Name of Council Member

Endorsement

UNCONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
(3-year term)
1 Latino community representative

Bonnie Baxley *
(This is an existing board that has recently become Codified.)

Archaeological Commission
(4-year term)
1 member-at-large

Edward Pulliam *
(originally appointed on 9/14/2004 – this will be his final term under 10-year term limit requirement)

Commission on Employment
(2-year term)
1 business representative from among recognized area businesses including minority-owned and small businesses

Davis Svec

Community Criminal Justice Board
(2-year term)
1 representative of non-profit organizations recommended by the Alexandria United Way

Alexis Stackhouse
Carla Fleming, Alexandria Regional Council - UWNCA

Community Services Board
(3-year term)
1 consumer (current or former direct recipient of public or private mental health, mental retardation or substance abuse treatment rehabilitation services) or family members (immediate family member or the principal caregiver who is not paid) of consumer

Kimberly Lewis

Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
(2-year term)
1 tenant representative

Mario Avalos

* incumbents
William D. Euille
Mayor
Alexandria City Council
301 King Street, Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille:

I am writing to you in support of the application of Mario Avalos to fill a vacancy on the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board.

Mr. Avalos, a resident of Alexandria for 12 years, is a leader in protecting the rights of tenants and improving the educational achievement of students. He has been a member of Tenants and Workers United for the past five years and is now serving as a member of their Board. In this capacity, he has supported efforts to improve the housing, healthcare, and education opportunities of low-income residents throughout Northern Virginia. He is also a member of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Latino Student Achievement (LSA), helping Alexandria develop policies to close the achievement gap among Latino students and increase the academic success of all students.

Mr. Avalos has demonstrated a commitment to the City of Alexandria and to low-income tenants. Through his service in the community, Mr. Avalos has obtained important insights into local housing issues and earned the respect of many in the Latino and low-income communities. In fact, he holds informal meetings at his home with residents adversely impacted by the actions of landlords in order to help identify solutions to their problems. I believe his appointment to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board would add a valuable perspective to that body as it works to reconcile landlord-tenant complaints and recommend legislation and policy to the City Council.

Thank you for your service to the City of Alexandria and for your consideration of this request in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations and rules.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James P. Moran