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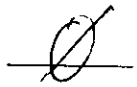
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Sent: Friday, April 08, 2016 3:19 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #93908: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor and Members of City Council, I a

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Jim Durham
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-508-0762
- Email: jimandcarey48@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor and Members of City Council,
I am writing to recommend that you vote to reappoint John "Randy" Cole to the Traffic and Parking Board (TPB), for reasons explained in the attached letter. Please disregard (for now) one of the recommendations that I provided earlier: Melissa McMahon is not up for reappointment until December 2016. Thanks to Jackie Henderson for setting me straight about who is up for reappointment! Thanks so much!
Jim Durham
- Attachment: [Letter to Mayor re TPB Cole.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 15

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Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 10:16 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #94028: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and esteemed membe

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Anh Tran
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.772.3752
- Email: anharchy@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and esteemed members of the City Council,

I'm writing to express my support for Melissa McMahon's application for the Planning Commission. I've been privileged have Melissa as an active member of our civic association, the Braddock Metro Citizens' Coalition, as well as a great neighbor (with an awesome dog) and industry colleague. I believe that her experience and background are perfect for this position - planning background, civic duty and familiarity with Alexandria specifically due to her tenure on the Traffic and Parking Board, and regional/national expertise both due to her positions in Arlington County, role with the USGBC, and scholarship on issues relation to urban environments? Exactly what we need.

She's a great advocate for issues that are key to Alexandria's future and success, and someone who is intelligent and insightful, as well as a believer in dialogue and discussion. I say this also because I think I've also learned a lot from her about the issues facing our region, and have had great talks about how policy, design, and planning intersect in similar jurisdictions, and what we can learn.

I really believe Melissa will be an asset to the Commission, and I hope you will also support her application.

Thank you very much for your consideration and time.

Best,
Anh Tran

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 18

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From: William Euille <billeuille@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 6:27 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Planning Commission

Please be advised that I support Ephorm Freeman's application for the open seat on the Planning Commission.
Thanks,
Bill

Sent from my iPhone

Jackie Henderson

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From: Justin Wilson
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 8:26 AM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Fwd: Support for Planning Commission Application: Melissa McMahon

FYI

Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor
Alexandria City Council
Office: 703.746.4500
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Todd <telimited40@gmail.com>
Date: April 4, 2016 at 8:18:47 AM EDT
To: Mayor Allison Silberberg <allison.silberberg@alexandriava.gov>, Vice Mayor Justin Wilson <justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov>, John Chapman <john.taylor.chapman@alexandriava.gov>, Timothy Lovain <timothy.lovain@alexandriava.gov>, Paul Smedberg <paul.smedberg@alexandriava.gov>, Del Pepper <del.pepper@alexandriava.gov>, Willie Bailey <willie.bailey@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: Support for Planning Commission Application: Melissa McMahon

Dear City Council Members -

I enthusiastically recommend Ms. Melissa McMahon to the open seat on Alexandria's Planning Commission. Ms. McMahon is the previous HOA President for my community and led that group through a difficult time when a very large apartment building was constructed adjacent to our property. She is a dedicated worker, has exceptional personal skills, and cares deeply for our community. Ms. McMahon would be a valuable asset to the Planning Commission and I hope you will take advantage of her skills and talents.

v/r
Todd Cole
1257 Madison Street
Alexandria, VA 22315

Director, Human Resources
Federal Maritime Commission
Washington, D.C.

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From: Sam Bellas via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 5:57 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #94199: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear City Council Members,I urge you

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- Name: Sam Bellas
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-203-0203
- Email: sam_bellas@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council Members,

I urge you to vote tonight for Melissa McMahon for the Planning Commission vacancy. I have known Melissa for ten years. In that time she has shown an unwavering commitment to community, and approaching every situation with an open mind and a commitment to doing what is right for everyone involved. As a real estate professional for over 15-years myself, I can attest to her industry knowledge and expertise. This is a very important position because of the long tenure and impact on the City. You should have no reservations that Melissa will serve us all well. My now Wife and I came to Old Town on dates in High School And are now proud to call Alexandria home for our family of four. Melissa is the only one I can see charting the future for Alexandria for me, my family and all of your constituents.

Best Regards,
Sam

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 19

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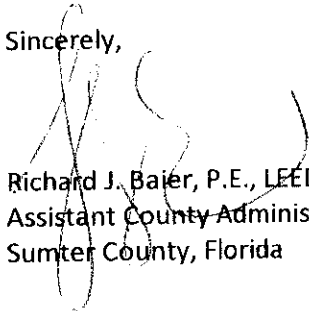
January 11, 2016

To whom it may concern,

Please know that I have been associated with Mr. Vincent "Chip" Carlin for over a decade with my work as the TES Director. I have always found Chip to be the consummate community volunteer and analytical thinker. He has served on many Boards and Commissions over the years---BAR for both Old Town as well as Parker-Gray Historic District, Beautification Commission, and numerous community service entities. Further, he has demonstrated his leadership potential on the Executive Boards of several of these organizations. His ability to balance competing goals, provide fiscal stewardship and include stakeholders had always stood out to me. I am encouraged when residents such as Chip are involved in the workings of their government especially when the involvement spans four decades.

I believe that Mr. Carlin would be an excellent member of the Alexandria Planning Commission.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Baier, P.E., LEED AP
Assistant County Administrator & Public Works Director
Sumter County, Florida

John Komoroske
1305 Allaire Loop
The Villages, FL 32163
(123) 456-7890
john.komoroske@gmail.com

February 7, 2016

Honorable Mayor and City Council

City Hall
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to recommend Chip Carlin to the position of Alexandria Planning Commissioner.

I have known Mr. Carlin for a number of years and consulted and worked with him on a variety of issues facing the Planning Commission during my 23 years of service there.

Mr. Carlin's forty years of experience in serving the City of Alexandria in a number of capacities, most recently on the Board of Architectural Review of the Old and Historic District, his even longer and deeper experience as a resident of Alexandria generally and Old Town specifically, and his profession as an architect uniquely qualify him for this important position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Komoroske". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John Komoroske

**340 Perry Cabin Drive
St. Michaels, Maryland 21663**

January 16, 2016

Members of the Alexandria City Council
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Madam Mayor and Members of Council:

It is my understanding that Mr. Vincent "Chip" Carlin is applying to be a member of the Alexandria Planning Commission. Based on my knowledge of Chip and the contributions that he has made to Alexandria, both as a life-long resident and his extensive service on several City boards and commissions, and my own experience as a former sixteen-year member of the Planning Commission, I believe that he would be a great asset to the City in this capacity.

Although I moved from Alexandria to St. Michaels about a year ago following my retirement, I still visit the City and old friends (and many restaurants!) there frequently, and maintain a strong bond with the place that was home to my wife and me for almost thirty years. Chip is the kind of leader with whom I would have enjoyed serving on the Commission, and would have appreciated having represent my neighbors and me in civic endeavors. He is a good thinker, spends considerable time researching issues, goes out of his way to learn the views of those who would have an interest in the matters before him, is considerate of the impacts that his decisions might have on people, is very accessible, easy to talk to, and very fair.

Chip would be an excellent Planning Commissioner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Lawrence Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J." being small and the last name "Robinson" being larger and more prominent.

J. Lawrence Robinson
(c) 703-244-2414
(h) 410-745-9109

Val P. Hawkins

418 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

March 21, 2016

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
City Hall
Alexandria, VA, 22314

Dear Madam Mayor and City Council:

I am writing this letter to recommend the appointment of Mr. Chip Carlin to the Alexandria Planning Commission.

I have known Chip for many years and believe that he would be an excellent choice to fill the soon to be vacant seat that has been held for many years by Mr. Stewart Dunn. As I think you are aware, he is a native Alexandrian and an architect with a long impressive record of service to the City and Community. His desire to maintain the very special character of our wonderful City and assure that it develops and grows in a well-planned, thoughtful manner, is evidenced by his work on the Board of Architectural Review along with the myriad of other community initiatives/capacities that you see on his resume.

In my opinion, Chip, with his forty years of experience and service in Alexandria, is an Ideal new Planning Commissioner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Val P. Hawkins", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Val P Hawkins

March 24, 2016

City Council
City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

In support of Chip Carlin's application to the City of Alexandria Planning Commission

Mayor Silberberg and Members of the Alexandria City Council

A native from birth, Chip knows the City of Alexandria thoroughly. He has gone with me to deliver house wares to the newly arrived SIVs – Special Immigrant Visas – immigrants from Afghanistan. No need for map quest, we never get lost. He knows every street and the buildings on it – and can tell you about them. Evident is his love for the City and his desire that it be beautiful and functional as it is home for all its residents. East side, west side – all should benefit.

Chip's concern for the well being of Alexandrians is also evident in his support for his neighbors at ALIVE! House, a transitional housing program for women and families. Chip is already planning the layout for the annual Sidewalk Sale in May; once again he will be hauling tables, setting up the stalls and supervising the tear down. He puts real energy into getting his ideas to work.

Others can attest to Chip's experience as an architect and his involvement with civic groups, I want to attest to his desire that his hometown be a good place for all to live.

Sincerely,

Susanne Arnold
Social Outreach, St. Rita Church
Member, ALIVE! House Committee



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COMMERCIAL ■ RESIDENTIAL ■ REMODELING

Hon. Mayor Allison Silberberg
and members Of City Council
City Hall, 301 King St. Fl. 2
Alex. VA 22314

Re: Endorsement of Chip Carlin for appointment
To the City of Alexandria Planning Commission

Mayor Silberberg and members of City Council:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Chip Carlin to the City of Alexandria Planning Commission. I have known Mr. Carlin for 29 years. I have worked with him on community efforts and events. Mr. Carlin has demonstrated his leadership skills and commitment to the City in advancing community dialog and making the city a better place to live.

I feel he would be a positive addition to the Planning Commission and would keep the City's best interests in mind in exercising his duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Braswell
President, Harry Braswell, Inc

March 22, 2016

Hon. Mayor Allison Silberberg,
Members of City Council
City Hall, 301 King St. Fl. 2
Alex. VA 22314

Re: Endorsement of Chip Carlin for appointment
To the City of Alexandria Planning Commission

Mayor Silberberg and members of City Council:

We write to express our support for the appointment of Chip Carlin to the Alexandria Planning Commission. We have known Chip for nearly 20 years, extending back to our time helping to re-establish the Upper King Street Neighborhood Civic Association in the mid-1990s, through other community activities and service such as on the King Street Retail Strategy Work group.

During many discussions at UKNSA and other meetings, Chip has brought architectural insight to help give both residents and developers perspective that many would not have been aware of otherwise. An Alexandria native, Chip's deep knowledge of the city and neighborhood history, architectural standards and design, zoning issues, and appreciation for what makes Alexandria so special, comes through in all that he does.

Chip's perspective has been invaluable on a range of issues, which has improved the ability of residents and local businesses to engage in the forward-looking development of the City. Chip is intellectually energetic, knowledgeable, open to differing views, practical, and discerning about what works for Alexandria and its residents. He would be a strong addition to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s//s/

Ashley Spencer and
Peter Spencer
121 Harvard St



Upper King Street Neighborhood Civic Association

March 12, 2016

City Council
City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Letter of Support for Vincent "Chip" Carlin, Applicant for the Alexandria City Planning Commission

To Mayor Silberberg and Members of the Alexandria City Council:

I support Vincent "Chip" Carlin's application to serve on the Alexandria Planning Commission. Chip has been an active member of the local neighborhood civic league, the Upper King Street Neighborhood Association, for more than a decade. He knows the area well and has helped all of us better understand the unwritten history of Alexandria.

Chip has a keen sense of design and a good eye for form, function, space and aesthetics. He understands the language of design and has helped members of our association better see the architectural merits (or demerits) of various development proposals that have come before us over a period of active growth in our portion of the city.

Chip's enthusiasm and love of the city is evident in everything he does. He has consistently demonstrated an unflagging willingness to communicate with others and to try to understand – and reconcile – opposing points of view. Perhaps most importantly, he has always exhibited a tireless dedication to improving the city of Alexandria.

Chip is reliable, knowledgeable, amiable and upbeat. He would make an excellent addition to the Alexandria Planning Commission. I would be happy to provide additional details about Chip's credentials if you would like to discuss this recommendation further.

Sincerely,

Trey Hanbury
President, Upper King Street Neighborhood Association



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Alex. VA 22314

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Respectfully submitted,

Fred Parker
Co-Founder
Hard Times Cafe

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- Phone Number: 703 549 2729
- Email: franceszorn@msn.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I write in support of the candidacy of Tom Soapes for the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Tom has been a member of the Board, and most recently, president, of the North Old Town Civic Association (NOTICE). I serve with him on the board of NOTICE, and we have worked together to assess a number of development projects in North Old Town. He's a good candidate--intelligent, thoughtful, someone who does his homework before forming an opinion. he's represented NOTICE before the planning Commission and City Council on more than one occasion.

There is so much development in North Old Town, and we have never had someone from this part of town as a member of the planning committee. I think he would be an asset to the group and be a credit to the City of Alexandria.

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Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor
Alexandria City Council
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justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov

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- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 18

March 16, 2016

The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Re: Planning Commission

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of Council:

I am writing this in support of Tom Soapes' application for appointment to the Planning Commission. As a resident of North Old Town for about five years and a member of the NOTICE Board of Directors under Tom's leadership as president, I have been impressed by Tom's dedication to the welfare of both his neighborhood and the entire city. As an active resident for many years, he has acquired considerable knowledge of Alexandria's governmental processes and, as you know, is now a devoted member of the Old Town North Small Area Plan Advisory Group.

To the best of my knowledge, no resident of the North Old Town neighborhood has ever served as a member of the Planning Commission. I believe this is a good opportunity for Council to select someone from this area, and Tom Soapes is the right person at this time.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Very truly yours,



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Council for the City of Alexandria
Alexandria, Virginia

Re: Appointment to the Planning Commission

Dear Honorable Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members:

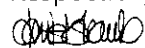
I would like to request your support in my application for appointment to the Planning Commission for the City of Alexandria.

I have been a formal resident of Alexandria since 1997 and bring a solid foundation in urban planning, urban design and local government. Since 2006 I have served as the professional representative, secretary and co-chair for the Urban Design Advisory Committee for Old Town North (UDAC). Based upon my background in engineering, city planning and landscape architecture, I have been able to assist the committee in developing a working knowledge of the planning process as used in the City, and I have been able to assist in steering the committee to successful review and evaluation of many urban development projects. I have also recently represented the committee on the AdHoc Advisory Committee for the WMATA Bus Garage RFP, and I currently attend all of the Advisory Group and sub-committee meetings associated with the update of the Small Area Plan for Old Town North.

In addition to my direct involvement with UDAC I have attended the monthly meetings of the Waterfront Committee (now Waterfront Commission) since 1998, and have worked on several historic preservation and land development projects in Alexandria in association with a local architecture firm and a civil engineering firm. I also have previous volunteer experience with the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. In summary, I am well-versed and fluent in the city planning process, the land development process as practiced in Virginia, the legal foundation and limitations of planning and environmental law, the dynamics of affordable housing, and the importance of quality urban design.

As a result, I would like to ask for your support and vote for appointment to the Planning Commission. Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully,



Daniel Straub