

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
ETHICS PLEDGE**

[Pledge to be made/signed by the mayor, and all members of Council, ~~and appointed officials~~ when taking the oath of office]

1. I understand that as a City representative, I am entrusted with protecting and preserving the integrity of the government of the City.
2. I will honor this trust by:
 - upholding the City of Alexandria Code of Ethics and Conduct;
 - putting the public interest first;
 - conducting myself at all times in a manner that brings credit to the City;
 - serving with integrity, impartiality and transparency;
 - fostering an ethical culture; and
 - taking no action that will result in or create the appearance of personal gain or conflict of interest.
3. I will communicate openly and civilly, listening to all views, seeking common ground as a starting point, and being respectful even in areas of disagreement.