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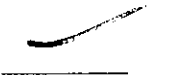
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Jackie Henderson

From: mstensrud@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 2:19 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #66673: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Not only will each of these applicants serve an important role on the Commission, but each has already contributed greatly to the Commission and the Public Art Plan by serving on the Steering Committee for the Plan. With the merging of the Public Art Committee and the Commission, Susie, Gayle, Allison and Betsy are an essential voice for public art in the City. Katherine's current role as Chair of the Arts Education Committee is an equally important voice, and I look forward to working with her on expanding the presence of arts education in City offerings.

I highly recommend Katherine, Susie, Gayle, Allison, and Betsy and look forward to working with each of them over the next term. Thank you for your continued support of the arts in Alexandria; because of you, Alexandria is and will continue to be a nationwide leader in the arts.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing each of you sometime soon.

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Chair, Alexandria Commission for the Arts

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- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 4

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February 25, 2015

Alexandria City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to you in support of the appointment of Betsy Hennigan to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Betsy has served the City's Public Art Committee very well for a number of years. With the unanimous approval of the Public Art Plan by your body in December 2014 and the updated ordinance in January, the Public Art Committee has now merged with the Commission for the Arts. This will allow for greater efficiency in decision-making and a clearer process for the approval of public art projects in the City. This also means a public art voice is needed on the Commission, and Betsy is one of the members to fill that role. Further, as a former Public Art Committee member, she was listed on the Proposed Roster for the Commission for the Arts approved by City Council back in January.

Betsy is a tireless advocate for the arts in Alexandria and her depth of knowledge and expertise is needed on the Commission. I have enjoyed working with her and hope to continue to do so over the next term. I recommend her very highly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to you in support of the appointment of Gayle Converse to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Gayle provides a unique citizen consumer voice for the Commission and her background in communications and outreach is essential to the success of arts in the City. Gayle has served the City's Public Art Committee for a number of years. With the unanimous approval of the Public Art Plan by your body in December 2014 and the updated ordinance in January, the Public Art Committee has now merged with the Commission for the Arts. This will allow for greater efficiency in decision-making and a clearer process for the approval of public art projects in the City. This also means a public art voice is needed on the Commission, and Gayle is one of the members to fill that role. Further, as a former Public Art Committee member, she was listed on the Proposed Roster for the Commission for the Arts approved by City Council back in January.

Gayle is a strong supporter of the arts in Alexandria and her depth of knowledge and expertise regarding communications is needed on the Commission. I have enjoyed working with her and hope to continue to do so over the next term. I recommend her very highly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to you in support of the appointment of Susie Cohen to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Susie has served diligently on the City's Public Art Committee for a number of years. With the unanimous approval of the Public Art Plan by your body in December 2014 and the updated ordinance in January, the Public Art Committee has now merged with the Commission for the Arts. This will allow for greater efficiency in decision-making and a clearer process for the approval of public art projects in the City. This also means a public art voice is needed on the Commission, and Susie is one of the members to fill that role. Further, as a former Public Art Committee member, she was listed on the Proposed Roster for the Commission for the Arts approved by City Council back in January.

Susie is a strong arts leader in Alexandria and her depth of knowledge and expertise is needed on the Commission. I have enjoyed working with her and hope to continue to do so over the next term. I recommend her very highly.

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to you in support of the reappointment of Kate Elkins to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Kate was recently elected Chair of the Arts Education Committee and has already begun work in aligning the Committee's goals with both the City's. She also worked with the Art League to ensure a high school scholarship for the annual Art in City Hall show, something the Commission is quite proud to have accomplished. As a high school arts teacher, she has the proven ability to reach local high school students for City artistic endeavors and reaches an audience that Commission has often struggled to activate.

Kate is a hard-working and professional arts leader in Alexandria and her depth of knowledge and expertise is needed on the Commission. I have enjoyed working with her and hope to continue to do so over the next term. I recommend her very highly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Jackie Henderson

From: michaeldetomo@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 12:34 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67261: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Michael Detomo
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-492-3120
- Email: michaeldetomo@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council,

I recommend Katherine Elkins for re-appointment to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Kate has become a strong leader within the Commission, and is the new Chair of the Arts-Education Committee. Kate is an art instructor in Alexandria City Public Schools, and as such, she has brought new ideas emphasizing the involvement of all ages of artists, including blossoming students, in the City Galleries exhibitions and the Grants program. She is a valued Commissioner and city volunteer.

Thank you for your consideration, and feel free to contact me with any thoughts or questions.

Michael Detomo
Vice-Chair of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts

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202-492-3120

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 16

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From: michaeldetomo@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 12:06 PM
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67254: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Michael Detomo
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-492-3120
- Email: michaeldetomo@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council,

I recommend the members of the Alexandria Public Art Committee for positions on the Alexandria Commission for the Arts; they are:

Gayle Converse
Susan Cohen
Allison Heck
Betsy Hennigan

The recently approved Public Art Implementation Plan folds the Public Art Committee into the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

As members of the Public Art Committee, these four candidates have been instrumental in providing grass-root art policy including drafts that resulted in the 2014 Public Art Implementation Plan, the 2012 Public Art Policy, and the 2010 Waterfront Public Art Proposal, Appendix 5 of the Waterfront Small Area Plan.

In addition, these community leaders have been essential in advocating, communicating, planning, and developing numerous public art projects throughout the city.

Thank you for your consideration, and feel free to contact me with any thoughts or questions.

Michael Detomo
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From: cpalmer1@chicagobooth.edu
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67383: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Alexandria Mayor, Vice Mayor, and C

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Request Details:

- Name: Carol Palmer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: cpalmer1@chicagobooth.edu
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Alexandria Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council,

I am writing to provide my endorsement of Ms. Rita Pasi as a candidate to fill the vacancy of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Rita has been my colleague at the World Bank for over 20 years. I know her as a high competent development finance and governance professional. Rita stands out for her ability to identify and articulate key issues and she demonstrates careful and fair judgments as a professional handling matters that impact the lives of World Bank clients. Rita has the breadth of experience with complex matters that would make her a valuable member of the Alexandria team. Importantly, as I know her personally as well, she is committed to the growth and development of her community in Alexandria, and I have no doubt she would work hard to support the Commission.

I highly recommend Rita and very much look forward to her selection for the Commission.

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 17

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67319: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor William D. Euille, Dear Vic

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5103567729
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor William D. Euille,
Dear Vice Mayor Alison Silberberg, and the Council Members,

I am writing to you to support the application of Ms. Rita Pasi for membership of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. I have known Ms. Pasi for two years as a great and outstanding public servant with well-articulated and detailed thoughts in arts, public service and business administration. She has involved in several music and arts activities throughout her childhood up to now, working with different art organizations and groups to promote the interests of her community. In doing so, Ms. Pasi believes in using arts and music as a way to cultural exchange between different ethnics and races.

Throughout the period I have known her, Ms. Pasi has helped a number of Virginia community members including her neighbors to achieve their goals using her arts and musical skills. Furthermore, Ms. Pasi currently serves in a public office at the World Bank as Senior Finance Officer - Policy Operations, and Corporate Secretariat where she links between her professional skills and the needs and interests of her community of Alexandria in particular and Virginia in general.

I am very confident that Ms. Pasi's appointment to the membership of Commission for the Arts will be a great addition to the Commission and the City Council as well.

Sincerely,

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- Request Description: Arts Commission K Elkin Endorsement

Mayor William D. Euille; Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg; Councilman John T. Chapman; Councilman Timothy B. Lovain; Councilwoman Redella "Del" Pepper; Councilman Paul C. Smedberg; Councilman Justin Wilson

ENDORSEMENT OF KATHERINE ELKINS FOR THE ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS

To our Honorable Mayor and highly valued Members of our City Council:

This letter is being sent to convey my endorsement of re-appointing Katherine ("Kate") Elkins for a second term on the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. Kate has been an active Commissioner and excellent representative for the arts across many sectors and communities within Alexandria.

For the current "Art in City Hall" exhibit, Kate and another Commissioner worked with the Office of the Arts to develop and implement the first Alexandria Commission for The Arts Student Award, which was presented last fall in City Hall. This is only one of many new youth outreach programs under development by the Commission.

We're grateful that Kate has recently taken on the leadership role of Chair of the Commission's Education Committee, and we look forward to many new and exciting initiatives under her coordination.

Thanks again for your support of the Arts, and your appreciation of the power Arts education brings to all children in developing creative thinking, individual expression, and universal ways to bridge cultural diversity.

Regards,

Susan Amber Gordon
Alexandria Commission for the Arts
Executive Committee / Secretary

March 8, 2015

- Attachment: [ACA K Elkins Rec Ltr Mar 2015 signed.pdf](#)
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- Request Description: Mayor William D. Euille; Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg; Councilman John T. Chapman; Councilman Timothy B. Lovain; Councilwoman Redella "Del" Pepper; Councilman Paul C. Smedberg; Councilman Justin Wilson

ENDORSEMENT OF PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FOR THE ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS:
Gayle Converse; Susan Cohen; Allison Heck; Betsy Hennigan

To our Honorable Mayor and highly valued Members of our City Council:

This letter is being sent to convey my strong endorsement of appointing the members of the City's (former) Public Art Committee to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. The four members, who were not already Arts Commissioners, are:

• Gayle Converse • Susan Cohen • Allison Heck • Betsy Hennigan

I thank you again for approving Alexandria's Public Art Implementation Plan this past December. As you know, the Public Art Committee has played a vital role in creating the dynamic atmosphere in which public art has so far thrived in Alexandria. The new Plan, which merges the Public Art Committee into the Arts Commission, has already generated a spirit of renewed excitement and increased participation.

As articulate and talented leaders and representatives of our City, Ms. Converse, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Heck and Ms. Hennigan bring special expertise to the Commission. Ms. Converse has a deep background in high level government communication; Ms. Cohen both teaches and is a practicing artist at the Torpedo Factory; Ms. Heck is an urban planner (and is part of our growing trend of young families choosing to raise children here); and Ms. Hennigan has expertise in systems administration, while also being a trained docent within the Smithsonian network of Museums.

As active members of the Public Art Committee, each one of these talented women not only generously donated her time but did so with abundant energy and dedication.

Thank you for your support of the Arts, and your appreciation of the powerful role the Arts play in our City's community development.

Regards,

Susan Amber Gordon
Executive Committee / Secretary

Alexandria Commission for the Arts
Chair
(former) Public Art Committee

31 W Del Ray Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301

March 1, 2015

- Attachment: [PublicArt ACA Rec Ltr Mar 2015 signed.pdf](#)
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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202 458 1190
- Email: wrissmann@worldbank.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Support for Rita Pasi's application for the Commission for the Arts

Dear All,

with pleasure I recommend Rita Pasi's application for the Commission for the Arts. Rita is a highly competent Worldbank staffer who graduated from Harvard. She has proven all the skills to protect and let flourish Alexandria's tax-payers money in the arts both when purchasing and maintaining a high qualitative portfolio.

Kind regards,

Wilhelm M. Rissmann
Alternate Executive Director for Germany
World Bank Group

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 16

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- Phone Number: 202.415 2840
- Email: h2engousa@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

I would like to endorse Ms. Rita Pasi as a member of the Commission for the Arts in Alexandria. I met her several years ago when I was living in Alexandria. Ms. Pasi is a helpful neighbor who made me feel welcome as a new resident and introduced me to many wonderful aspects of life in Alexandria, including its arts and culture. She cares deeply about the citizens of Alexandria and the future of the city. She would be an excellent representative on behalf of Alexandria citizens in the Commission for the Arts.

Ms. Pasi is a lover of the arts, and always learning about art. She enjoys regular participation in arts and cultural events, including those from many countries in the world, and she has been doing this from a young age. Even though she has a busy schedule, she makes time for art in her daily life in the DC area. She supports many different kinds of artistic events, from those in concert halls to street artists and musicians to ethnic arts. As a freelance photographer, I appreciate Ms. Pasi's commitment to supporting all types of artists in the community.

Ms. Pasi is a person who is very committed to the goals she sets and to the people and teams she works with. She is a hardworking and reliable person who would be an asset to the membership of the Commission. When I recently established a non-profit organization, Ms. Pasi was an invaluable resource person, both knowledgeable and very supportive of my vision to help the community through education for youth.

Ms. Pasi genuinely wants to make a difference in the world around her and to help people. She has dedicated her career to improving the lives of less fortunate people, working as an economic development professional. She was raised in an international family and worked with many people from across America and the world, many of whom she counts among her friends. Her ability to relate to people in all walks of life is one of her greatest strengths, and would serve her well in public service to Alexandria.

I strongly support Ms. Pasi's candidacy as a member of the Commission for the Arts and someone who would represent the Alexandria community well.

Sincerely,

Abuagla Abusinn, Executive Director

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- Name: Robert Shusterman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202 716 0068
- Email: rshust@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm writing to support the participation of Rita Pasi on the Commission for the Arts. I have lived in the DC metro area for many years and enjoy its thriving cultural life. I am extremely pleased to hear that Rita is interested in working with the Commission. I have known Rita for more than a decade and admire her breadth of knowledge, and have always respected how engaged she is in everything that she does. I am sure that she would be a tireless contributor. She is extremely well rounded, remarkably intelligent and has an eloquent way of expressing herself, which has always impressed me. Rita would definitely be a tremendous asset to the Commission.
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- Name: Martine Wauters
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7032708220
- Email: mwautersster@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Commission for the Arts - Interest and application from Ms. Rita Pasi.

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council:

I have known Ms. Pasi for quite a number of years through work, and would like to support her application to serve on the Commission for the Arts in Alexandria. Ms. Pasi is a very committed person; she is diligent in her work, and will try the very best to serve as well as possible on the commission if elected. She is concerned about her fellow men, and always tries to give something back to her friends, colleagues, and to the community-at-large. I hope that you will seriously consider her application.

With many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Martine Wauters

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- Name: Ruth Sievers
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-332-3333
- Email: ruthsievers@mac.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Support for Rita Pasi's candidacy for Commission for the Arts:

I am writing, as a practicing artist and president of the board of the Columbia Pike Artists Studios, to offer my personal support for Rita Pasi as member at large for the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. Ms. Pasi's background as a financial analyst and in non-profit organizational management -- in addition to her personal participation as a musician and singer and appreciation for the many forms of artistic endeavor -- would serve the commission well. In a world of shrinking and competing resources, her blend of knowledge and skills is valuable. I also support her candidacy based on my knowledge of her dedication to any task she has at hand and her commitment to public service.

Sincerely,
Ruth Sievers

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5407460107
- Email: llongo2517@yahoo.com.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

I am writing to endorse Rita Pasi as a member of the Commission for the Arts in Alexandria.

I first met Rita when we worked together on the management trust-funded (grant-funded) projects at the World Bank, over 15 years ago. Rita advised me on trust fund oversight issues and reporting on the use of grant funds. She is a talented finance and development expert who has worked in the public, private, and non-profit sectors for 25 years. She is known and respected for her commitment, integrity, and expertise. But above all, Rita's helpfulness and friendly team spirit are qualities people remember. She is a helpful counterpart – very service oriented - and a great resource person with strong organizational skills.

Rita has a good understanding of governance and how organizations work, especially in the public sector. She has served as an advisor to government agencies as clients and as a counterpart to partners, shareholders, and donors....including serving as an advisor to the World Bank Board of Directors. She earns people's trust through her hard work and sincerity, and she has excellent communication skills. Because of this, Rita was elected to represent her colleagues on the World Bank Staff Association (workers' advocacy group). I can strongly recommend her as a member of the Commission for the Arts, given her strong service orientation, skills, and commitment.

Many of Rita's colleagues become her good friends, as do her neighbors and others who get to know her. I am one of them. In the years after we met at work, Rita moved to Northern Virginia and became a valued neighbor and friend. As a resident, property owner, and parent in the area for 35 years, I would trust Rita as a citizen representative. She has an excellent background in finance and management and is a very responsible person who is informed about issues affecting residents. I know she would represent the community interests well through work on the Commission.

Rita loves being a homeowner in Alexandria and is interested in developments and plans for the future of Alexandria and its citizens. She cherishes history, culture, and the artistic endowment of Alexandria and the DC area. She has introduced me and other friends to many wonderful places and arts events in Old Town and greater Alexandria. I am convinced that she would be a strong ambassador for the arts and advocate for Alexandrians as a member of the Commission for the Arts. Rita has a great love of the arts, which she has cultivated since childhood, and she is creative and artistically inclined. Many of her friends are artists and/or participate in the arts. She is a patron of the arts and plans her leisure time to include arts and cultural events, including supporting arts organizations and immersing herself and her friends in arts and cultural events.

I would also like to comment on Rita's ability to get along with and understand the perspectives of people from different backgrounds. She has friends from all over the USA and the world, and she is *always learning* about other cultures. I am originally from Italy and completely at ease with Rita because of her warm and generous nature, gracious manner, and respect for others. I think she would be a great fellow Commissioner to others and an asset to the Commission and the City.

To conclude, I enthusiastically endorse Rita as a candidate to serve on the Commission for the Arts and hope that you will give her full consideration during the selection process.

Sincerely,

Liliana Longo

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- Phone Number: 7033890359
- Email: marjvmilligen@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Letter of recommendation for Ms. Rita Pasi, applying to the Commission of the Arts as a citizen member.
- Attachment: [Letter of Recommendation for Rita Pasi.docx](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 16

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Commission for the Arts

City of Alexandria, VA

March 9, 2015

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Rita Pasi

Dear Sir/Madam,

With this letter I would like to submit my recommendation for Ms. Rita Pasi, who is applying for a position on the Commission for the Arts as a citizen of the City of Alexandria.

I have known and worked with Ms. Rita Pasi for many years during my tenure in the Executive Director's Office at The World Bank from which I recently retired. I have also lived in Old Town Alexandria for 14 years and have been active in the arts on a personal level.

I believe that Ms. Pasi would be a great asset to the Commission for the Arts as she has extensive experience in fundraising for non-profit and arts organizations. Ms. Pasi worked in The World Bank's department responsible for administering a large trust fund (grant) portfolio. Her responsibilities included oversight, developing a strategy for investing donor funds, financial reporting and monitoring/reporting on the progress of grant-funded programs.

Ms. Pasi has a great passion for the arts and as a citizen of Alexandria would very much like to contribute her time and efforts to the development and expansion of the arts in Alexandria.

As Ms. Rita Pasi has shown through her work ethic at The World Bank she will be a reliable, active and hard-working member of the Commission of the Arts.

Thank you.

Marjolein van Milligen

Retiree of The World Bank Group

Last position at The World Bank Group:

Senior Executive Assistant to a Member of the Executive Board.

Jackie Henderson

From: ritapasi@mac.com
Sent: Sunday, March 08, 2015 3:40 PM
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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 regarding my application for the vacancy on the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kind regards,
Rita Pasi

- Attachment: [Letter to Mayor and City Council 03-08-15.docx](#)
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5147 Heritage Lane
Alexandria, VA 22311
March 8, 2015

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to you concerning my application to become a member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. I wanted to personally introduce myself and express my strong interest in serving on the Commission, based on my interest in serving our community as well as my love for the arts. I would also like to offer to provide any additional information and answer any questions you may have.

First and foremost, I am strongly committed to our community and the experience of residents and visitors. Having the opportunity to work on a City Commission would allow me to give back after my own life has been enriched by many years of life here. I moved to West Alexandria in 2007 when I became a first-time homeowner, purchasing a townhouse in the Seminary Road/Beauregard Street area. I previously lived a few blocks away on South George Mason Drive. As such, I am familiar with the needs and interests of our community and I value the process we have in place for resident voices to be heard in city matters. I would like to facilitate this process by serving as a representative of the public on the Commission for the Arts.

Following the submission of my application in late February, I attended the Commission's monthly meeting to learn about its activities. I was very pleased to learn about the Commission's areas of focus, good organization, and their enthusiasm for the arts and the ways it can enrich the life of Alexandrians. I would very much like to contribute to this agenda and serve as an ambassador for the arts in our community and a citizen representative. I have been a patron of the arts for my entire life. I regularly participate in arts and cultural events in our city and the region, as well as when I travel, and I follow developments in the art world. I am also very interested in the contribution of the Commission to public art (including in areas where new development is occurring), efforts to support arts events that are accessible to a wide group of people, and the integration of arts in school curricula.

While the vacancy does not call for a candidate who is an artist or has a background relevant for arts management, I do have such a background. I trained in vocal and instrumental music for many years and performed in women's and male-female choirs, wind ensembles, stage bands, marching bands, and musicals. I have had experience working in and managing community-based and performing arts organizations, ranging from organizing events to working on outreach and fundraising. I also have experience in non-profit and grant management, which is relevant for arts organizations. I have been a supporter of the arts and cultural activities in many forms over the years, by patronizing arts and cultural events, donating to organizations, and lending support to artist friends and artisans in our community.

My application to serve on the Commission for the Arts represents my second application for a City Commission position. Last month, I applied to serve on the Transportation Commission, and in my application materials, explained my background in economic

development. I believe that this wealth of development knowledge and expertise, combined with my sincere commitment to our community, would allow me to make a positive contribution to a number of City Commissions. I also believe that the Commissions – each in their own way - contribute to the important development agenda and quality of life in Alexandria. Before submitting my application, I reviewed the vacancies for all Commissions and their requirements. The Commission for the Arts is a good match for my interests and skills, and I can meet the time requirements for regular meetings and other events. The artistic and cultural resource base is an asset that I would like to help maintain and further develop.

Thank you 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 provided with this online submission.

Sincerely,

Rita Pasi

Jackie Henderson

From: allanncube1@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, March 08, 2015 11:14 PM
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- Name: Allan Ncube
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202 212 9891
- Email: allanncube1@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I write to strongly support the candidacy of Rita Pasi as a member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. As a member of your esteemed Commission, Rita will not only bring diversity as a lady, and of Asian origin, but will also bring with her passion for everything art, as well as for Alexandria in general. I have known Rita for three years as a colleague at the World Bank and can testify to the fact that she is very diligent with her duties and always brings commitment and dependability in her assignments. She is an invaluable member of Staff serving the Board of Executive Directors, and I can see her easily adding value to the Alexandria Commission of Arts. Consequenntly, I have no hesitation recommending to your Commission.

Thank you,

Allan Ncube

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 16

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 617-491-9555
- Email: jyaocooper@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hi! This is letter enthusiastically recommending Rita Pasi for a position on your Commission for the Arts. Thank you for accepting it! Julie Yao Cooper
- Attachment: [ltr rita pasi rec Arts.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 17

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March 8, 2015

Mayor Euille and City Council members,

I am writing to highly recommend and support the application of Rita Pasi to become a member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

I have known Rita for over 30 years, as a friend, classmate, and arts organization manager, when we both sang for our university's women's chorus. In short, Rita is amazing – organized, thorough, and pro-active. For example, she attended monthly meeting of the Commission to further research its scope and activities, as part of her preparation for applying to be a member. She is also a creative problem solver – a skill that I have seen in use many times over the years of our friendship.

Rita's interests and background are well suited to a role on the Commission. She has had a long and demonstrated interest in the arts, as well as in non-profit management and fundraising. At the World Bank, she is a capable and committed professional, with deep experience in managing grants and funds. While these accomplishments demonstrate her professionalism and abilities, she has many qualities that go beyond a resume. She has can-do attitude and ability to inspire others, both great assets to any organization she is involved with. Personally, I have witnessed first hand and appreciated her dependability; I can always count on Rita to follow through with any responsibility or commitment she took on.

Finally, Rita has often expressed her love of Alexandria, and truly wants to contribute to her chosen community. This passion will serve the city well, and I would strongly encourage that she be given a chance to help the arts continue to flourish.

Yours truly,

Julie Yao Cooper
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Jackie Henderson

From: markdavidpoindexter@gmail.com
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- Request Description: To the Mayor and City Council of Alexandria, Virginia:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I offer my enthusiastic endorsement for Alexandria resident, Rita Pasi, to serve as a member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

I have known Ms. Pasi for over 30 years since our days together at Harvard College. Even in those days, Ms. Pasi demonstrated a deep commitment to, and love for, the arts. For example, she devoted a significant amount of time working with the Cambridge Multi-Cultural Arts Center, a small nonprofit dedicated to furthering artistic expression and appreciation throughout the metro Cambridge, Massachusetts area. Ms. Pasi is also an accomplished instrumentalist and vocalist, having performed throughout college in the Radcliffe Choral Society (RCS) and participated in numerous joint performances with the Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum. In addition to her service as a performer in the RCS, Ms. Pasi served as its Stage and General Manager. In the latter capacity, she was responsible for organizing all RCS concerts and events, as well as outreach to other arts organizations and sponsors.

As a former Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge for the District of Columbia's administrative court system, I understand well the requirements for effective public service. One must not only be dedicated and diligent. One must be ever mindful of channeling that dedication and diligence in a transparent, fair, collaborative and inclusive manner. The public expects nothing less.

Having now known Ms. Pasi most of my life, I can state without equivocation that she possesses the dedication, diligence and public service perspective to make a truly excellent member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. She is incredibly hard-working as her stellar and long-tenured career with the World Bank Group demonstrates. She is a gifted writer and speaker. She is naturally sensitive to, and respectful of, divergent opinions, and, as a result, is an excellent team player. Hers has always been a perspective of inclusiveness, openness and collaboration. She would be an active and ardent supporter of local arts events and represent well the public interest. At the end of the day, Ms. Pasi will bring a rich and valuable skill set and passion in furtherance of the Commission's mission.

Please contact me at markdavidpoindexter@gmail.com or (202) 302-9195 if I can provide any additional information in support of Ms. Pasi.

Sincerely yours,

Mark D. Poindexter, Esq.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 16

Jackie Henderson

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Re: Ms. Rita Pasi - Alexandria Commission for the Arts Application

I just found out about Ms. Pasi's application to serve on the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. I have known Rita for over a decade, and I can attest to her being not only an accomplished and committed professional, but also a multi-talented, gregarious individual who believes in the important role of the Arts in the community. She will be an incredible force for the good of the people of Alexandria.

Sincerely,
Maria F. Kail

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From: Giele, Elizabeth (VHAROS) <Elizabeth.Giele@va.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 10:15 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Endorsement of Ms. Rita Pasi for the Alexandria Commission for the Arts

Dear Ms. Henderson:

It is my privilege and great pleasure to write a letter of endorsement for Ms. Rita Pasi. I have known Ms. Pasi since 1982, when she and I first met as part of the Radcliffe Choral Society, a high-caliber and world-renowned women's chorus at Harvard University. At that time, Ms. Pasi served successfully as Manager of the Choral Society, and part of her duties included managing events, assisting with fundraising, and speaking publicly on behalf of the group. It was at that time that I first observed Ms. Pasi's excellent organizational and management skills, her ability to provide sincere and thoughtful customer service, her ability to outreach and network with community partners, her passion for the arts, and her commitment to the organizations and communities in which she participates.

Since my time with Ms. Pasi at Harvard University, I have lived and worked in the Boston area and in Maine; in Santa Barbara, California; in Scotland; and most recently in Southern Oregon. I have stayed in touch with Ms. Pasi throughout this time, as we have remained connected in part by our mutual love of the visual arts, of music, of film and theater, and by our appreciation of many cultural backgrounds and perspectives. In continuing to follow Ms. Pasi's career in world finance and international economic development, I know Ms. Pasi to be a highly intelligent and organized leader and consultant, a thoughtful and humble contributor to every project in which she is involved, and a warm and engaging person who gets along well with others. She is experienced in marketing and grant-writing, and she is an outgoing and articulate spokesperson for causes that touch her heart, including the arts and their importance to a thriving and vital citizenry. Since becoming a part of the Alexandria community, Ms. Pasi has been a true ambassador of the city's qualities and attributes, and I believe she would represent her neighbors and peers energetically and faithfully as a citizen representative to the Commission.

In sum, I highly recommend Ms. Pasi as a Citizen Representative of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Giele

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MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL:

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