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Name of Council Member

CONTESTED APPOINTMENT

Endorsement

Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority
(4-year term)
1 representative from the Alexandria Resident Council

Chyrell Bucksell *

Margo Heard
Withdraw

Shanelle Gayden, Alexandria
Resident Council

* incumbent

Uncontested
Now

Jackie Henderson

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From: Jackie Henderson
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:13 PM
To: Allison Silberberg; bill euille; del pepper; Jane McDonald; John Chapman; justin wilson; lashawn timmons; lillian thompson; mark mchugh; nancy lacey; nancy lavalle; paul smedberg; tim lovain; wendy donohue
Subject: ARHA Appointment on tonight's docket
Importance: High

Good afternoon—

Margo Heard, one of the applicants for the representative of the Alexandria Resident Council on the ARHA board, called to let me know that she wishes to remove her name from consideration.

The appointment will now be considered an uncontested appointment, since there is only one applicant – the incumbent, Chyrell Bucksell.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Jackie M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council
(703) 746-3975

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From: carterflemming@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 9:48 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65865: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to support the reappointmen

Dear **Call.Click.Connect.** User

A request was just created using **Call.Click.Connect.** The request ID is 65865.

Request Details:

- Name: Carter Flemming
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-461-9099
- Email: carterflemming@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to support the reappointment of Chyrell Bucksell to the ARHA board. I have served with Chyrell during her term and feel she has been an active and engaged board member who has represented the concerns of our residents very well. She does not hesitate to speak up on any issue that affects our residents and so she is an important voice on our board. In the past, we have had problems with resident members attending board meetings, but Chyrell is very present and engaged at our meetings. I do not personally know the other applicant for the position but see no reason why Chyrell would not be allowed to continue her service on ARHA. As you are aware, we are in the midst of major redevelopment issues and having board members who have been a part of this process will be very valuable. I know the other applicant has been endorsed by Shaynell Gayden, who is the head of our resident association. But to my knowledge, this group has not met on a regular basis, and has not presented reports to the ARHA board in a number of months, as they are expected to do. So I do not believe her endorsement is anything more than her personal endorsement and does not reflect any vote by our residents. As you know, all residents are welcome to come to all of our meetings and address any concerns they have. We have not had any residents come and express any concerns about Ms. Bucksell's representation of their interests. Nor have we received any written notice of such concerns from anyone. I believe the ARHA board would have been advised if such a vote by residents had taken place, and since we have not been informed of this, I am left to conclude that her endorsement is a personal one and does not represent a vote by our residents. I urge you to reappoint Chyrell to the ARHA board. Please know I am speaking as an individual ARHA board member, and am not attempting to represent the entire ARHA board in this endorsement. Thank you very much for your consideration.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, February 18

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From: chyrellbucksell@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 8:33 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65852: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council February 9, 2015 Dear Membe

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Chyrell Bucksell
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035826970
- Email: chyrellbucksell@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description:

February 9, 2015

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing for your support in my reappointment to the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority board.

I have been an active member of the board for 4 years now. During my time on the board I have been apart of many tough decisions that impact families just like myself. From banning of smoking in our units, budgets, mandatory payments, and volunteering I have been a very important factor in discussions that have not been completed and I would like to see through.

I grew up here in the west end of the city in public housing. The first hand experience I have has allowed me to give insight to the board that often does not come to our board meetings. I am very active in my community which helps me to hear the issues that face our residents.

The ARHA board is in the process of doing some redevelopment. I have had first hand experience the last four years with the redevelopments we have just finished. As a long time Alexandrian I have a lot of pride in my city and would like to make sure our residents needs are being met and they are aware of what is going on in there city during these changes.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

Chyrell Bucksell

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, February 17

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From: Shanelle Gayden <shanellegayden@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 10:43 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Re: alexandria resident council rep to ARHA

Greetings,

I Shanelle Gayden recommend that applicant Margo Heard is selected to represent the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority from the Alexandria Resident Council. Please contact me if you have further questions.

Thank you,
Shanelle Gayden
301-755-8931

On Mon, Jan 5, 2015 at 8:21 AM, Jackie Henderson <Jackie.Henderson@alexandriava.gov> wrote:

Good morning—

I understand you are the appropriate person to speak to about this.

Chyrell Bucksell's term as the representative of the Alexandria Resident Council (and who must be a resident of public or publicly assisted housing) on the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority is up in January, and two people have applied for this position:

Chyrell Bucksell (the incumbent) – N. Van Dorn Street

Margo Heard – Snowden Hallowell Way

In order to place this appointment before City Council, I will need an endorsement for one of the applicants from the Alexandria Resident Council. Would you kindly send me an endorsement (email is fine) so that I may forward the names to City Council?

Thank you very much, and please let me know if you have any questions.