

Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Allison Silberberg  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016 10:59 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Fwd: Quick note about the Arts Plan item tonight.

Hi Jackie,

Here you go. Thanks.

Allison

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [allison.silberberg@alexandriava.gov](mailto:allison.silberberg@alexandriava.gov)  
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**Subject:** Quick note about the Arts Plan item tonight.

Dear Colleagues,

Just a quick note about the Arts Plan docket item tonight.

Given the ongoing and difficult discussion about the future governance of the Torpedo Factory, I would suggest that on page 20, paragraph 3 (at the end of that paragraph) that we add the following sentence:

"This Arts Plan does not imply nor address any Council decision regarding the future governance of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, which is a valued and important asset and part of Alexandria's arts scene."

I just spoke with Matthew Stensrud, the Chair of the Arts Commission, to hear his thoughts, and he stated that he was fine with this addition. Prior to speaking with Matthew because he and I were playing telephone tag, I spoke with Emily to ask for her thoughts and input.

Hope this will help clarify things. Thank you for your consideration.

All my best,

Allison

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Mayor Allison Silberberg  
Alexandria, Virginia  
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**From:** Kate Elkins via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
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- Phone Number: 703-508-0464
- Email: [kate.elkins.aca@gmail.com](mailto:kate.elkins.aca@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of Alexandria City Council:

As a current Commissioner on the Alexandria Commission of the Arts, I am writing to share my enthusiastic support of the proposed Arts & Culture Plan. When relocating to the area in the early nineties I actively sought out a vibrant city that recognizes the cultural, social, and economic impact that art brings to a community. The new plan addresses many needs that have developed in Alexandria over the past few decades. In addition to taking a thoughtful look at our art grants program, City programming, opportunities for innovation and collaboration, and art education; the plan places a strong emphasis on inclusion and diversity. Most importantly, the plan's goals and strategies reflect the voices of the community. It is my sincere hope that you will approve the plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kate Elkins

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, December 20

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016 3:59 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
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- Name: Beth Coast
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-477-3226
- Email: [bdcoast@aol.com](mailto:bdcoast@aol.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello!

Just a quick note to let you know that I fully support the City's Arts & Cultural Plan. I appreciate that it includes diversity, education, a grants program, and lots of opportunities for innovation, just to name a few highlights. It is an honor to serve on the Alexandria Creates Steering Committee, and to be an Arts commissioner. I look forward to working on many more arts related activities for the City of Alexandria.

Beth Coast

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #110689: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Today I write to convey my strong support

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- Name: Susan Amber Gordon
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.626.7965
- Email: [gordon.amber@gmail.com](mailto:gordon.amber@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Today I write to convey my strong support for the Arts and Cultural Plan, "Alexandria Creates," which comes before you this evening (December 13, 2016).

As you know, this Plan has been diligently developed and refined by the Office of the Arts and cultural planning consultants, with significant input from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, and from citizens (including artists) throughout Alexandria who passionately participated in many public forums. You have the actual Plan and I don't want to waste your time by simply restating it. I would like to point out a few ways in which the goals of the Plan more than complement the aspirations of our inclusive city:

1) Achieve equity and inclusion in arts, cultural and creative endeavors:

Our City recognizes the importance of leading by example – and creating a positive context in which its diverse citizens can communicate in the common language of the arts, no matter what language they may speak at home.

2) Facilitate opportunities for innovation and collaboration:

The more ways people and organizations participate and collaborate on the Arts and Cultural activities and events, the more likely they are to engage in other activities that support community life. Non-arts organizations that collaborate on arts events represent an important path to arts participation.

3) Support and foster a sustainable and diverse community of the arts:

The warm, encouraging atmosphere of our City calls forth in its citizens a sense of the importance of spending time creating a better, more creative and open environment for all our citizens.

4) Be a convener and facilitator for artistic and cultural expression:

Opportunities for civic participation can and should encompass arts and cultural events, just as active cultural participation often indicates a strong civic bent and interest in learning about other cultures. The Plan supports an expansive arts definition that makes room for music, theater, dance, writing and for visual arts throughout the City.

5) Raise community awareness of the Office of the Arts:

The importance of the development of the Office of the Arts is not really about the Office of the Arts per se. It's all about how the planning for arts and culture throughout the City, needs to have a seat at the table for all aspects of planning our city's future.

It is an honor to be a member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and to work with City Council on enhancing our vibrant community. Thank you.

- Attachment: [AG Ltr to City Council 121316.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, December 20

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31 W Del Ray Avenue Alexandria, VA 22301 571.527.0433 (h) 703.626.7965 (c)

December 13, 2016

TO: The Governing Body of the City of Alexandria

Mayor Allison Silberberg; Vice Mayor Justin Wilson; City Council Members: Mr. Willie F. Bailey, Sr.; Mr. John T. Chapman; Mr. Tim Lovain; Ms. Del Pepper; Mr. Paul Smedberg

Today I write to convey my strong support for the Arts and Cultural Plan, "Alexandria Creates," which comes before you this evening (December 13, 2016).

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- 2) Facilitate opportunities for innovation and collaboration:  
*The more ways people and organizations participate and collaborate on the Arts and Cultural activities and events, the more likely they are to engage in other activities that support community life. Non-arts organizations that collaborate on arts events represent an important path to arts participation.*
- 3) Support and foster a sustainable and diverse community of the arts:  
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**From:** Catherine Barrett via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016 3:27 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
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- Name: Catherine Barrett
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- Phone Number: 571-278-9642
- Email: [catherine.p.ahern@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.p.ahern@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Council members,

I'm writing this afternoon because I know you'll be discussing the City's Arts and Culture Plan at today's legislative meeting. Although I wasn't on the task force that drafted the plan, I was involved in several public and arts commission reviews and discussions, and I wholeheartedly support it. I'm particularly excited about the emphasis on engaging all Alexandrians in the arts by focusing on diversifying representation on task forces, focusing on culturally relevant events, and allowing for more community-driven / -initiated projects. I believe that this will ultimately lead to a more robust and innovative arts experience for our citizens and visitors.

I'm also VERY excited about the possibility of developing a unique "signature" event/festival that really wows people. Baltimore's Kinetic Sculpture Race and Newport, RI's Jazz and Folk Festivals represent the high bar we should set for ourselves. Alexandria is certainly capable of producing the kind of event that is widely known, respected, and loved.

I hope that you'll support the plan, recognizing what will take to fully implement. It will not be easy, and will require commitment of energy, resources, and in some cases funding. I believe these investments will pay off tenfold, and I hope you do too.

Thank you!

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, December 20

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**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2016 5:03 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
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- Name: Alan Wile
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-332-7249
- Email: [alan.wile@comcast.net](mailto:alan.wile@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Strongly support the adoption of the proposed City Arts and Culture Plan, both as an individual and as an active and contributing member of the Alexandria Arts Alliance (AKA, Alexandria Arts Forum). The Plan's goals are focused, well stated, needed, and will provide strong background and underpinning to further enhance the City of Alexandria's reputation as a tourist and cultural destination. I urge you to give the proposed Plan your enthusiastic approval.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, December 19

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**From:** Pat Miller via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2016 3:51 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #110595: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council December 12, 2016Dear Madam M

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- Name: Pat Miller
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- Email: [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description:

December 12, 2016

Dear Madam Mayor and Members of Alexandria City Council:

On behalf of the board and the 30+ arts organization members of the Alexandria Arts Alliance (formerly the Alexandria Arts Forum), I am writing to let you know of our support of the City's Arts & Culture Plan.

Adoption of a cogent and comprehensive Arts & Culture Plan has long been a #1 priority of the Alexandria Arts Alliance. We thank you and the Commission for Arts for supporting the plan's development. The result is a plan that aligns arts & culture with the City's highest aspirations as a great city to live, work and visit. We support the plan's goals to:

- Achieve equity and inclusion in arts, cultural and creative endeavors;
- Facilitate opportunities for innovation and collaboration;
- Support and foster a sustainable and diverse community of the arts;
- Be a convener and facilitator for artistic and cultural expression; and
- Raising community awareness of the Office of the Arts.

After a great deal of community engagement and input, we now have a formal plan that provides a strong framework for how arts & culture can contribute to the life, vibrancy and economy of the City in a host of new and expansive ways. We urge you to vote in favor of the plan.

Sincerely,

Pat Miller

President, Alexandria Arts Alliance

- Expected Response Date: Monday, December 19