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From: Kathryn Dureska <kathryndureska@gmail.com>
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To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Letter of Support

To: Alexandria City Council Members
Re: Letter of Support of Shirley Downs' nomination to be the representative of the Alexandria Commission of the Arts (ACA) on the Waterfront Commission.

March 3, 2013

Dear City Council,

My name is Kathryn Dureska. I am a commissioner on the Alexandria Commission for the Arts (ACA), Chairman of the Special Events Committee, and serve on the Advocacy Sub-committee.

Shirley Down has been nominated to represent the ACA on the Waterfront Commission. I support this nomination. I know Ms. Downs as a colleague on the ACA, and the Advovacy Committee. My experience with Ms. Downs has been very positive. She is a professional, thorough person. She always brings lots of information to the table, is eager to be involved, and likes to get to work! When there is a special event or activity, Ms. Downs participates. Ms. Downs was one of a few commissioners who took time out of her busy Saturday to walk the avenue at Art on the Avenue in Del Ray, introduce herself, and explain the role of the ACA to artists, as well as distribute Master Plan surveys to the public.

As you know, the Waterfront Plan (Plan) has important elements relating to art and history, which were developed by members of the Public Art Committee and local community activists and incorporated into the final Plan. Ms. Downs is looking forward to representing the Arts community, and is well qualified with her background in advocacy, marketing, coalition-building and legislative experience.

Thank you for your support and assistance. I know Ms. Downs will be a good representative of the Arts Commission on the Waterfront Commission.

Sincerely,
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