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Dear Mayor Euille and Honorable Council members,

I am pleased to recommend Mathew Stensrud for appointment to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. I've worked with Mathew on the Art Education committee and he has been an active member of the vocal music panel for two years. His experiences as a musician and elementary school music educator will be valuable additions to the commission.

Recent commission appointees have tended to possess strong backgrounds in business and/or marketing, which, undeniably, are applicable to the commission’s goal of highlighting the business value of the arts to the city. As chair of the Art Education committee, I would like to also keep an educational presence on the commission, and not have this mission lost or diluted in the, equally
important, discussions of profit and job creation. Mathew's background in education, and his commitment to art instruction for all children, would ensure this educational focus remains viable on the commission. He has proven his ability to work with both kids and school administrators and his ideas for offering after school piano instruction, via volunteer student-teachers, are worthy.

Thank you for considering my recommendation of Mathew Stensrud for the ACA.

Margaret Wohler