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From: Peter Pennington <kernow01@att.net>
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Subject: Waterfront Committee Election
A vacancy comes up for election for the Waterfront Committee on the next docket. Nate Macek, the current chair, is standing for re-election. In my opinion he makes an excellent chair of the committee, especially during the current little difficulty we are all having with the Waterfront Plan.
Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council:

I would like to request your support of my application for the position of at-large citizen member on the Alexandria Waterfront Committee. I relish the opportunity to continue my service to the community as a member and chair of this committee.

One of Alexandria’s distinguishing features is not only its presence on the Potomac River but its active mix of riverfront land use. The city has cultured a tremendous asset for Alexandria residents, but more challenges await as the riverfront continues to evolve. As an Alexandria resident living west of Washington Street my interest is in ensuring that the city maximizes its investment in the waterfront and promotes capital projects and development policies that benefit all Alexandrians.

The Waterfront Committee plays the important role of ensuring that the city maintains and improves this treasure. Over the past four years that I have been involved in the Waterfront Committee, I have been proactive in broadening the committee’s reach to better serve its mandate to advise the City Council on matters concerning the waterfront. As chair of the Committee since December 2009, I have led a resurgent Waterfront Committee that has been vocal on the Waterfront Plan and other issues of importance to the city, including waterfront safety and security; riverside parking and transportation; park and marina operations and maintenance; and City budget and capital improvement priorities.

I, along with my Waterfront Committee colleagues and members of the general public continue to remain actively involved in the ongoing development of the waterfront plan. Currently, I serve as the Waterfront Committee’s liaison to the Waterfront Plan Working Group, which will advise Council on the draft Waterfront Plan now under consideration. Completion of a revised waterfront plan has been a goal of the Waterfront Committee for a number of years, and I am eager to assist as I can. But when the plan is completed, the role of the Waterfront Committee will shift to one of advocacy for plan implementation. Dedicated attention by the Waterfront Committee will be critical to achieving near-term success.

Thank you for the opportunity to re-apply for this position, and for your deliberate consideration of my application. I look forward to continuing as a member of the Alexandria Waterfront Committee.

Sincerely,

Nate Macek
I am a member of the Waterfront Committee.

Nate Macek has been the chair of the Committee over the past two years. He has been thorough, thoughtful and professional as the leader of the Committee.

I understand that he is to be considered for an additional 2 year term. I encourage you to appoint him to that next 2 year term.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards.
Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

I am writing to endorse the candidacy of Mr. Nate Macek to another term on the City's Waterfront Committee.

Mr. Macek has been doing an excellent job as the president of Waterfront Committee. He is knowledgeable about the issues the Committee discusses, applies sound professional judgment during the Committee's deliberations, and has excellent leadership skills. He has been selected to represent the Waterfront Committee on the Waterfront Work Group, where he is one of the two members tasked with writing the Group's report. It is critical for Mr. Macek to be able to continue in his leadership role at this important juncture, as decisions are being made that will affect Alexandria's waterfront for years to come.

His interest and technical knowledge on waterfront issues combined with his objectivity and dedication make him an invaluable member of the Waterfront Committee. I recommend him highly.

Thank you for your consideration of this endorsement, and I hope you will reappoint Nate Macek to the Waterfront Committee.

Engin Artemel AICP (member of the Waterfront Committee)
Artemel International, Inc.
218 North Lee Street, Suite 316
Alexandria VA 22314
Mr. Mayor & members of Council:

For the past year I've served as the ACVA representative to the City's Waterfront Committee. It would be an understatement to say during that time there have been many contentious debates at our meetings.

Nate Macek has exhibited extraordinary leadership during this time. He runs the meetings in a fair and balanced way and truly acts as the at-large representative for the City, considering what is best for the entire City and its residents.

It is also my understanding that Nate was very instrumental in the City receiving the Great Streets award from the American Planning Association earlier this year. A man who makes this much time in his life for civic affairs is certainly worthy of continuing his leadership of the Waterfront Committee at such a critical time.

Without question Nate should be reappointed to serve as Chair of the Committee. Thank you in advance for your support.

Jody Manor
Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council:

I support Nate Mecek's re-appointment to the Waterfront Committee. I had the pleasure of working with Nate on the application that resulted in the Great Streets award. We are lucky to have such a talented and diplomatic person so dedicated to the City of Alexandria.

The quality of work of the Waterfront Committee seems to have improved significantly during Nate's tenure as chair. I hope he has the opportunity to continue to serve the City on this commission.

thank you,
Stephanie
President & CEO
Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association