

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 5, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER *J*

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALEXANDRIA GANG PREVENTION COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

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**ISSUE:** Request from the Co-Chairs of the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force to expand the task force's membership by adding a designated position for leader in the Hispanic business community.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

- (1) Approve the addition of a designated position for a leader in the Hispanic business community to the membership of the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force;
- (2) Repeal Resolution No. 2128 (Attachment 1); and
- (3) Adopt the proposed resolution which effects the change (Attachment 2) and authorize the Mayor to make the appointment.

**DISCUSSION:** The 13-member Gang Prevention Task Force was established by City Council on December 14, 2004, to: (1) address gang issues in the City and assist in informing and educating the community about the gang suppression, prevention and intervention programs and activities; (2) identify programs and activities that will address specific gang-related problems or issues in the City; and (3) identify funding sources for programs and activities that will address such gang-related problems and issues.

The Task Force's membership includes representatives from the City Council, School Board, various levels of the public system, private schools, various community groups with youth-oriented programs, and two members at-large (see Attachment 3 for roster). Staff realized that the Hispanic business community is not represented in its membership and discussed their concern with the Task Force Co-Chairs, Councilmen Ludwig Gaines and Rob Krupicka. The Co-Chairs agreed that the addition of a designated position for such a representative to ensure that this

perspective is included in the deliberations regarding gang activities when the Task Force convenes on May 18. I recommend that Council approve the request and authorize the Mayor to make the appointment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1. Resolution No. 2128

Attachment 2. Proposed Resolutions

Attachment 3. Task Force Roster

**STAFF:** Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2128

**WHEREAS**, the local governments of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region are working together to address gang activity in the region; and

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- (5) to assist in identifying state or local laws that should be enacted or amended to enable the City, and possibly other local governments, to better address problems and issues arising from or related to gangs.

ADOPTED: December 14, 2004

  
WILLIAM D. EULLE                      MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Gloria Sitton      Deputy City Clerk

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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**City Staff:** MICHELE EVANS, CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE, 838-4300

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JAMES COPPLE 6526 10TH STREET ALEXANDRIA, VA 22307 AT-LARGE	Res: (303) 455-0654 Bus: Fax: eMail		2/17/2005	2/17/2005		
RAYMOND EJIOFOR 1219 QUAKER HILL DRIVE ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314 YOUTH COUNCIL REP.	Res: (703) 370-8493 Bus: Fax: eMail rayzumanjr@aol.com		2/17/2005	2/17/2005		
KENNETH FORAN 5001 SEMINARY ROAD ALEXANDRIA, VA 22311 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REP.	Res: (703) 931-8824 Bus: Fax: eMail kforan@hotmail.com	ATTORNEY				
LUDWIG GAINES 301 KING STREET ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314 CITY COUNCIL REP.	Res: Bus: (703) 838-4500 Fax: eMail councilmangaines@aol.com	CITY COUNCIL MEMBER	2/17/2005	2/17/2005		

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KIMBERLEY GRAVES P.O. BOX 3324 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302	Res: (703) 721-0501 Bus: (703) 461-4125 Fax: (703) 823-1353	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL HAMMOND MIDDLE SCH.	2/17/2005	2/17/2005		
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TAMMY IGNACIO 7600 RUXTON DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, VA 22153	Res: (703) 569-0553 Bus: (703) 824-6813 Fax: (703) 824-6826	ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL T.C. WILLIAMS H.S.	2/17/2005	2/17/2005		
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ROB KRUPICKA 301 KING STREET ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314	Res: (703) 838-4500 Bus: (703) 838-4500 Fax: (703) 838-4500	CITY COUNCIL MEMBER	2/17/2005	2/17/2005		
CITY COUNCIL REP.	eMail council@krupicka.com					
JONATHAN LISS 219 BURGESS STREET ALEXANDRIA, VA 22305	Res: (703) 549-4298 Bus: (703) 684-5697 Fax: (703) 684-5714	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TWSC	2/17/2005	2/17/2005		
TENANTS AND WORKERS SUPPORT COMMITTEE	eMail jliss@twsc.org					
LILIA LOPEZ 7108 BEDSTRAW COURT SPRINGFIELD, VA 22152	Res: (703) 866-2220 Bus: (703) 706-4460 Fax: (703) 706-4466	PRINCIPAL MT. VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOL	1/27/2005	2/17/2005		
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REP.	eMail llopez@acps.k12.va.us					

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JAMES WILLIAMS 5987 NORHAM DRIVE ALEXANDRIA, VA 22315 NAACP REPRESENTATIVE	Res: (703) 922-7080 Bus: (703) 312-3317 Fax: (703) 312-3321 eMail williamsj02@state.gov & jamesamc635@aol.com	DESK OFFICER STATE DEPT.	2/17/2005	2/17/2005		

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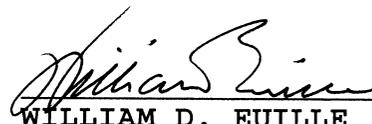
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ADOPTED: May 10, 2005

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk