructure to supply the people needed for the success of the project. People in trades that were building the project, people who worked the retail and specialty shops created, people who sought to live in the newly gentrified area, all were frustrated by their collective inability to get in and out of the docks.

The Canary Dock is the glaring example of how a true lack of foresight and vision can lead those who ignore the obvious, even the best and the brightest, down a nearly irreversible path. Connected to the Isle of Dogs, the ambitious development was hailed as everything that was wanted and needed. A world renowned architect, a premier developer, a City in full support. Just can't get there from here.

Solutions included 70 plus miles of new roads, a monorail system, additional tram stops and rails; the very congestion that the London managers thought they could avoid by deft planning left them pulling out all the creative stops to get people where they wanted to be, which was the major attraction the London managers envisioned. And how did it work out? Ask the managers at Olympia and York, if you can find any that will speak on the record.

In sum, this City can't micromanage every project, to do so will narrow the field of interested developers. The zoning code should be clear, the uses understood. Otherwise no developer will want to get into a project with a changing program definition. Stop wishing for uses for properties owned by others. The properties will be developed on their own time line, the City can't compel a private property owner to change their parking lot into a park, for example.

Finally, create some innovative traffic and parking solutions that will ease the crunch that already exists, (which is why the City did the Union Street study), before more development is added. Waiting until later is not an answer, these issues must be addressed in advance of the finished product, otherwise bad things can happen to good people. Just ask the managers at Olympia and York if you don't believe me.

With best regards.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J Test", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert J Test



**A statement by Bert Ely to the Alexandria City Council regarding proposed changes to the zoning parameters for the W-1 Waterfront Mixed-Use Zone**

March 16, 2013

Mr. Mayor and members of Council, I am Bert Ely. As co-chair of Friends of the Alexandria Waterfront, I am here to comment on the proposed text amendment to change the zoning parameters of the W-1 Waterfront Mixed-Use Zone.

FAW believes there should be no change in the W-1 zoning. Specifically, no hotels should be permitted in W-1 zone, there should be no building-height increases, and, most importantly of all, floor-area ratios should not be increased anywhere in the zone, for these reasons.

First, greater density in the waterfront area, coming on top of more intense usage of already permitted density along the waterfront, will add substantial traffic and parking demands, overloading streets and parking facilities. Congestion will worsen, greatly detracting from Old Town's historic character and appeal to residents and visitors alike.

Please keep in mind that redevelopment of the two Robinson Terminal properties and the Cummings-Turner site under the existing 2.0 FAR limit for those sites will double the square footage that now exists, increasing the building floor area by 300,000 square feet. Given how vastly underutilized those buildings are today, in reality redevelopment of the three properties, at today's 2.0 FAR, will add about 600,000 square feet of actively used space in an already congested area.

Second, the City should not encourage, through a higher permissible FAR, increased development in a flood plain. We should be ever more mindful of the dangers of development in a flood plain in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. Is that how this Council wants to be remembered – for having fostered development that later gets inundated by a hurricane? The City's proposed flood mitigation certainly will not mitigate that risk.

Third, the dream of having "boutique" hotels along the waterfront is a pipedream. Five days a week those hotels will be too far removed from public transportation to be convenient for business people who can afford "boutique" hotel rates and far too expensive for government employees traveling on per diems. City staff have misled Council in believing that waterfront hotels will be a money tree for the City.



If political pressures dictate a higher FAR in the W-1 zone and so as to not trigger overdevelopment in the waterfront flood plain, Council should limit the W-1 FAR, within existing height limits, to no more than a modest increase from the 1992 waterfront zoning's 2.0 FAR. Further, given how easily small area plans can be altered, a specific FAR limitation should be plugged into the zoning parameters for the W-1 zone. That would make it tougher for a future Council to increase the FAR to please a property developer.

To accomplish this objective, the following language, or words to this effect, should be added at the end of the proposed subsection (D) to Section 5-504 (Floor Area Ratio for the W-1 zone): “, provided that for no development site identified in the Waterfront Small Area Plan, with a special use permit, shall the maximum floor area ratio exceed 2.5.”

This proposal still provides for an increase in the maximum building square footage in the W-1 zone yet it reduces the extent to which development along the river will overload Old Town streets, and especially Union Street, with traffic and nearby garages and streets with parking demand.

Much as I would like to see the W-1 zoning remain as it is, a 2.5 FAR locked into the Zoning Ordinance is far, far preferable to an even higher maximum permissible FAR left to the vagaries of a Waterfront Small Area plan.

Thank you for your time today. I welcome your questions.

## ZONING, DEVELOPMENT, QUALITY of LIFE, and TAXES

Al Kalvaitis

17 Franklin St

Alexandria is a unique city with much diversity and although every section of our city is special, Old Town is considered by most as the historical and social center. Old Town has the third oldest historic district in the country according to our Official Visitors Guide. We are attracted by its ambience, beauty, charm and livability.

A little-known fact is that our city is the most densely populated in Virginia. There are plans underway to add to that density in a way that will detract from and dilute Old Town's historic charm.

The plan invokes a faulty premise in that waterfront development must pay for public benefits such as flood mitigation, park improvements, and greater access to the riverfront. These costs should be covered by general tax revenues much like schools and first responders.

The plan exaggerates benefits while ignoring the negative realities such as escalating traffic congestion and parking headaches. These will impact the charm and beauty of this one-of-kind, historic town of ours. Citizens' property rights are being greatly curtailed while unintended consequences will be a marked impact on neighborhood property values.

Let me invoke the memory of a long term resident and friend of Alexandria, Fred Tilp. His fame was such that the Potomac Riverboat Company named a boat in his honor, the **Admiral Tilp**. He was also concerned about the level of building along the Potomac. Nearly a half-century ago he advised our city government to utilize the shoreline as an arboretum of native trees instead of adding commercial development in support of the tax base. How ironic? He wrote books on this history of the Potomac River. Two years ago, I donated a copy to the mayor and council along with a letter which included that well-known expression, "Those that fail to study history are doomed to repeat it".

Thank you.

June 2, 2011

17 Franklin St  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Mayor William D. Euille  
Vice Mayor Kerry Donley  
Councilman Frank H. Fannon  
Councilwoman Alicia Hughes  
Councilman Rob Krupika  
Councilwoman Del Pepper  
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg

301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor and Council:

Please find enclosed an interesting and relevant book, "This Was Potomac River" by Frederick Tilp. This book has a wealth of information on the river and its history and was originally published in 1978. Because the first edition became inaccessible to sailors and history buffs after his death in the late 1980's, a new edition was reprinted in 2006 which includes an prologue and epilogue on updates about Tilp's thoughts on the ecological rebirth of the Potomac and current challenges facing the river today. Mr. Tilp was very concerned about the level of building along the Potomac. Nearly a half-century ago he advised the city government to utilize Alexandria's shoreline as an arboretum of native trees instead of adding commercial development in support of the city's tax revenue.

The waterfront plan currently includes several 150 room hotels and other commercial entities. I am disappointed that the draft plan underemphasizes the waterfront for its great importance in promoting historical ambience and facilitating adequate public access.

I am donating this book to you, our elected city officials, so that you might learn more about Alexandria's strong links to our river heritage and history. Please pay particular attention to the book's prologue and epilogue. Remember that sage expression, "Those that fail to study history are doomed to repeat it".

Sincerely yours,



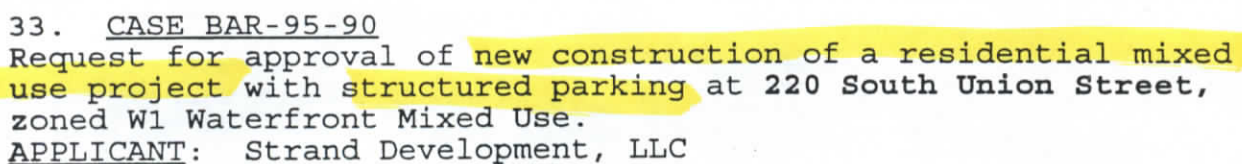
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Enclosure



Union Street

CASE BAR #95-90  
220 S. UNION STREET





Remarks of Del Pepper regarding building height of The Strand Project Regular meeting of City Council April 11, 1995

I was there at the time that we voted on this particular requirement and I think maybe what's happened is what Sheldon is saying - is that everybody apparently gave it their own interpretation but I can assure you what mine was, because I remember this vote very well. We had decided practically every inch of the property and I know at parts of Old Town, Patsy and I literally walked the streets together and I think Sheldon, maybe you were with us, or maybe one other staff member was with us and we looked at sometimes at the zoning - Morgan Delaney - and other people and we looked at zoning issues and height and so forth. I remember that we were really very careful about everything that got voted on in this particular area, and when it comes to particularly the waterfront, I remember this vote clearly - it was quite clear in my mind that this was a 30 foot limit - that whatever was over that was going to be one very special - very unique - one of a kind project. There was no way that this was - that 50 feet was the standard. And my concern is that - how do you keep from being the standard? And I'm very concerned that it can't be done. I think that there is a precedent that will be pointed to here in years down the line when those present aren't here. And that's why we have to choose carefully what we do. I think that the Harborside Development, which is considerably larger, is a wonderful example of where it fits in. But this is further south in our City. This is not right there are the core of what I call Old Town. And this is an area that I feel needs to be especially protected. I'm not sure if this is the appropriate time to say this or not, but I received Frank Mann's letter and was very interested in his concern about the how high this building was to be or not to be and urges us to put off the decision. I would like us to get in touch with former Mayor Mann and see if we couldn't negotiate with him for his property - for the Manns/Richard property with the idea of swapping it with land somewhere else. I think that land is so critical and so vital to our waterfront that it's important that we move and move swiftly to see if we can possibly interest him in some other land. I would certainly hate to have him come and develop his land, even at 30 feet. So, I would like to see it kept as a - to have it as a parkland to protect that waterfront. We only get one waterfront and when its built on - that is forever. So, what I would like is for us to begin, sort of an investigation or an inquiry to explore with him and we now have his lawyer's name and address, just to see if there is something there that we could possibly do. We were talking about visioning tonight. My vision for this City is to clear up some of the waterfront issues. In cleaning the Old Town Yacht Basin, but that's another issue that I will talk about at another time. But, at least for now, I would like to see us explore this. I think that it could be very, very critical that he may now be interested.



(Ticer) What land would you have to give him in return for it?

Well, that is part of what our group would be exploring, but I would think that if there was land that we could possibly swap, that was a little more buildable than this, that would be what issues.

I will not be voting on this because of the reasons that I have already given about my concerns about precedent and I am concerned that Councils that will follow this may not have the same understanding and so I would want to preserve at least that lonely voice out there that is still plugging for the 30 feet as standard and to have credibility in case another development does come along and I will be able to say, well, I did this. - and so I can oppose it now with credibility. But, what I wanted to say is that I wanted to thank all those who met and negotiated, not only the neighbors who got together but those of you, I know Duncan and Simpson I think came and the Abramsons and whoever else - staff too, who came and were willing to at least try and give - just give this a chance to work. I'm sorry more didn't come out of the negotiations but I do appreciate every foot that you were willing to come down. I appreciate that very much. I think that was in the right spirit and I think that certainly the neighbors are going to appreciate that - the difference between - what is - 53 and what is 45 is, you know, that's 8 <sup>feet</sup> inches and it does count when you're talking about that kind of bulk. I also want to thank you all for the tone of this discussion, This was really a pretty hard decision for us up here- I know it was hard for the neighbors - I know that all of you have been through a lot and I felt, though, that in view of the fact that the stakes were so high for everybody that the tone of the discussion went really very well and I think that it shows that we can agree to disagree, each one fighting for what they believe is in their own best interests and for the City's best interest. And I hope that, in fact I'm counting on this being a nice development - I'm sure it will be a quality development - the Abramsons, as well as the Simpsons have a wonderful reputation and we will look forward to good things.

## Robert Pringle Statement Docket Item 4

Robert Pringle  
216 Wolfe St

Docket Items Four and Five are joined at the hip, as everyone knows.

This may be City Council's last chance to cherish and do justice by one of the most historic and potentially most beautiful sites in the national capital area.

But even if you all vote "Yes" on both items the struggle will continue, one Special Use Permit after another. What a waste of time, how sad that would be.

I know, posterity has never done anything for you, but you can still rise above that stale joke and do something for posterity.

Look at the alternatives to bulky, badly designed buildings that will block views and add only scraps of potential green space, our most priceless asset. Go for quality, the way your predecessors did half a century ago. Be worthy of your heritage.

You can do better.

## Jackie Henderson

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To: The Mayor and members of City Council  
From: Yvonne Weight Callahan  
Date: March 15, 2013  
Re: Docket Item TA 13-0005

Dear Mr. Mayor and members of City Council:

I believe it fair to state that virtually no one is under any illusion as to what will happen when Docket Item TA 13-0005 is taken up.

However, all concerned citizens hope that, before you vote on this historic measure, look outside City Hall at the buildings that now mostly surround it. I say "mostly" because Gadsbys' Tavern, now an icon of the City, was saved. But, if you look to the other buildings on the west side of City Hall, as well as to the south both across City Hall and south west of City Hall, you see the results of a vote that was taken by City Council approximately fifty years ago.

I do not believe that any of you—or even any member of Council who voted for the destruction of these buildings—would agree today that it was a good idea.

So, before you vote, I would urge all of you to ponder: what will this vote on the waterfront look like fifty years from now?

No doubt the members of City Council thought at the time that the idea of urban renewal—then so in vogue—would be the best option available to the city. Little did they realize that, with a little more time, much better ideas would emerge. Those better ideas were: renovation, restoration, consciousness of scale and density.

The vote you are taking may well change the entire fabric of the Old and Historic Area of Alexandria. Thus this vote must be done with your never forgetting that shaping the future development of the waterfront must be done with care and precision. If these text amendments permit the overdevelopment of the waterfront, your legacy to the City of Alexandria will be similar to that of the "urban renewal" council of the 60's; namely "They perhaps meant well but they made a disastrous mistake. Their vision was a failure."

It is not easy to think fifty years ahead, but that is your duty. Think carefully on what this vote will do to your legacy. And, if you remain convinced that this is the best way forward, prove that with each project that emerges in the future.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Weight Callahan

Jackie Henderson

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- Request Description: Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg and Council Members,

It is disheartening to see how the City Council and Planning Commissioners have joined forces to push through their agenda to make it easy for developers to influence the direction of our unique City. The Planning Commissioners, at their meeting on March 7, 2012, heard a number of well respected citizens argue for a postponement of a vote on the two agenda items related to the Waterfront Small(?) Parcel Plan based on legal issues. Even your Commissioner Dunn asked the Planning Commissioners to take a month to look into a clarification of the "petition/supermajority issue". Because the whole evening was so scripted and purposeful in delivering to the City Council what you wanted them to do, all voices were ignored.

I, as a taxpayer, have great concerns that the City's studies of the flood mitigation, environmental issues, growing density all over the city, the traffic, etc. are not up-to-date, objective and the best for Alexandria's citizens and that there are going to be negative consequences to the City coffers and ambiance. We have heard how much the developers are going to add to the city with proffers and business. Since this is and has been a "done deal" since the beginning, my hope is that you have driven a hard bargain FOR an OUTSTANDING return for having giving up the waterfront to developers rather than having the vision of saving it for the people.

"Parks are the breathing lungs and beating hearts of all great cities"  
Great cities have great parks and great parks have great cities.

Respectfully submitted, Nina Randolph

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**Jackie Henderson**

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- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council,

Please vote "No" to both item #2(#005-rezoning) and item #3 (#006-protest petition) at the city council meeting Saturday March 16,2013.

Thank you,  
Barbara Corcoran

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice-Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to urge you to vote against Docket Items 4 & 5 at tomorrow's City Council Meeting.

Changing the text of the W1 Zoning language to implement the existing Small Area Waterfront Plan should be delayed until consideration of the impact of two major events on the existing plan can be incorporated: the successful closing of the GenOn Plant adding significant waterfront development acreage to Alexandria, the cost and physical impact of super-storms on all developed waterfront property.

I urge you all to consider the compromise proposals being offered by the Vice-Mayor as a starting point in reaching a plan that preserves our history and our river, and supports our growth sustainably -- out of the destructive reach of super-storms and rising waterlines.

Lastly, please delay consideration of any changes to citizens' right to protest a text or map zoning amendment. Any changes made to the zoning text, prior to hearing the decisions of our courts on cases now before them, is ill-considered since delay does not hinder any current activities and voting now only deepens the existing divide created by the City's legal action against its own Board of Zoning Appeals.

Allowing full and open discussion of the implications of this requested change over a protracted period, far longer than the one month that council has allowed, is an important first step in building the trust that has been broken with at least half of the Alexandria community.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Baldwin  
428 N Union Street  
Alexandria, VA

- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 22

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- Email: [jrwood72@gmail.com](mailto:jrwood72@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Euille and Members of City Council, Tomorrow's discussion and vote on the two text amendments are extremely important for the city. The W1 Text amendment sets the framework in place for all discussions and decisions ahead as each SUP comes forward for development along the waterfront. Language in the Waterfront Plan, as we were repeatedly reminded, defines a concept for future development. The W1 text amendment is the authoritative guidance. Please consider small but important amendments to guidance on density and public space. Please consider the vast majority of residents living in proximity to the waterfront have repeatedly asked for this consideration.

I'd ask you also to defer decision on changes to Section 11-808. You may well feel the citizens don't understand the facts or misunderstand the zoning intent. When the Federation of Civic Associations unanimously state they need clarification, do not dismiss their concerns out of hand. Change is certainly needed to resolve misunderstanding. The residents need reassurance and much better explanation of potential effects on their right to petition. Such a review doesn't need to take long.

I have attached a copy of my letter to the editors of several of our newspapers that add some details to my request to you. Let's move forward on the waterfront with our sides much closer, our interests equally assured, and our city more prepared for change that's necessary and coming soon.

Thank you.  
Bob Wood

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Mr. Robert L. Montague III  
1007 King St  
Alexandria, VA 22314

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To:  
Subject:

<http://alexandriava.gov/Council>  
From: Robert L Montague 111, Vice President-Northern Virginia Preservation Council

I write to submit my views on items # 005 rezoning and #6 protest petition. I share the position of the Old Town Civic Association and Andrew Mac Donald regarding these matters. Seldom in my experience with municipal issues have the citizens of this city become so involved in trying to offer guidance. It has been insufficiently heeded which has led to litigation and a vigorously contested local election. It would seem that the only hope for citizens of Old Town would be to secede from the city and establish a separate municipality where citizens' views and participation in the governing process are better appreciated, but that is not a realistic option. You need to do a better job of working with and not against the citizens of the community who are most affected by your actions and decisions. The City needs more parkland on the water front, not parking lots and traffic problems that come with higher density uses. The flood plain is no place for high density development that lacks 360 degree access.

*Respectfully submitted  
Robert L Montague*



**From:** nrjennings@comcast.net  
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- Request Description: City Council Public Hearing - March 16, 2013 - docket items #4 and #5

Seminary Hill Association, Inc., passed the resolution below before two separate docket items were created. The resolution relates to both item #4 and #5. SHA urges City Council to reject both proposed amendments at this time. In particular, item #5 cries out for more information about cases in the past 20 years when this section of the zoning code was used.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Nan Jennings

**RESOLUTION ON THE WATERFRONT TEXT AMENDMENT RE-TRY**

Whereas, an earlier vote by City Council on a Waterfront Text Amendment failed to achieve a supermajority; and

Whereas, a citizen petition under Section 11-808 of the Zoning Code to require a supermajority of Council was turned back apparently illicitly by the Alexandria Planning Director;

Whereas, citizens have sued the City of Alexandria, a suit now under consideration by the Supreme Court of Virginia; and

Whereas, the Alexandria Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) also has disagreed with the actions and interpretations of the Planning Director; and

Whereas, the City has sued the BZA, a case now pending in the Circuit Court; and

Whereas, the City Manager has proposed a new attempt to pass the Waterfront Text Amendment, despite the pending litigation, and

Whereas, the said Amendment also would alter severely the text and import of Section 11-808 to the considerable detriment of the residents of Seminary Hill and, indeed, all citizens of Alexandria,

Now therefore, the Executive Board of the Seminary Hill Association, Inc., strongly opposes this action by the City Manager and urges the Planning Commission and the Alexandria City Council to reject the proposed amendment and allow current judicial activities to proceed to their conclusion before any further action is taken.



Approved on February 26, 2013.

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 21

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council,

Please vote "No" to both item #2(#005-rezoning) and item #3 (#006-protest petition) at the city council meeting Saturday March 16,2013.

Thank you,  
Barbara Corcoran

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg and Council Members,

It is disheartening to see how the City Council and Planning Commissioners have joined forces to push through their agenda to make it easy for developers to influence the direction of our unique City. The Planning Commissioners, at their meeting on March 7, 2012, heard a number of well respected citizens argue for a postponement of a vote on the two agenda items related to the Waterfront Small(?) Parcel Plan based on legal issues. Even your Commissioner Dunn asked the Planning Commissioners to take a month to look into a clarification of the "petition/supermajority issue". Because the whole evening was so scripted and purposeful in delivering to the City Council what you wanted them to do, all voices were ignored.

I, as a taxpayer, have great concerns that the City's studies of the flood mitigation, environmental issues, growing density all over the city, the traffic, etc. are not up-to-date, objective and the best for Alexandria's citizens and that there are going to be negative consequences to the City coffers and ambiance. We have heard how much the developers are going to add to the city with proffers and business. Since this is and has been a "done deal" since the beginning, my hope is that you have driven a hard bargain FOR an OUTSTANDING return for having giving up the waterfront to developers rather than having the vision of saving it for the people.

"Parks are the breathing lungs and beating hearts of all great cities"  
Great cities have great parks and great parks have great cities.

Respectfully submitted, Nina Randolph

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