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October 14, 2021

## sent via email c/o City Clerk gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov for distribution to City Council Members

Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

## **Re: Scooter Task Force (STF) Recommendations**

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

The Alexandria Commission on Aging (COA) supports the recommendations made by the STF. We appreciate the efforts of T&ES in keeping us informed, answering our questions, and responding to our feedback.

However, we must point out that there are still unresolved issues regarding the effective management of the use of and parking of electric scooters on sidewalks. These continue to create mobility challenges for seniors and those with disabilities. The COA has previously voiced their objections to the use of electric scooters on sidewalks in the past. We urge City Council to address these issues vigorously with scooter companies.

We appreciate having had a member on the Scooter Task Force, and the opportunity to weigh in at various points. We look forward to continued collaboration with the City in the future.

Sincerely,

Barbara H. "Babs" Waters Chair, Commission on Aging

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## Alexandria Waterfront Commission

Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

1108 Jefferson Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

October 26, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor & members of City Council

Re: Dockless Mobility Recommendations

At its September 21, 2021, meeting, the Alexandria Waterfront Commission received an update from staff on the Ad Hoc Scooter Task Force's recommendation to Council for the Dockless Mobility program. The Commission supported the Task Force's recommendation to create a permanent Dockless Mobility Program and their proposed changes to program requirements and policy.

Commissioners also recommended that companies be required to provide a phone number on the scooter so parking violations may be reported to companies more easily. Staff confirmed this requirement is a part of the current program on the City website and will include this recommendation in future program requirements.

Key to the Commission is mitigating impacts on the waterfront including scooter riding and improper parking in Waterfront parks, trails and adjacent areas. The Commission was supportive of the Ad Hoc Scooter Task Force's proposed change to limit scooter speeds and areas of use by using technology (geofencing). Several Commissioners proposed additional signage to remind users that scooter riding is not permitted in Waterfront parks and trails.

The Waterfront Commission looks forward to continued collaboration to implement activities in support of the Waterfront Small Area Plan.

Sincerely,

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