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From: mikesaperstein@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 2:44 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65891: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg

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Request Details:

- Name: Mike Saperstein
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7737271269
- Email: mikesaperstein@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and Members of the City Council,

I am a candidate for the Alexandria Transportation Commission slot representing those that live west of Quaker Lane. I see from tonight's agenda that there are numerous qualified candidates for this position, which certainly bodes well for the future of our area's transit. If selected, I would look forward to serving with enthusiasm and purpose because I believe the future of my neighborhood is directly tied to the success of this Commission. Though my wife, (new) son and I moved here only a little over a year ago, we have been warmly embraced by this community. I am committed to ensuring that this community continues to be a welcoming and accessible destination for families of all types.

Regardless of the outcome of tonight's vote, I am excited about the future of the West End and look forward to being an active participant and advocate for Alexandria.

Sincerely,
Mike Saperstein

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, February 18

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From: dacava1@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 10:07 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65689: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council February 10 City Council Legislative Mee

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Request Details:

- Name: Dave Cavanaugh
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-869-8362
- Email: dacava1@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: February 10 City Council Legislative Meeting
Contested Appointments: Item 22, 143690

I ask your support for the appointment of Christine Michaelis to the Alexandria Transportation Commission. Christine is a long time resident of the Seminary Ridge community and is sensitive to the importance of listening to residents in making transportation decisions. She was instrumental in working with neighbors and groups in support of a traffic and walk light at the corner of St. Stephens and Seminary Road. Christine would be a voice for a safe, balanced "good sense" transportation policies.

Thank you

- Expected Response Date: Friday, February 13

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From: Jim Durham <jimandcarey48@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 1:10 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Cc: 'Jim Durham'
Subject: Recommendation For Ms. Christine Michaelis - Applicant for the Transportation Commission
Attachments: Transportation Commission -Ms Michaelis.pdf

Ms. Henderson,

Attached is my letter of Recommendation for Ms. Christine Michaelis, applicant for a Transportation Commission vacancy, on the docket for Tuesday, 10 February. Appreciate it if you would forward to the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council members for their consiseration.

Thanks

Jim Durham
622 Fort Williams Pkwy
Alexandria, VA 22304
703-508-0762 (mobile)

February 6, 2015

Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council members,

I am writing as a Seminary Ridge resident to recommend and strongly support the application of my neighbor, Ms. Christine Michaelis, to fill a position on the Transportation Commission as a resident who lives in the West End.

Ms. Michaelis is a neighbor, a lawyer and a mom. She is someone I know from her engagement in Seminary Ridge and Seminary Hill activities; I was excited to learn this winter that she had decided to seek opportunities to contribute more broadly to Alexandria's future.

I have been impressed with Ms. Michaelis' diligence. For example, prior to firmly deciding to apply for the Transportation Commission vacancy, she prepared to attend a recent January Transportation Commission meeting by thoroughly reviewing the Transportation Commission docket material in advance. Based on my observations, I am confident that Ms. Michaelis has the motivation and self-discipline to be a knowledgeable, well-prepared, and impactful member of the Transportation Commission.

While Ms. Michaelis does not have a Transportation background, Chairman Macek assured her that it was not a prerequisite. That said, it will take a dedicated effort for her to contribute effectively without that background. Ms. Michaelis understands that challenge and she will meet or exceed it. She is ready to do the work necessary to both represent the community and be responsible for providing Council with her best advice.

From working with Ms. Michaelis on an issue that has included engagements with City Staff, I have learned that she is also thoughtful, open-minded and professional. She listens well, and also speaks articulately; both are extremely useful skills.

In closing, I strongly recommend Ms. Christine Michaelis as someone who is a motivated and hard-working individual, and in whom I have complete confidence that she will serve as an impactful member of the Transportation Commission if appointed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Durham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Durham
622 Fort Williams Pkwy
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Jackie Henderson

From: ritapasi@mac.com
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 2:58 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65835: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the Cit

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Request Details:

- Name: Rita Pasi
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-413-1231
- Email: ritapasi@mac.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council,

Attached is a letter concerning my application to serve as a member of the Alexandria Transportation Committee. I thank you in advance for your consideration, and I welcome any questions you may have about my background and my application.

Sincerely,
Rita Pasi

- Attachment: [Letter to Mayor and City Council 02-09-15.docx](#)
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, February 17

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5147 Heritage Lane
Alexandria, VA 22311
February 9, 2015

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to you concerning my application to become a member of the City of Alexandria's Transportation Committee. I would like to express my strong interest in serving on the Committee, based on my personal commitment to Alexandria as well as my interests in economic development and transportation. I would also like to offer to provide any additional information and answer any questions you may have.

First and foremost, I have a long-term commitment to Alexandria and would like to give back to the community and serve my neighbors by contributing to the work of a City Commission. I have lived in the West Alexandria neighborhood since 2007, when I became a first-time homeowner by purchasing a townhouse in the Seminary Road/Beauregard Street area, and previously, I lived a few blocks away on South George Mason Drive. I am familiar with the needs and interests of residents in West Alexandria. I recognize the importance of planning, investment, and policies for continued growth of my neighborhood and integration with the economic development of the city and the metro region.

In recent years, my neighborhood has been the focus of developments that hold the potential to reshape and improve the economic potential and the quality of life for residents, such as the expansion of the Mark Center and the Beauregard Small Area Plan. It poses challenges and involves careful consideration of options and tradeoffs. I believe that the work of City Commissions is indispensable in this process. The unique features of my neighborhood and other areas of Alexandria, including the mix of government, commercial, and residential use of land, the demographics, and the proximity to other areas that are growing and developing presents a real opportunity for growth. Contributing to the work of the Transportation Committee would be a very tangible and positive way for me to be part of this exciting process.

I have lived in metro DC since late 1991 and have witnessed firsthand the growth of our larger region and the challenges and opportunities this presents, - economic, political, and social, among others. Prior to moving to DC, I lived in urban areas for many years, including Boston, New York City, New Haven (CT), and Detroit. I have a lifelong interest in economic development and social change - in both urban and rural areas - and public sector management. I hold a bachelor's degree in Modern American History from Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges and a master's degree in Public-Private Management from the Yale School of Management.

I believe that I could make a solid contribution to Alexandria's Transportation Commission drawing from my expertise in economic development and in transport sector development. I have worked as an economic development professional for most of my career, focusing on finance and governance with specific experience in finance, infrastructure, and private sector development. I possess over 23 years of experience at the World Bank and additional experience in corporate finance and non-profit management.

While at the World Bank, I have worked on investment projects and advisory tasks with many governments, helping them to address policy, planning, financing, and implementation issues in development programs. I worked with government agencies in China on transportation sector development during a decade of rapid economic growth, focusing on major metropolitan and rural areas and on road and waterway planning and investment. I also worked with government agencies, contractors, and partners on land use and resettlement, environmental and social protection, procurement, maintenance, impact evaluation, road safety, user charges, and long-term financing. I maintain a strong interest in transport sector issues and keep abreast of development trends and policy issues. In addition to my transport sector experience, I have worked with public sector clients on financial and private sector development, public-private partnerships, managing donor funds, and grant making.

I also have a strong understanding of governance and multi-stakeholder decision-making which could benefit the work of the Transportation Commission. For the past decade, I worked in the World Bank's Corporate Secretariat (supporting the Board of Directors) on developing the agenda and work programs for Board meetings, framing the discussion of specific topics (policy topics and financing decisions, involving public and private clients), and advising management teams as they make proposals for Board consideration. This has exposed me to a broad, cross-cutting range of policy and development issues and allowed me to work with many different stakeholders in the decision-making process. I understand the process of balancing diverse stakeholder perspectives and forging consensus on complex issues, particularly in the oversight and application of public funds. I have a solid understanding of financial, oversight, internal control, fiduciary, and fraud and corruption issues, having worked with the Audit Committee of the World Bank's Board for several years and serving as its Secretary. I also understand how constituency concerns are addressed, having served as an Advisor to the delegation for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, where I also worked directly with the Chair of the Audit Committee and the Dean of the Board of Directors.

In closing, I would like to thank each of you for your commitment to the needs of Alexandria and for your consideration of my candidacy. Please feel free to contact me if I may answer any questions as you consider my application. I may be reached using the phone and email contact information I provided with my original application and with this online submission.

Sincerely,

Rita Pasi

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From: rmh-amh@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 5:20 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65579: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council This is in support of Christine Michaeli

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Request Details:

- Name: Ann Hensahw
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7033709336
- Email: rmh-amh@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: This is in support of Christine Michaelis as a member of the Alexandria City Transportation Committee. Christine is a neighbor who is engaged in Seminary Ridge Civic Association as a "block captain" and an active participant in Annual events. Christine is a thoughtful person who is able to process information in an objective and logical fashion and would be an able and valuable member of this important committee. Christine's educational background will allow her to analyze data and information and provide constructive solutions to problems faced by our city. I fully support and recommend her membership on this committee and would be happy to provide further information as needed.
Ann Henshaw
SRCA Past President
SHA Area 9 Representative
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, February 10

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From: reed.lacrosse@earthlink.net
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 2:47 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65150: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Letter of Recommendation for Christine M

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Request Details:

- Name: Hope Holiona-Reed
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-217-6542
- Email: reed.lacrosse@earthlink.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Letter of Recommendation for Christine Michaelis, who is applying for the Alexandria Transportation Commission as a citizen member. [The website would not allow me to upload my letter so my letter follows in this format.] Please call if you have any questions. My apologies and thank you.

Alexandria Transportation Commission
City of Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Sirs and Madams:

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Christine Michaelis

I am writing on behalf of Christine Michaelis, who is applying for a position on the Alexandria Transportation Commission as a citizen member from the West End of the City of Alexandria.

I have worked with Ms. Michaelis for over 12 years at the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board) of the United States Department of Justice. From March 2012 to August 2014, I served as Ms. Michaelis' second-line supervisor, and I am currently her Team Leader.

Although new to the area of immigration law when she arrived at the Board, Ms. Michaelis quickly acquired the substantive knowledge and considered judgment of a seasoned attorney. Ms. Michaelis possesses impressive analytical, writing, and communication skills, and has always been a consummate professional in every facet of her job and in all of her dealings with those with whom she works. She is highly respected by her colleagues, while her work reflects a tireless dedication to excellence and an unwavering commitment to public service. Ms. Michaelis is a diligent, honest, talented, and hard-working individual who would be an invaluable asset to the Transportation Commission of the City of Alexandria if allowed to serve as one of its citizen members.

Thank you,

Hope M. Holiona
Supervisory Attorney-Advisor
Board of Immigration Appeals
Executive Office for Immigration Review
5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2100
Falls Church, Virginia 20530
(703) 305-0344

- Expected Response Date: Monday, February 2

Jackie Henderson

From: tracy.durkin@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 11:16 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65131: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I write to strongly endorse Christine Mi

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Request Details:

- Name: Tracy Durkin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-719-9380
- Email: tracy.durkin@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I write to strongly endorse Christine Michaelis as citizen representative from the West End on the Transportation Commission. Christine has a long history of caring about and working for the people of the West End, particularly with regard to transportation and safety. As a representative on this Commission, Christine could continue her good work for the community. As her neighbor for the past 4 years, I have found her to be fair, balanced and thoughtful, as well as a good listener; all qualities we want in this position. Having Christine on this commission would be a real benefit to the City of Alexandria. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, February 2

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Office of the Town Manager

Mercury T. Payton
Town Manager

January 29, 2015

Dear Councilmembers,

This letter serves to recommend John Jay Sergent for appointment to the City of Alexandria Board and Commission. I have worked with him for the past three years at the Town of Vienna, where he is currently an engineer with the Department of Public Works. He has been an asset to the Town with his knowledge of infrastructure and transportation.

Mr. Sergent's personality and leadership skills provide him with the ability to work with citizens and Town organizations to complete highly controversial and complex projects. During his tenure at the Town of Vienna, he has spearheaded multi-million dollar projects but he doesn't mind getting his hands dirty with smaller project or dealing with the most mundane of issues.

It is always a pleasure to work with Mr. Sergent. He is a friendly, high-energy individual with a great sense of humor. Any jurisdiction should be happy to have John Jay Sergent on board. Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Mercury T. Payton
Town Manager

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Jackie Henderson

From: jjkingconsulting@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 12:28 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65818: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am endorsing Christine Michaelis for t

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Request Details:

- Name: Jerry King
 - Approximate Address: No Address Specified
 - Phone Number: 7036841688
 - Email: jjkingconsulting@yahoo.com
 - Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
 - Request Description: I am endorsing Christine Michaelis for the vacant citizen position on the Transportation Commission. Although I have known Christine for less than a year I have found her to be one of our citizens who strive to make our city a better place to live. She has been active in her civic association, as well as volunteered for various community activities as well as with her children's schools.
As a career senior attorney for the Department of Justice I expect she could understand some of the more complex issues that the Commission confronts. As a resident she experiences the city's transportation issues on a daily basis. She has brought up transportation problems to city staff. I am also aware that she supports the city's multi-modal transportation policies which would make her an excellent member of the Commission.
- Jerry King, Vice Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, February 17

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