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Meredith Taylor's, Chair of the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission, Written Comments for the June 13, 2015 Alexandria City Council Public Hearing

Re: Ordinance to Amend the City Code to Accomplish Changes to the Public Health Advisory Commission's Membership

Good Morning Mayor Euille and Council Members. My name is Meredith Taylor, and I have the privilege to serve as Chair of the Public Health Advisory Commission. I want to thank you for your consideration of the Ordinance to amend the City Code to accomplish changes to our roster. I also want to thank Councilman Wilson for his work on this item and sponsoring the ordinance. In addition, I appreciate all of the support provided by City staff.

In summary, these updates to the Public Health Advisory Commission's roster reflect the need to address a name change of a represented organization on the Commission and help ensure that the Commission has appropriate representation to best meet the City's public health policy needs.

For example, the Commission has decided to examine the issue of electronic cigarettes and whether or not there is a necessary, recommended action for the City. We will be communicating our findings to Council. The addition of representatives from the Alexandria City School Board and the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria to our roster will be especially important as we examine this issue.

In closing, thank you for all that you do for our great City. Myself and the Public Health Advisory Commission encourage you to continue to view us as a resource when addressing public health issues.