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1 Representative of Older Persons

____ Ralph Smith, III

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Candidacy of Mr. Ralph Smith for Membership on the
City of Alexandria Commission on Aging

This is to most strongly recommend for your consideration the candidacy of Mr. Ralph Smith for membership on the City of Alexandria Commission on Aging. During the past three years, I have had the pleasure and privilege of accompanying Mr. Smith on trips around the country during which he conducted critical reviews of more than forty continuing care retirement communities (CCRC's) and compiled research data which will be contained in a scholarly reference book to be published in the coming year. Mr. Smith is well known and well respected by CCRC directors from coast to coast.

In his discussions with CCRC officials and local community and business leaders, Mr. Smith has been a strong and tireless advocate for programs and policies that promote the wellness and independence of seniors. In retirement communities, he has been successful in influencing policy makers and managers to advance from a "rest home" culture to promoting an active and healthful community-based lifestyle for residents. Moreover, Mr. Smith has championed programs to support seniors living independently in the greater community, including home health care and companion care for assistance with activities of daily living, senior centers, provision of meals, and counseling in individual and group settings. Most of all, Mr. Smith supports policies and programs that empower seniors to be well and encourage them to be excited about life and to have fun.

Mr. Smith has shared his philosophy with me and others on many occasions. He believes it is in the best interests of individual seniors, families and our society as a whole (especially with its increasingly aging population) to do whatever we can reasonably and feasibly do to keep our citizens living well and independently for as long into their lives as possible. This means educating our citizens to respect seniors as viable members of our society, to revere their attained wisdom and experience and to welcome them as full participants, to

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the extent they are able, in our professional, business, recreational and social activities.

Mr. Smith is a true "Renaissance" man, liberally educated in the school of life and thoughtful, caring and gracious in his dealings and interactions. Not only would his contributions to the work of the Commission be enormous, those with whom he would work would find the experience most pleasant indeed.

I thank you for your consideration.



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