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From: Michael Detomo via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 5:23 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #87488: 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: 2024923120
- Email: michaeldetomo@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council,

In preparation for this evening's docket, I ask that you consider the re-appointment of incumbent Shirley Downs to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. Shirley is a vivid and energetic advocate for the arts. Her community participation is exemplary, and her intentions are always focused on our entire City. As the Commission's current liaison to the Waterfront Commission, she continues to voice support for the inclusion of art in the developing public shoreline. While sometimes Shirley can be verbose, her dedication to art and to our community is admirable.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Detomo RA
Arts Commissioner

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, January 19

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Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 9:59 PM
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #87490: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I recommend that Shirley Downs be reappo

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Request Details:

- Name: Susan Cohen
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-232-7242
- Email: cohen2100@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I recommend that Shirley Downs be reappointed to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. I have worked with Shirley over the past three years on the Arts Education Committee, where her skill and experience dealing with legislative matters was greatly appreciated. And she is active in promoting art education, with a special interest in under-served schools and in schools in the West End. She has been a valuable contributor to the Commissioner for the Arts, and I believe that she will continue in that role if she is reappointed.
Susan Cohen
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, January 19

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #87319: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Madam Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor and Members

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- Name: Carol James
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-998-7137
- Email: cjcomm@cjcomm.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Madam Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor and Members of Council:

As you consider Arts Commission seats, please act to reappoint Shirley Downs, a neighbor in the West End and a long-time community activist.

Shirley is a tireless member of the commission, involving the community in events and acting to represent art enthusiasts on such issues as the waterfront redesign. She is passionate about urban and landscape design, drama, music, and the visual arts. She sometimes leaflets on city arts events by going door-to-door in the neighborhood.

Shirley is knowledgeable and engaged as an activist in West End planning through such endeavors as the Eisenhower West plan, Beauregard plan, and West End Transitway plan.

Her professional career was spent in public policy and government.

Thank you for your consideration of Shirley's reappointment.

Best regards,
Carol James
1000 N. Vail St.
Alexandria, VA 22304

- Expected Response Date: Monday, January 18

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Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 11:48 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #87420: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor and Members of City Council,PI

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor and Members of City Council,

Please find attached a letter recommending the reappointment of Shirley Downs to the Commission for the Arts.

Thank you for your time. Look forward to seeing you again soon - Matthew

- Attachment: [ShirleyDowns-ACARecommendation.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, January 18

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January 12, 2016

TO: City of Alexandria, Mayor and City Council
Alexandria City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

FROM: Matthew Stensrud
Chair, Alexandria Commission for the Arts
3006 Landover Street
Alexandria, VA 22305

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to you in support of the reappointment of Shirley Downs to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Shirley currently serves on the Commission as a member of the Arts Education committee and is completing her service as liaison to the Waterfront Commission. Her inquisitive nature and knowledge of the West End serve the Commission well.

With many task forces and committees serving the Commission, we are need of Commissioners willing to go above and beyond in the required duties to serve the City of Alexandria to the utmost fullest. Shirley is a valuable member and I highly recommend her reappointment.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the arts in Alexandria. It is a key part of Alexandria's prominence for a city our size and I look forward to moving both the Commission and our great City forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Matthew Stensrud, M. Mus.
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- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: mstensrud@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor and Members of City Council,

Please find attached a letter recommending the reappointment of Michelle Kozlak to the Commission for the Arts.

Thank you for your time. Look forward to seeing you again soon - Matthew

- Attachment: [MichelleKozlak-ACARecommendation.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, January 18

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to you in support of the reappointment of Michelle Kozlak to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Michelle currently serves on the Commission as a member of the Cultural Plan Steering committee and as Alexandria Arts Forum liaison. In both roles, she is an active and diligent Commissioner. Her background in theater and current role as managing director of a local arts organization is invaluable as the Commission works on fine tuning grants and better understanding our arts community.

With many task forces and committees serving the Commission, we are need of Commissioners willing to go above and beyond in the required duties to serve the City of Alexandria to the utmost fullest. Michelle is a valuable member of our team and I highly recommend her reappointment.

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: mstensrud@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor and Members of City Council,

Please find attached a recommendation for an upcoming Commission for the Arts appointment.

Thank you for your time. Look forward to seeing you again soon - Matthew

- Attachment: [ACA-OpenRecommendation.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, January 18

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to you regarding the vacancy on the Commission for the Arts for which two citizens have applied: Rosemarie Esber and Lisa Baranello.

The Commission is looking forward to welcoming an Alexandrian passionate about the arts and interested in becoming more involved in the arts in our great City. Rose and Lisa would both be excellent additions to the Commission and I recommend them both highly.

Both have called Alexandria home for many years. Both frequent arts events and are eager to learn about the economic impact of the arts and the inner workings of City-wide plans and the Office of the Arts. I reached out to both of them over the past few days to learn more about their background and interests and I can proudly say that both would serve the City well. Rose's background in history would be a valuable asset in regards to future art and history public art. Lisa's background in institutional and corporate non-profit giving would be a valuable asset in regards to private-public partnerships and future endeavors toward fundraising for the arts in Alexandria.

Unfortunately, there is only one position currently available. Both commit to serving the City regardless of the appointment and I look forward to their service – whether as a Commissioner or as a citizen. I leave it to you, our City Council members, to provide guidance toward which may be a better fit for our current City needs. We will be well served either way.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the arts in Alexandria. It is a key part of Alexandria's prominence for a city our size and I look forward to moving both the Commission and our great City forward.

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From: asulm@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 2:29 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for Reappointment of a member of the Commission for the Arts
Attachments: ShirleyDownsReappointmenttoCommissonfor the ArtsJan2016.docx

Hi, Jackie. As discussed, I am sending you copy for the Mayor and Council meeting tonight about the reappointment of Shirley Downs as a member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Thank you very much for your assistance on this.

Sam Ulm
asulm@aol.com
703-751-6210

JANUARY 12, 2015

The Honorable Allison Silberberg
The Honorable Justin Wilson
The Honorable Willie Bailey
The Honorable John Chapman
The Honorable Tim Lovain
The Honorable Del Pepper
The Honorable Paul Smedberg

Subject: Reappointment of a Member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts

I am writing in support of the reappointment of Shirley Downs as a member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. She has previously communicated to you her credentials and achievements as a member of the Commission. I wish to address my personal knowledge and appreciation of Ms. Downs.

I have known Shirley for many years, working with her in both community and political settings. Her high level of commitment and deep desire to contribute and make a difference wherever she serves has been exemplary. She has been watchful and enormously helpful to the community about developments along I-395, providing insight and updates that contributed to our knowledge and appreciation of what was happening. She is especially mindful of the visual aspects, including the art work considered around the DOD "BRAC" building. Her experience working for NY Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm gave her major insight into how organizations work, about the importance of communicating promptly and respectfully with the public and on a wide range of public issues. Shirley is well liked in the community for her courtesy, willingness to hear different points of view and for just being personally likeable.

Shirley is deeply committed to the arts in their many settings and expressions. She will work hard with staff and other volunteers and office holders to advance Alexandrians' access to the arts and to a more robust appreciation of the vital role that the arts play in our lives.

I enthusiastically endorse Shirley Downs for reappointment to the Commission on the Arts and hope you will as well.

Respectfully yours,

Sam Ulm
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