NAME OF COUNCIL MEMBER

UNCONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
(2-Year Term)
1 Citizen Member (Must Have A Disability)

Charles Benagh
(Identified A Disability)

ALEXANDRIA GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
(2-Year Term)
1 Member Who Attends High School in the City

Philippe Halbert

1 Member Nominated by the Alexandria Jaycees

Sharon Sobel*
(Residency Waiver Required)

Cathy Melanson, Teacher
Bishop Ireton High School
Robert L. Madison
Vice President, Alexandria Historical Society

HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA RESOURCES COMMISSION
(2-Year Term)
1 Representative From the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors (ACVA)

Mary Ruth Coleman
(Residency Waiver Required)

Stacy Hickman, President
Alexandria Jaycees

ACVA

* Incumbent
To Whom It May Concern,

Last year Philippe Halbert was a student in my AP European Studies, a course that combines the study of European history with literature, art, music, and other aspects of the humanities. Members of this class meet stringent requirements for acceptance; they represent the best of the sophomore class. Despite this screening, students often have difficulties adjusting to the level of work and expectations. Philippe met the challenge with enthusiasm and diligent effort. He is a naturally engaged learner with a passion for learning. An exceptional writer, Philippe improved over the course of the year and produced some very high level analytical work.

Philippe is also a student who makes great connections between the literature and the history. He is able to decompartmentalize his thinking and see the interconnectedness between the two disciplines. The class is also very dependent on the willingness and ability of student to work together. Philippe works very well with other students. He helps create an atmosphere conducive to learning and other students enjoy his willingness to listen as well as give his opinion.

Philippe is also a member of The Alliance for Haiti club which I moderate. He has been a dependable participant and organizer of this group which is dedicated to the support of our sister school in Haiti. This young man is a joy to teach. I highly recommend him as a participant in your committee.

Sincerely,

Cathy Melanson
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I enthusiastically recommend that Philippe Halbert be appointed the high school member of Alexandria’s George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee. Although only a junior at Bishop Ireton High School, he has already achieved an enviable record of support for Alexandria’s historic sites and events.

I know Philippe through my volunteer work as a docent at Carlyle House. He has been a docent there for over a year, and he was a docent at Gadsby’s Tavern before that. When I have worked with him on events at Carlyle House, I have been regularly impressed by his knowledge of Alexandria history and eighteenth-century life. His command of these subjects far exceeds that of the average Carlyle House docent, enabling him to give outstanding tours and answer the varied questions of visitors. He is an exemplary representative of Alexandria; and visitors frequently comment on the quality of his tours.

The leadership at Carlyle House thinks so highly of Philippe that they hired him as a paid member of their weekend staff. In October, when Carlyle House re-enacted John Carlyle’s funeral, Philippe played the part of Carlyle’s fourteen-year-old son, leading the funeral procession of 400-500 participants down Fairfax Street from Carlyle House to the Old Presbyterian Meeting House burial ground.

Philippe is a very responsible young man with a strong appreciation for Alexandria’s history. He would be a definite asset to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee.

ROBERT L. MADISON
Vice President
Alexandria Historical Society
Alexandria City Council  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Members of the City Council,

I'm proud to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Sharon Sobel for renewal of her position on the George Washington Parade Committee. The Alexandria Jaycees are very proud to have Sharon represent us on the Committee. Sharon's enthusiasm for this event has been the driving force behind many of our members volunteering to help with the annual parade. She makes it sound so great; I personally took a vacation day to be able to help out at last year's parade.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 703-627-7552.

Sincerely,

Stacy Hickman  
2006 President  
Alexandria Jaycees

February 2, 2006
Ms. Mendenhall:

The Board of Governors of the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association have appointed Mary Ruth Coleman to represent the ACVA on the Historic Alexandria Resource Commission. Ms. Coleman will be submitting her application shortly.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. Jo Anne Mitchell

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