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Ms. Michele Howard, CP-FS, CPOI **Environmental Health Technical Specialist** Alexandria Health Department 4480 King Street, Suite 360 Alexandria, Virginia 22302

RE: City of Alexandria Aquatic Advisory Council **City of Alexandria Proposed Code Changes**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the City of Alexandria Aquatic Advisory Council since it was formed in 2014 by Bob Custard. It was a great honor to be selected from the many swimming pool management companies in the DC region to help with the important process. The proposed Code changes for the City of Alexandria swimming pool facilities is very important to the continued safety of the residents, patrons and community of the City. The Advisory Council was not only comprised of the Alexandria Health Department officials but the Council had a wide range of other participants that helped the process. The Council included: (1) Four pool management companies (of varying size in the industry); (2) NSPF Association; (3) APSP; (4) other local Health Departments (i.e. Fairfax County & Arlington County); (5) Local YMCA & City of Alexandria pool facilities, as part the people involved in this important proposed Code changes.

As part of the City of Alexandria Aquatic Advisory Council, I feel we did the proper evaluation of the existing pool & spa code to make it a better/safer Code to be instituted. Our meetings over the past year were very productive and we came up with the best solution to fix the current code.

Thank you again for the opportunity and I look forward to our Aquatic Advisory Council meeting in the future.

Kind regards,

Jeff Gromada President