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Jackie Henderson

From: Shirley Marshall via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 10:06 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #110741: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council In re Veterans' Commission. As a militar

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- Name: Shirley Marshall
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-965-9893
- Email: marshallkab@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: In re Veterans' Commission. As a military veteran and having served on an Alexandria commission myself, I ask you to please not rush to establish a new commission in the City. This appears to be a solution in search of a problem: the mere fact of the City having a large number of veterans does not mean there is a on-going, permanent need for oversight by a commission. If coordination of services is an issue, for instance, a commission does not necessarily solve that problem. Do we know what percentage of the veterans are retired, working, or not in need of further services? Yes, there are veterans that need help. But establishing a commission takes work to establish and maintain -- staff time/effort that might be better served by having a dedicated staff person to address the specifics needs of veterans for instance. Veterans in need are not usually looking to hear that there is a Veterans' Commission. They are looking for specific help -- and usually get it. In homelessness services, for instance, there are already dedicated preferences and services. In terms of business development, again there are targeted services [federal level] for veterans. If you want to create a commission, please make it one that is looking to broader needs in our community and lifting people up regardless of their veteran status. Thank you for your consideration. Shirley Marshall
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, December 21

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Alexandria City Council Members
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

December 9th, 2016

RE: Veterans Commission (Proposed)

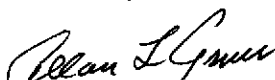
Dear Council Member:

On December 8th, Mayor Silberberg took time from her busy schedule to open the State of Virginia's 'Tribute to Veterans of World Wars I and II' which was live-streamed from Richmond to American Legion Post 24. The Mayor mentioned her initiative to establish a "Veterans Commission" in our City of Alexandria.

As Veterans, my spouse and I strongly support creation of such a Commission and hope each of you will support it! There is a lot of business done daily by numerous agencies interacting on issues affecting veterans and their families and it seems most appropriate to have such a Commission within our City. It would create a 'strong voice' on Veterans matters/issues simply by location alone! In attendance at the above Tribute, it was clear that such an initiative had strong support from the veterans present.

Thank you for your service on the Council as we wish you continued success in your numerous deliberations!

Sincerely,


Allan L. Gruer, Col USAF (Ret)
111 Princess Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2341



Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission
Tribute to Veterans
December 8, 2016
9:00 to noon
"Dawn of Infamy: America Goes to War"

9:00 Welcome, please enjoy refreshments!

9:20 Please take seats, opening remarks from our local elected officials

Mayor Allison Silberberg

Delegate Mark Levine

Representative from Senator Warner's Office *Ann Rhoads, (AP)*

✓ Presentation of the Commemorative Challenge coin

9:30 Program in Richmond Begins

Call to order

Honor parade of World War II veterans

National Anthem & Pledge

Invocation

Welcome

Dr. Ronald A. Crutcher, President, University of Richmond

The Honorable M. Kirkland Cox, Chairman,

Virginia WWI and WWII Commemoration Commission

Remarks by dignitaries

Keynote address - Rick Atkinson

Video presentation

Closing

11:00 American Legion Post #24 Commander Closing Remarks

Thank you for joining us today!

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From: Lance Spencer via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 11, 2016 7:48 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #110542: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor Silberberg, Council Members,I

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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- Name: Lance Spencer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712142316
- Email: lance.spencer@att.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Silberberg, Council Members,

I strongly support Mayor Silberberg's proposal for a Veteran's Commission and, as a retired Air Force colonel who has overseen mission and quality of life for large numbers of military families overseas and stateside, would be happy to serve on or support it.

Alexandria is home to a huge veteran population, and having a commission focused veteran support and issues can help Alexandria be an even more desired home for and care for this national trust of veterans would serve Alexandria, these citizens, and all citizens. And having a commission advise you, the city leadership, on veteran issues would allow the city to ensure our many programs and activities continue to recognize the veteran community.

I know a concern is the number of commissions already in place, and a call has been made to explore commissions that can be reduced, consolidated, or eliminated. I recommend the Traffic Commission be consolidated into the Planning Commission. It is clear there is a disconnect with city planning and expansion and building the necessary infrastructure for those traffic demands. Putting the complete city planning and traffic responsibility under the single planning commission would provide complete awareness and ownership and reduce the number of commissions to make room for a veterans commission.

Thank you,
Lance Spencer
1108 Vassar Rd

- Expected Response Date: Monday, December 19

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Honorable Allison Silverburg and Members of Council

City of Alexandria (City Hall Room 2300)

301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Honorable Allison Silverburg and Members of Council,

I am writing on the behalf of Shiloh Baptist Church and the surrounding community in regards to the proposed plan to open a new bar and restaurant near our religious institution. As a member of Shiloh Baptist Church/ longtime resident of the City of Alexandria, registered voter and taxpayer, I have great concerns regarding this proposed project. Our community have and continuously served vulnerable populations of Alexandria (including myself) for many years. Our outstanding service to vulnerable populations and the community include but not limited to victims of domestic violence, victims of substance, victims of human trafficking, individuals suffering with mental illness and the homeless population.

I know this may sound extreme but religious institutions play an important role in many families lives and some would not be who they are or where they are if it was not for the service of faith based institutions. I would like to invite you to visit some of the low-income communities and other vulnerable organizations such as low-income housing, homeless shelters, nursing homes and the local jails before making your final decision. I am asking that you reconsider your decision of approval of this project.

Respectively,

LaToya S. Austin, Member #2366