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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 22, 2001
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*
SUBJECT: REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW TAXICAB ISSUES

ISSUE: Establishment of a Task Force to review taxicab issues.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council establish a Task Force to review taxicab issues as outlined below. I recommend that the Task Force be composed of the two Council members previously designated by Council (Vice Mayor Cleveland and Councilwoman Woodson), a representative of the Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board, representatives designated by the taxicab drivers' organizations, taxicab company owners and City staff. The Task Force would report back to Council with its findings in the fall.

DISCUSSION: At Council's May 12 public hearing meeting, during discussion of the ordinance to increase taxicab fares, Council designated Vice Mayor Cleveland and Councilwoman Woodson as its representatives to work with me to review if it is necessary to establish a task force to review taxicab issues and to determine the scope of the work of the task force.

We met as requested and it was agreed that it would be useful to create a task force to discuss how the City regulates taxicabs and its role in issues that arise between the taxicab drivers and the taxicab companies that are currently handled without participation by the City. This would include a review of how the other Northern Virginia jurisdictions and other local regulate taxicabs, and what options for regulation and the issuance of certificates of convenience and necessity for taxicab the City has under current State law. The Task Force would also look at some of the issues that have arisen about how Alexandria taxicab companies relate to their taxicab drivers and what might be done by the City to address issues that arise between the two groups

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

STAFF: Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager

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Mr. Sunderland:

I have just read your report on establishing a Task Force to Review Taxicab Issues. I know that it was an oversight but the Mayor and Council forgot to include representatives from the community of people with disabilities, senior citizens and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce.

As I am sure you know such citizen participation is vital to reviewing the operations of our industry in Alexandria. Members of both these communities have a permanent stake in the provision of a safe and well-regulated taxicab service in the City.

My company works closely these groups daily and we know that they will bring a vast amount of experience and insight to the work of the Task Force. Without the full and equal participation of representatives of these communities the Task Force will not be able to provide Council with comprehensive and balanced analysis of the issues you propose to examine. Furthermore, my company, if asked, would respectfully decline to serve on the Task Force.

Thank you in advance for your careful attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

R. Hoar

CC: Mayor and Members of City Council
Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities
Senior Citizens' Services
Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
Michele Evans

