


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 29, 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALEXANDRIA-CAEN SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

ISSUE: Request from the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee to convert the designated position for a representative from the Sister Cities Committee to a citizen position (Attachments 1 and 2).

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council (1) approve the request from the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee to convert the designated position for a representative from the Sister Cities Committee to a citizen position; and (2) request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that makes this change for introduction at the first meeting in June.

DISCUSSION: At its April 13, 2009, meeting, the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the designated position for a representative from the Sister Cities Committee be converted to a citizen position. The position has been vacant for over a year and the Sister Cities Committee has no objection to the change (Attachment 3). Steven Rich, the new Chair of the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee, has indicated that the workload and time requirements of its activities are such that having a full complement of members is important. Mr. Rich also notes, as does Mary Jo Johnson, Chairperson of the Sister Cities Committee, that the Committees will still fully cooperate and coordinate with each other on exchange programs and projects. Therefore, I support this recommendation to convert the designated position into a citizen slot so that the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee has 17 members to work on its activities.

ATTACHMENTS:
 Attachment 1. April 14 E-mail from Steven Rich to Rose Boyd
 Attachment 2. November 11, 2008 E-mail from Mark Delligatti to Rose Boyd
 Attachment 3. November 12, 2008 E-Mail from Mary Jo Johnson to Rose Boyd and Mark Delligatti

STAFF: Rose Williams Boyd, Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions



Steven Rich
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04/14/2009 12:03 PM

Please respond to
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To Rose Boyd <Rose.Boyd@alexandriava.gov>

cc Sean Kennedy <skennedy@wmata.com>

bcc

Subject Replacement of Sister City Committee Member

History:  This message has been replied to.

Ms. Boyd,

At the meeting of the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee last night, the Committee voted to ask the City Council to change the organization of the Committee so that it has 17 citizen members.

At present, the Committee has 16 citizen members and one member from the Sister Cities Committee. The change we request would convert that Sister Cities Committee member, which has been either vacant or inactive for over a year, to a citizen member. Because of the workload and time requirements of our activities, having a full complement of members is important to us. We would still fully cooperate and coordinate with the Sister Cities Committee.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steven B. Rich
Chair
Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee



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11/11/2008 03:20 PM

To Rose.Boyd@alexandriava.gov (Rose Boyd)
cc johnsonmaryjo@hotmail.com (Mary Jo Johnson)
bcc
Subject REquest to Change the status of one seat on the
Alexandria-Caen Committee

Mary Jo Johnson and I have agreed that the seat on the Alexandria-Caen Committee reserved for a member of the Alexandria Sister City Committee should be changed to a Citizen At-Large seat. We have agreed to regularly report to each other on the activities of our committees and when appropriate send representatives to each other's committees.

Mark Delligatti



Mary Jo Johnson
<johnsonmaryjo@hotmail.com>

11/12/2008 07:33 PM

To <rose.boyd@alexandriava.gov>, markdelligatti delligatti
<mdelligatti@comcast.net>

cc

bcc

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Alexandria-Caen Committee

rose,

Fine and please add that any member of the committee is welcome at any meeting of the
other committee. thanks
mary Jo