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CONTESTED APPOINTMENT

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(2-year terms)
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_____ Thom Downing

_____ Hillary Hoffman-Peak

_____ Kathleen Schloeder *

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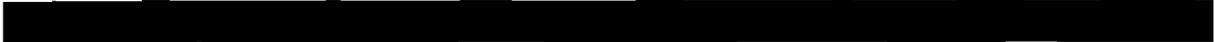


COA Contact Us: Thom Downing for seat on Alexandria Library Board

Polly Morrison to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/02/2011 10:00 PM

Please respond to Polly Morrison



Time: [Wed Feb 02, 2011 22:00:13] Message ID: [27380]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Polly
Last Name: Morrison
Street Address: 2903 Mosby Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-836-1034
Email Address: pollyjmo@verizon.net
Subject: Thom Downing for seat on Alexandria Library Board

I'm writing to recommend that the City Council appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. I wrote in December of last year about this same topic and just recently found out that Thom has applied again. What I wrote in December still holds true, so I will share that text once more here:

Thom and I both volunteer with the Friends of Duncan Library and I've seen first hand his passion for helping the library and his skills in getting others excited about the work and even willing to donate funds to help out. He's always full of great ideas and carefully considers others'

Comments: points of view and reactions to those ideas in order to create a sense of unity in moving forward to support the library. I think he'd make a wonderful additional to the Alexandria Library Board and I certainly hope that you will consider his application and appoint him to this body.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message. I'm an avid

user and supporter of the Alexandria Library System and I sure hope Thom
is considered for a seat on the board!

Sincerely,

Polly Morrison



COA Contact Us: Thom Downing for Library Board

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Casey Brown to: alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/02/2011 11:07 PM

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2-8-11

Please respond to Casey Brown

Time: [Wed Feb 02, 2011 23:07:30] Message ID: [27382]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Casey
Last Name: Brown
Street Address: 1216 Trevanion Avenue
City: Pittsburgh
State: PA
Zip: 15218
Phone: 412-371-8738
Email Address: caseybb@earthlink.net
Subject: Thom Downing for Library Board

Comments:

I am writing to urge you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board.

Thom and I worked together at Metropolitan Pittsburgh Public Broadcasting, home of WQED-TV, the nation's first public television station, and the innovative WQEX-TV. Thom was a highly regarded colleague in the local broadcast community. His creativity, wit and energy were greatly missed when he made the decision to leave television in pursuit of other career goals. He is intelligent, compassionate, well read and committed to community issues such as environmental protection and education. A former talk show host and fundraiser, he will be a great addition to the board (and your meetings and events are sure to be enlivened by his delightful sense of humor!)



COA Contact Us: Thom Downing

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Lori Eskridge to: alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/02/2011 11:47 AM

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Please respond to Lori Eskridge

Time: [Wed Feb 02, 2011 11:47:27] Message ID: [27349]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Lori
Last Name: Eskridge
Street Address: 9315 Hanlin Ct
City: Charlotte
State: NC
Zip: 28277
Phone: 704-890-7746
Email Address: leskridge@k1047.com
Subject: Thom Downing
I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. I have known Thom for close to 30 years and have always admired his tenacity, passion and commitment to projects and endeavors which are of great value to the community.
Thom has contributed a great deal of time and effort as a volunteer on behalf of the Duncan Branch. Thanks to his efforts he's not only raised more than \$15,000 and he's also helped to build partnerships within the local community that continue to benefit the library.
Thom has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the libraries and he also brings a wealth of marketing, communications, outreach and other important skills to the table. The City would be lucky to have someone of Thom's caliber on the Library Board and I urge you to put him there.
Sincerely,

Lori Eskridge



COA Contact Us: Alexandria Library Board

Susan Mader to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/02/2011 12:30 PM

Please respond to Susan Mader

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2-8-11

Time: [Wed Feb 02, 2011 12:30:15] Message ID: [27351]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Susan

Last Name: Mader

Street Address: 208 Iverne Avenue

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703-684-7042

Email Address: smnicc@gmail.com

Subject: Alexandria Library Board

I urge you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. Thom's communications, marketing and outreach skills would be of great benefit to, not just the Duncan Branch (where he has been an impressive fund raiser, and worked within the local community to build partnerships with the library), but also other area libraries with whom he has formed relationships, and contributes to their online sales efforts. Thom has a

Comments:

deep personal appreciation for public libraries, and would be an asset in helping to maintain the important programs that are needed in our communities, and foster innovation to continue that connection. Thom is full of energy and enthusiasm for this work, and the Board would be lucky to have someone so well qualified. Please, appoint him. Thank you.

Susan S. Mader



COA Contact Us: applicants for Alexandria Library Board

Leonard Goldstein to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/01/2011 11:30 PM

Please respond to Leonard Goldstein

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2-8-11

Time: [Tue Feb 01, 2011 23:30:33] Message ID: [27339]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Leonard

Last Name: Goldstein

Street Address: 2800 Sycamore St.

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703-683-5029

Email Address: lengoldstein1@gmail.com

Subject: applicants for Alexandria Library Board

My wife and I have been residents (and voters) in the City of Alexandria for 40 years now. As a member of the Friends of Duncan Library and chair of its Author Talks/Adult Programs Committee, I have had the pleasure of working for the past two years with Thom Downing and Tony Ring, both of whom are applying for the two open seats on the Alexandria Library Board. I do not think you could do better than to choose them both for those seats. I say this not out of a parochial involvement with my own little group, but because I've been impressed with their deep interest in and commitment to projects to assist and improve the Duncan Branch, and the unstinting effort they have put into planning and executing every undertaking the Friends have taken on in pursuit of those goals, from our book sales, through beautification of the grounds and purchase of library materials and equipment, to providing fellowships to assist staff to travel to out-of-town meetings and extend their educations. And all this while they've also seen the big picture, how Duncan fits in as an integral part

Comments:

of the entire Alexandria Library system, and have shown a passionate interest in helping our excellent city library continue and, even in these difficult times, improve its efforts to provide library and information services to every Alexandria citizen who needs them while making the most of its limited financial resources. But enough of high-flown phrases--grant them the seats and watch my words become truth, to the benefit of the Alexandria Library!

Sincerely, Leonard Goldstein



COA Contact Us: Appoint Thom Downing to Library Board

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Anne Castleton to: alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/02/2011 08:49 PM

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2-8-11

Please respond to Anne Castleton

Time: [Wed Feb 02, 2011 20:49:49] Message ID: [27377]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Anne
Last Name: Castleton
Street Address: 104 Stewart Ave
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone:
Email Address: annecastleton@yahoo.com
Subject: Appoint Thom Downing to Library Board

I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. Thom has contributed a great deal of time and effort as a volunteer on behalf of the Duncan Branch. He enlisted me as a volunteer on several of his Book Sales. Thanks to his efforts he's not only raised more than \$15,000 and he's also helped to build partnerships within the local community that continue to benefit the library.

Comments: Thom has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the libraries and he also brings a wealth of marketing, communications, outreach and other important skills to the table. The City would be lucky to have someone of Thom's caliber on the Library Board and I urge you to put him there.

Sincerely,
Anne
Castleton



COA Contact Us: Library Board Appointment: Thom Downing

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
tara hardiman to: jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/02/2011 09:00 PM

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2-8-11

Please respond to tara hardiman

Time: [Wed Feb 02, 2011 21:00:28] Message ID: [27378]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: tara

Last Name: hardiman

Street Address: 207 laverne ave

City: alexandria

State: va

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703-684-3297

Email Address: thardiman@prodigy.net

Subject: Library Board Appointment: Thom Downing
Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

Il am writing to encourage you

to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. As many of you know, I have served on several city boards and commissions. I believe Thom has the drive and commitment to serve you and the community well. He is a new, young addition to my neighborhood, and I am thrilled to see his sense of civic involvement that is a model for all and, if encouraged at this time, will continue as long as he lives in Alexandria.

Comments: Thom has

already contributed a great deal of time and effort as a volunteer on behalf of the Duncan Branch. His marketing, communications, and outreach skills will be invalluable, as he has already shown with his stellar fundraising activities for the Duncan Branch (more than \$15,000). I strongly recommend Thom Downing for one of the vacant positions.

Thank

you for your consideration.

Tara Hardiman



COA Contact Us: Thom Downing and Tony Springer for Library Board

Maureen Schweers to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/02/2011 08:24 PM

Please respond to Maureen Schweers

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2-8-11

Time: [Wed Feb 02, 2011 20:24:29] Message ID: [27374]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Maureen
Last Name: Schweers
Street Address: 2311 Commonwealth Ave
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 7038380676
Email Address: maureen.schweers@gmail.com
Subject: Thom Downing and Tony Springer for Library Board
I strongly urge you to appoint Thom Downing and Tony Springer to the Alexandria Library Board. Their enthusiasm, hard work, and support of our library has been a real asset to the Friends of Duncan Library, and the City-wide library system would benefit from their experience. Particularly during this challenging time of budget cuts, the Library Board needs advocates with the problem-solving skills and experience that Thom and Tony possess.
Tony currently serves as President of the Friends of Duncan Library, and has been a tireless advocate of our neighborhood library. Thom is one of our star fundraisers, and has created many public/private partnerships that continue to benefit the library. Both have a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the libraries, a great work ethic, and bring a wealth communications skills to the table. The City would be lucky to have these two serve together on the Library Board, and I urge you to put them there.

I was disappointed when Thom's initial bid for the Board was denied. I do understand that it is extremely difficult to unseat an incumbent -- even at the most local of levels. Thus, I urge you to support Councilman Krupicka's recommendation to expand the Library Board to include more citizen seats in order to bring new energy, ideas, and change to the Library Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further help.

Sincerely,

Maureen Schweers
Vice President,

Friends of Duncan Library



COA Contact Us: Thom Downing - Library Board Candidate

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Alfred.Keeme; Jr to: alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/03/2011 09:43 AM

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2-8-11

Please respond to Alfred.Keeme, Jr

Time: [Thu Feb 03, 2011 09:43:33] Message ID: [27384]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Alfred
Last Name: Keeme, Jr
Street Address: 3354 E Thornton Ave
City: Gilbert
State: AZ
Zip: 85297
Phone: 4807559236
Email Address: akeeme@cox.net
Subject: Thom Downing - Library Board Candidate

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom

Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. Thom has contributed a great deal of time and effort as a volunteer on behalf of the Duncan Branch. Thanks to his efforts he's not only raised more than \$15,000 and he's also helped to build partnerships within the local community that continue to benefit the library.

I've personally known Thom for several years. He is a stand

Comments: up person and his willingness to help others is infectious. His hard working attributes are present in his professional and personal life.

Thom's character and willingness to make his local community and libraries a better place is why I would urge the city to place him on the Library Board. Thom not only brings enthusiasm for the libraries but also brings a wealth of marketing, communications, outreach and other important skills to the table.

Sincerely, AL
Alfred Keeme

**RICHARD R.G. HOBSON
99 N. QUAKER LANE
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304**

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2-8-11

January 28, 2011

VIA EMAIL

Mayor William D. Euille
Vice Mayor Kerry Donley
Councilman Frank Fannon
Councilwoman Alicia Hughes
Councilman Rob Krupicka
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg

Re: Appointment of a Member of the Alexandria Library Board

Bill, Kerry, Frank, Alicia, Rob, Dell, and Paul:

Please accept this request and recommendation that each of you vote for Kathleen Schloeder for a second term on the Alexandria Library Board. Kathleen is the secretary of the Board on which I serve as one of three members appointed by the Alexandria Library Company. Kathleen is the Secretary of the Board and the only citizen appointee with library administration experience. She was the supervisor of a library at three of her foreign service postings with day-to-day responsibilities for programs, acquisitions and outreach.

Kathleen has tutored at George Mason Elementary School for the past six years and before that she tutored Hammond Middle School students. She is completing her first term on the Library Board and has proved to be a most valuable member. I heartily request that each of you support her appointment for another term.

Sincerely,

Richard R. G. Hobson
RGH/ep

cc: Ms. Dorothy "Brooksie" Koopman
Mrs. Anne Smith Paul
Mr. Oscar Fitzgerald
Ms. Kathleen Schloeder



COA Contact Us: Supporting Thom Downing's candidacy for the Duncan Library Board

Lindsay Hower to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/03/2011 11:53 AM

Please respond to Lindsay Hower

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2-8-11

Time: [Thu Feb 03, 2011 11:53:14] Message ID: [27394]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Lindsay

Last Name: Hower

Street Address: 1344 Larkin St

City: San Francisco

State: CA

Zip: 94109

Phone: 703-862-2819

Email Address: lindshower@gmail.com

Subject: Supporting Thom Downing's candidacy for the Duncan Library Board
I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria
Library Board.

Over the years that I've known Thom I've seen his
commitment to education through his work as a volunteer English instructor
in China. I've seen his creativity and passion for important causes as a
successful fundraiser for The American Cancer and The Multiple Sclerosis
Societies. And since he's lived there in Alexandria I know that he's helped
the Friends of Duncan Library raise more than \$15,000 by launching
large-scale outdoor book sale events and online sales of donations. I am

Comments: certain that Thom would bring the same commitment, energy and ideas to his
work as an Alexandria Library Board member as he has to all of these
endeavors. As a longtime friend of Thom and his family, I truly believe
Thom is the best candidate you could find to contribute to your Board.

The City would be lucky to have someone of Thom's caliber on the

Library Board and I urge you to put him there.

Sincerely,

Lindsay

Hower



COA Contact Us: Library Board

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley, alicia.hughes,

Daryl Paul to: delpepper, paulcsmberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott, rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

Please respond to Daryl Paul

02/04/2011 11:19 AM

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2-8-11

Time: [Fri Feb 04, 2011 11:19:35] Message ID: [27420]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Daryl

Last Name: Paul

Street Address:

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip:

Phone:

Email Address: dpf629@yahoo.com

Subject: Library Board

Dear City Council Members:

As a fan of our libraries, I've gotten to

know Thom Downing who I understand is running for the board. Thom possesses two skills that would serve the library well: altruism and entrepreneurship.

Altruism: Thom is someone who truly enjoys "giving

back" to his community. He has shown his dedication to the library through

Comments: various fundraising ideas and other efforts.

Entrepreneurship: Thom is

also a savvy technologist and marketer who can put his skills to use to help the library reach more of our fellow citizens.

I hope you will

appoint him to represent those of us who truly care about our community and its library.



COA Contact Us: Burke Branch Friends Endorsement of Thom Downing for Library Board

Eileen Bradley to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/04/2011 10:41 AM

Please respond to Eileen Bradley

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2-8-11

Time: [Fri Feb 04, 2011 10:41:13] Message ID: [27419]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Eileen
Last Name: Bradley
Street Address: 4705 W. Braddock Road
#30
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22311
Phone: 703-379-1251
Email Address: eileenbradley97@yahoo.com
Subject: Burke Branch Friends Endorsement of Thom Downing for Library Board
I am writing on behalf of the Burke Branch Friends of the Burke Branch Library. I understand that there are now two vacancies on the Alexandria Library Board on which the Council will vote on February 8. We have already endorsed Board incumbent Kathleen Schloeder. We wish to add another endorsement; namely, Thom Downing. We in fact endorsed his candidacy in December 2010 when a prior vacancy appointment was under Council consideration. In effect, this memo reiterates and elaborates on our prior backing of his candidacy.
Mr. Downing has long been part of the revitalization, excitement, and community entrenchment that proudly characterizes the Alexandria Library's Duncan Branch. He has been a key, if not the key, player in raising funds through the local businesses and commercial interests of the Del Ray area to support the remarkably broad

Comments:

array of programs that the Branch sponsors every week. He has demonstrated a serious commitment to the well being and stability of the library generally. Having worked with Thom, the most important asset we believe he would bring to the Board is his strategic vision of the future of libraries in general and the Alexandria System in particular. The changing dynamics of the place and status of libraries in any community coupled with the budget pressures Alexandria's Library in particular has faced call for a fresh and forward looking perspective that Thom will undoubtedly bring. He can bring the leadership required to contribute to the needed forward thinking and help fashion a new and relevant future for the Alexandria Library branches. In summary, we hope you will vote "yes" on Thom's application for membership on the Library Board.

Thank you for
your consideration.
Eileen Bradley



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COA Contact Us: Encouraging the appointment of Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board

Dave Fisher to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/03/2011 02:44 PM

Please respond to Dave Fisher

Time: [Thu Feb 03, 2011 14:44:43] Message ID: [27401]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Dave

Last Name: Fisher

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email Address: heardfives@gmail.com

Subject: Encouraging the appointment of Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board
I would like to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board.

Thom deeply cares about education and helping others and truly sees the value books and other library resources bring to a community. His experience speaks to that: he volunteered to teach English in China, he's raised money for charities like The American Cancer Society and the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and of course, he's been a tireless

Comments: volunteer and promoter of the Duncan Library, even helping it raise more than \$15,000 through a variety of innovative sales endeavors.

Furthermore, he's a thoughtful, hardworking, and kind person, someone who everyone on the Board and everyone in the community can respect. I hope you will take this opportunity to put his enthusiasm and dedication to work for the library system.



COA Contact Us: Thomas Downing for Alexandria Library Board

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Betsy Gutmann to: alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/03/2011 11:32 PM

Please respond to Betsy Gutmann

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2-8-11

Time: [Thu Feb 03, 2011 23:32:49] Message ID: [27413]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Thomas Downing for Alexandria Library Board

I am RE-submitting a previously submitted endorsement on behalf of Thomas

Downing for a seat on the Alexandria Library Board. I recently heard there

was to be another opening for a seat on the Board and wanted my endorsement

of him again to be made part of the record.

I continue to believe that

Thom would be an invaluable asset to the Alexandria Library Board. He would

be a fresh face with fresh ideas and would inject badly needed fresh blood

to the Board.

We badly need new energy, new ideas and new people to

represent the city of Alexandria. Hence, I once again, heartily endorse

Thomas Downing for a seat on the Alexandria Library Board.

Comments: I am a resident of Alexandria, and have been since 1974.

For the last 6

years I have done volunteer work for the Friends of Burke

Branch Library.

During these years I have come to know Thomas (Thom) Downing. As a person, he is reliable and hard working. He has expended an inordinate amount of his time volunteering for the Duncan Library; helping them to raise money for the library which, in turn, has played a vital and important role in

Comments: helping benefit the community. I believe Thom would be an excellent representative for our Alexandria Library Board. His passion for books and wanting to help the community are sorely needed. More importantly, his dedication and interest to further the needs of the community through our Library System is most imperative. We need someone who is pro-active and I believe Thom would be a very active, forward thinking and a vital addition to the Alexandria Library Board. In closing, I do hope my endorsement and the reasons for such are compelling and persuasive to help you make your decision.

Thank you for hearing me out.

Betty Guttman
2933 Nob Hill

Court
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-370-4834



Library Board needs Martha-Helene Stapleton

Del Pepper, Frank Fannon,
Jackie HENDERSON, Kerry
J. Donley, Paul Smedberg,
Rob Krupicka, Rob
Krupicka, Wm Euille, Wm
Euille

Parent Leadership Training Institute to:

02/07/2011 02:21 PM

Cc: "PLTI", "Beth Temple", "Elizabeth Jones", "Jerad Ferguson", "Joanne Pyle",
"Judy Malone Stack", "Nancy LaValle", "Sharon Annear", "Temple Beth"

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Dear Mayor Euille and members of Council,

Martha-Helene Stapleton has applied for appointment to the Library Board. I doubt that there is anyone I could recommend to you more strongly. Martha has been a supporter of our city libraries and continues to volunteer at Duncan Branch with the Spanish story time (every other week, with attendance of 10-20 kids every time plus adults). She believes that the libraries are an important link between the schools and the community, and believes that it can be especially effective for the Latino community. As you are all aware, the achievement gap in Alexandria is real and a matter of great concern to those who care about developing One Alexandria, where all children succeed.

Martha-Helene took her PLTI learning and immediately set out to improve the community by working to start a pre-school at St. Rita's. She seems to have done much of the heavy lifting to make it a reality despite having 3 children (one born a few months ago). She is just the person from whom Alexandria wants to take as much as she is willing to give.

Thanks, as always,

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Fay D. Slotnick, Executive Director
Parent Leadership Training Institute of Alexandria

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COA Contact Us: Alexandria Library Board

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02/05/2011 10:33 PM

Please respond to Cathy Muscara

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2-8-11

Time: [Sat Feb 05, 2011 22:32:58] Message ID: [27466]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Email Address: CAMuscara@aol.com
Subject: Alexandria Library Board

I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board.

Thom deeply cares about education and helping others and truly sees the value books and other library resources bring to a community. His experience speaks to that: he volunteered to teach English in China, he's raised money for charities like The American Cancer Society and the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and of course, he's been a tireless volunteer and promoter of the Duncan Library, even helping it raise more than \$15,000 through a variety of innovative sales endeavors.

Furthermore, he's a thoughtful, hardworking, and kind person,

Comments: someone who everyone on the Board and everyone in the community can respect. I have known Thom for more than 30 years and his exemplary character and steadfast devotion today are true to who he has always been - who he is, not just what he does. Thom has also always been consistent in

his strong belief in philanthropy and community service. I hope you will take this opportunity to put his enthusiasm and dedication to work for the library system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Cathy

Muscara



COA Contact Us: Thom Downing for Alexandria Library Board

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
David Letizia to: alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

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2-8-11

Please respond to David Letizia

Time: [Sat Feb 05, 2011 15:05:50] Message ID: [27461]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-751-1504
Email Address: dtletizia@yahoo.com
Subject: Thom Downing for Alexandria Library Board
I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. Thom has contributed a great deal of time and effort as a volunteer on behalf of the Duncan Branch. Thanks to his efforts he's not only raised more than \$15,000 and he's also helped to build partnerships within the local community that continue to benefit the library.

Comments: Thom
has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the libraries and he also brings a wealth of marketing, communications, outreach and other important skills to the table. The City would be lucky to have someone of Thom's caliber on the Library Board and I urge you to put him there.



COA Contact Us: Appointments to Alexandria Library Board

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Carolyn Harris to: alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/07/2011 04:10 PM

Please respond to Carolyn Harris

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2-8-11

Time: [Mon Feb 07, 2011 16:10:13] Message ID: [27502]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Carolyn
Last Name: Harris
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
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Email Address: cdharris3@gmail.com
Subject: Appointments to Alexandria Library Board
Once again I am contacting you with recommendations as you prepare to vote during the February 8th City Council meeting to fill seats on the Library Board.
Thom Downing is an active member of the Friends of Duncan Library. Over the years, he has contributed a great deal of time and effort as a volunteer on behalf of the Duncan Branch. He has been a leading figure in our annual spring and fall book sales, and thanks to his efforts he's not only raised more than \$15,000, he's also helped to build partnerships within the local community that continue to benefit the library.
Tony Springer and I met as we attended our first Friends of Duncan Library meeting about eight years ago, and after two years we were asked to run for offices, where we continue to serve—Tony as the

president. Tony has a keen understanding of the book world and has helped the Friends advance its understanding of handling book sales, author talks, and other events such as working with Paula Poundstone, national spokesperson for the American Library Association. Tony not only leads the official meetings of the Friends of Duncan Library, he also helps in all areas of Friends support for the library and promotes the library within the community.

Comments:

I highly recommend Thom Downing and Tony Springer to your attention. Both of them bring tremendous amounts of enthusiasm for the City of Alexandria, and they value its libraries. They both have a keen understanding of marketing, communications, outreach and other useful skills. I find them thoughtful and creative thinkers who are not afraid to jump right in to an activity and put in the effort when and where needed. The City would be most fortunate to have them serve on the the Library Board.

I strongly encourage you to put Thom Downing and Tony Springer on the Library Board. Nevertheless, I recognize that the vacant seats are held by incumbents seeking reappointment, and the reality is that any citizen wanting to serve faces challenging odds. Even at the most local of levels, statistics (and recent experience) show it is extremely difficult to unseat an incumbent. Thus, I also urge you to support Councilman Rob Krupicka's recommendation to expand the Library Board to include more citizen seats to bring new energy and ideas to the Library Board.

Best Regards,
Carolyn Harris



COA Contact Us: Appoint Thom Downing to the Library Board

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Annie Jurczyk to: alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
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Please respond to Annie Jurczyk

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2-8-11

Time: [Mon Feb 07, 2011 23:09:01] Message ID: [27526]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Appoint Thom Downing to the Library Board
I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. I have known Thom for more that 20 years and his commitment to bettering his community is commendable.
Over the years that I've known Thom I've seen his commitment to education through his work as a volunteer English instructor in China. I've seen his creativity and passion for important causes as a successful fundraiser for The American Cancer and The Multiple Sclerosis Societies. And since he's lived there in Alexandria I know that he's helped the Friends of Duncan Library raise more than
Comments: \$15,000 by launching large-scale outdoor book sale events and online sales of donations. I am certain that Thom would bring the same commitment, energy and ideas to his work as an Alexandria Library Board member as he has to all of these endeavors.
The City would be lucky to have someone of Thom's caliber on the Library Board and I urge you to put him there.

Sincerely,

Annie Jurczyk



COA Contact Us: Expansion of Library Board

Margaret Grathwohl to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

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Please respond to Margaret Grathwohl

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2-8-11

Time: [Mon Feb 07, 2011 21:43:04] Message ID: [27525]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Grathwohl

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Subject: Expansion of Library Board

As a member of the Friends of Duncan Library, I am thrilled to see strong members from within our organization willing to serve the City as a member of the Library Board.

However, because the vacant seats are held by incumbents seeking reappointment, the reality is that any citizen wanting to serve faces challenging odds. Even at the most local of levels,

Comments: statistics show it is very difficult to unseat an incumbent.

I urge you

to support Councilman Rob Krupicka's recommendation to expand the Library Board to include more citizen seats and bring new energy and ideas to the Library Board. New blood, new energy, and new ideas-- all can only benefit the City of Alexandria.



COA Contact Us: Appointment of Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board on February 8th 2011

Andrew Sulavik to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

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Please respond to Andrew Sulavik

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2-8-11

Time: [Mon Feb 07, 2011 20:20:23] Message ID: [27521]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 465-0234
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Subject: Appointment of Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board on February 8th 2011

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to endorse the appointment of

Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board on February 8th 2011.

As a

librarian at Howard University, homeowner and resident of Alexandria, and co-volunteer at the Duncan Branch with Thom Downing, I can affirm without hesitation that Thom Downing would make an exemplary Library Board member.

Over the past three years Thom has impressed me as a thoughtful and knowledgeable person, who is well attuned to both the community needs of library services and to the importance of developing relations with the local business community in order to promote library programs and attract donations. I believe that fundraising is an especially crucial process that needs to be developed from within the community – and that Thom has proven

himself an adept fundraiser. He has poured himself into projects that have directly benefited our libraries; most notably he has contributed a great deal of his time and expertise raising thousands of dollars through book sales at the Beatley, Duncan, and Burke library branches.

Comments:

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Alexandria Library Board would be well served by Thom's innovative ideas, energetic goodwill, and sharp insight into the needs of our community and the role that the library plays currently, and more importantly, the vital role that it could potentially play in the future.

Thom has earned my

respect by his dedication, passion, intelligence and hard work, and I am certain that he will earn yours if given an opportunity to do so.

Please consider Thom as the serious candidate that he is, and give him an opportunity to serve our community in a position that he is well suited to hold.

Sincerely,

Andrew T. Sulavik
Canal Place
1105 North Pitt

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Alexandria, Virginia 22314



COA Contact Us: CITIZEN SEATS FOR LIBRARY BOARD

linda morefield to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

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Please respond to linda morefield

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2-8-11

Time: [Mon Feb 07, 2011 17:15:41] Message ID: [27507]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: CITIZEN SEATS FOR LIBRARY BOARD

Comments: As a member of the Friends of Duncan Library, I am thrilled to see strong members from within our organization willing to serve the City as a member of the Library Board. However, because the vacant seats are held by incumbents seeking reappointment, the reality is that any citizen wanting to serve faces challenging odds. Even at the most local of levels, statistics (and recent experience) show it is extremely difficult to unseat an incumbent. Thus, I urge you to support Councilman Rob Krupicka's recommendation to expand the Library Board to include more citizen seats to bring new energy and ideas to the Library Board. Thank you for your continued commitment to our City Library system.



COA Contact Us: Expanding Library Board

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alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
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Please respond to Cheryl Kim

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2-8-11

Time: [Mon Feb 07, 2011 16:50:47] Message ID: [27506]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Expanding Library Board

Comments: As a member of the Friends of Duncan Library, I am pleased to see strong members from within our organization willing to serve the City as a member of the Library Board. In fact, I know that two of our members have previously applied, but have been denied places because of incumbents seeking reappointment. The pattern of reappointing incumbents means that there are no opportunities for those who have a strong desire and excellent qualifications to serve. It also means that the Library Board may become stagnant.

I urge you to support Councilman Rob Krupicka's recommendation to expand the Library Board to include more citizen seats to bring new energy and ideas to the Library Board.



COA Contact Us: expanding Library Board

Phyllis Miller to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

02/08/2011 10:57 AM

Please respond to Phyllis Miller

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2-8-11



Time: [Tue Feb 08, 2011 10:57:32] Message ID: [27534]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Miller
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-567-3367
Email Address: pbgv@comcast.net
Subject: expanding Library Board
Comments: Please add more citizens to the Library Board in order to have new ideas.