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From: Rodger Digilio via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 6:31 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #91582: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Good Evening,I understand that you a

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Rodger Digilio
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: rdigilio@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Good Evening,

I understand that you are to vote on a Member of the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission tonight. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my support for Pat Henning for this position. I believe that her budgeting and financial skills will be of great use and that her years of service to the community, particularly in education, will be of substantial value.

Thank you again for the opportunity to communicate my views and for your service to our City.

Regards,

Rodger Digilio

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 15

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Jackie Henderson

From: Mike Mackey
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 4:40 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Cc: Ellen M. Dague
Subject: Ellen Dague
Attachments: Letter ellen dague final.pdf

Hello, Jackie. Please see recommendation letter for Ellen Dague. Many thanks.

Mike Mackey
Director
18th District Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Service Unit
520 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
703.746.4144
mike.mackey@alexandriava.gov



Andrew K. Block, Jr.
Director

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Department of Juvenile Justice

Eighteenth Judicial District Court Service Unit

Michael Mackey
Court Service Unit Director

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Alexandria, Virginia 22314
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(VA Relay Center)

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Alexandria City

March 2, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Ms. Ellen Dague for roughly 20 years in my various capacities at the Alexandria Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Service Unit. Currently, as the Director of the Court Service Unit, I collaborate with Ms. Dague on case matters from time to time and am a part of the Best Practices Court Committee; meeting regularly with Ms. Dague and others and teaming on various initiatives.

Ms. Dague possesses an incredible passion for helping young people and their families and, through her daily work as an attorney on cases, coupled with her work with colleagues on policy and practice development, Ms. Dague makes a tremendous and impressive impact on the lives of individuals and the system as a whole.

It gives me great pleasure to offer a letter of recommendation for Ms. Ellen Dague in her pursuit of appointment to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Mackey", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mike Mackey
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Alexandria, VA 22314
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March 5, 2016

Mayor Allison Silberberg, Vice Mayor Justin Wilson and members of the
Alexandria City Council
City Hall,
Alexandria, VA22314
Attn: Jackie Henderson, city clerk

Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Justin Wilson and members of the City Council,

I would like to recommend that you appoint Patricia Hennig of Alexandria to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission. Consideration of the candidates for this vacancy is on the docket for the Council's March 8, 2016, meeting.

Ms. Hennig is the best qualified person in Alexandria for this position on the Commission because of her proven abilities, professional experience and knowledge of the particular financial areas which the Commission needs to address at this time.

Ms. Hennig is presently Vice President in charge of finances and operations at the Council of Competitiveness in Washington, DC. She has prepared applications for federal and state grants that were presented by the Council, and managed and distributed funds in complex situations with the grants. I have been impressed by her hard work and attention to detail during her many years on the Alexandria School Board. In that capacity, she asked tough financial questions and demanded honesty and transparency, on behalf of the proposed school budgets, from the staff and from her fellow Board members. She worked hard to help create viable, long-term and realistic budgets for the Alexandria school system.

At the public meeting of the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission on Feb. 9, 2016, we were informed that the Commission had miscalculated the monies of capital reserves in the FY2017 fiscal budget and the error was \$700,000. The Commission has been operating for approximately one year without a Memorandum of Understanding between Alexandria City, Arlington County, Falls Church City and the Commission our budget, consisting of contributions from these jurisdictions.

While there are many qualified candidates in Alexandria for this Commission vacancy, I do not believe any of them have the unique financial experience of Ms. Hennig, including her monetary expertise. To the best of my knowledge, I do not believe that the information on the \$700,000 financial error has been widely disseminated and this serious oversight should be a factor as the Council considers the financial track records and expertise of all the candidates for this very important post.

As an 8-year member of this Commission, I am deeply concerned about these pending financial matters that have come to my attention in the last two years. I have recommended to other Commission members on different occasions that we should have a Certified Public Accountant

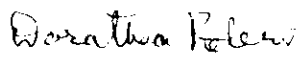
or an expert financial advisor consult with us. But I have not been successful in this endeavor. If appointed to this Commission vacancy, Ms. Hennig would be able to provide the crucial financial expertise that this Commission sorely needs.

Please know that I make this recommendation to the Council as a 40-year career attorney in Alexandria and other Northern Virginia jurisdictions. During that time, I have represented many juveniles in this facility, and before and after they were sent to this facility. I was the attorney appointment by Judge Stephen Rideout in 1995 and was subsequently appointed by Judge Nolan Dawkins and then Judge Constance Frogale to the Model Court Commission and its successor organization, the Best Practices Committee in Alexandria.

I have received awards from the Division of the Social Services and the Virginia Supreme Court for the Legal Continuing Education Program. I was also appointed to and named chair of the Parent Child Partnership, which came up with five mandates changing the Alexandria Social Services protocols after the death of the young child, Caitlin Frazier. I was also chair of the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission for four years. During my chairmanship of the Commission, we had excellent staff people at the Center to run the programs for youth, and we were also well represented by the retired Court Services Directors of Arlington and Alexandria City. I know we have good programs. I also know that our primary limitation in giving the best services in the best facility, with the best staff, came from a lack of money, and not a lack of dedication or knowledge by those involved.

I ask the Council members to vote on March 8 to Patricia Henning to represent Alexandria on this Commission. Also, I want to thank the Council members, past and present, for appointing me for the last eight years to be a member of this Commission. Working together, I am proud of all that we have accomplished at the Detention Center.

Should you require any additional information on my support for Ms. Hennig for this vacancy, please contact me at 703-824-1799 or at Petersdorathea@gmail.com.

Sincerely, 
Ms. Doratheia Peters
4513 Peacock Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22340



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GEORGE D. VAROUTSOS
CHIEF JUDGE

ESTHER L. WIGGINS
JUDGE

AMY K. BURNHAM
CLERK

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17th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Arlington County Justice Center
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March 1, 2016

City Of Alexandria - Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions
City Clerk and Clerk of Council
301 King Street, Room 2300
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

RE: Ellen Marie Dague's Application for appointment to the Northern Virginia Detention Commission

Dear Madam;

It has come to my attention that Ellen Dague has applied for a seat on the Northern Virginia Detention Commission. I am very pleased to highly recommend Ms. Dague.

Ms. Dague has appeared before me many times over the past six (6) years. She has appeared as defense counsel and guardian ad litem. Ms. Dague gives more than a 100% and is always prepared. She is very impressive with her knowledge and understanding of the law and the facts of each case, her commitment to the best interests of children, and her zeal in giving her clients the very best representation. I have never been disappointed in Ms. Dague's performance in court.

Ms. Dague is very well respected by the Commonwealth's Attorneys office, the defense bar, parents, children and the schools.

Ms. Dague is also very knowledgeable in mental health issues facing juveniles. There has been an increase in mental health issues of children who appear before the court. Ms. Dague is also a Special Justice for involuntary commitment hearings. Her experience in this area will greatly benefit the commission.

Ms. Dague would be an incredible asset to the Northern Virginia Detention Commission. I recommend her without any reservations.

Thanking you in advance of your consideration of Ms. Dague.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Esther L. Wiggins".
Esther L. Wiggins