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To Whom It May Concern:

On April 23, 2004, Inova Alexandria Hospital held a Joint Work Session with the Alexandria City Council. It consisted of breakfast, a presentation by Inova Alexandria Hospital, and a discussion period. A tour of the Hospital was also offered. One of the topics to be discussed was the closing of the Psychiatric Unit. (See attached agenda). Because my husband is the Chief of the Department of Psychiatry at the Hospital, and earns more than \$10,000 in treating patients at the Hospital, I asked the Commonwealth's Attorney, S. Randolph Sengel, for an advisory opinion as to whether I would have a conflict of interest and would be unable to participate in the joint meeting. My letter, dated April 21, 2004 is attached. Also, I took the opportunity to ask formally for an advisory opinion as to whether I could participate in other activities and discussions. His letter to me is dated April 22, 2004 and is attached.

In keeping with his response, I attended the April 23, 2004 event and made the following public statement before the meeting began:

"The Commonwealth's Attorney has advised me that I make the following statement:

"As many of you know, my husband is the Chief of the Psychiatric Department and earns more than \$10,000 a year treating patients in this Hospital. Therefore, I have a conflict of interest and can not debate or vote on the issue of the Psychiatric Unit. However, I may attend this breakfast, work session and tour. I have asked that the issue of the Psychiatric Unit, which is on the agenda, be placed at the end of the agenda so that I may recuse myself at that time."

I did attend the breakfast, read my statement, attended the meeting, and recused myself when the topic of the Psychiatric Unit was discussed. I did not attend the tour.

Please note that I have also attached a statement which the Alexandria City Attorney recommended I submit.

*Redella S. Pepper
4/27/04*

"Home Town of George Washington and Robert E. Lee"

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT
for Members of Alexandria City Council
and of Other City Boards and Commissions and for
City Officers and Employees
Virginia Code § 2.2-3115(G)

1. Name: Redella S. Pepper
2. Member of: City Council _____ (City Office or Department)

(Board or Commission)
3. Transaction: _____ Docket/Agenda Item Work Session with LAH
_____ 4/23/04 _____ Meeting Date
→ Discussion of closure of inpatient psychiatric unit at LAH_ (Other)
4. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:
Husband's income, the portion of which is earned by
treating patients on the Psychiatric Unit at IAH, and
which may exceed \$10,000 per year.
5. I declare, in light of my above-described personal interest in the identified Transaction (check one of the following):
- a. That I am required to disqualify myself from participating in the Transaction.
- b. _____ That, although I am not required to disqualify myself, I have nonetheless elected to disqualify myself from participating in the Transaction.
- c. _____ That I am a member of a business, a profession, an occupation or a group, all the members of which have a personal interest in the Transaction, and that I am able to participate in the Transaction fairly, objectively and in the public interest.

4/27/04
Date

Redella S. Pepper
Signature

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Breakfast Meeting with Inova Hospital Officials
04/23/2004 -- 7:45 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION WITH
INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL
4320 SEMINARY ROAD
HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER
(Building next to pay parking lot)
ROOM 3-4-5

Agenda

7:45 AM **Breakfast**

8:00 AM **Welcome and Introductions** - Administrator INOVA Alexandria Hospital/Vice President INOVA Health System Ken Kozloff and Mayor William D. Euille

8:05 AM **Presentations by INOVA Alexandria Hospital**

1. Overview of INOVA Alexandria Hospital - Review of Centers of Excellence
Critical Issues - Critical Choices

Update

City of Alexandria/INOVA Alexandria Hospital Subcommittee

INOVA Alexandria Hospital Planned Expansions and Renovations to meet critical community needs

- INOVA Alexandria Hospital Leading Edge in Patient Safety - Overview of *eICU* (*electronic intensive care unit*)
- INOVA Alexandria Hospital - INOVA Health System

2. Emergency Department (ED) Overview - Critical Community Resource Issues Impacting ED and Resolution Efforts

3. Financial Issues
 - Critical Issues Threatening Hospital Viability Nationally
 - Review of Financial Data for INOVA Alexandria Hospital
 - INOVA Alexandria Hospital's Commitment to the Care of the Indigent and Uninsured Populations

4. City Council Discussion

9:00 AM **Tour**

- Perinatal Diagnostic Center
- Cancer Center
- Cardiac Rehab
- Emergency Department