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NAME OF COUNCIL MEMBER

CONTESTED APPOINTMENT

ENDORSED BY

ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
1 Citizen Member

_____ Charles Burnham

_____ Rolando Gonzales

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City Council
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Dear City Council:

We endorse ROLAND GONZALES as a candidate for the TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD (item 35 on the City Council docket for February 13 meeting). It was through Roland's hard work that Cameron Station Civic Association was formed about 15 months ago and has grown in membership to over 100 members. Roland has been the president of the Civic Association since its formation and has led us in developing an effective association in this "new neighborhood in an old town".

Roland was instrumental in creating a strong liaison with the new Samuel Tucker Elementary School, including starting a mentoring program and assisting several families during the holiday season. He has led the way in working with City Council and City Staff on traffic, parking and parks issues in our neighborhood, and in helping new residents to our community, many of whom are new to Alexandria, understand how the City government functions. The Cameron Station Civic Association, largely through Roland's efforts, cosponsored a City Council candidates forum and a Congressional candidates forum, both at the Landmark Shopping Center.

Roland is active in other civic affairs as well. He is a member of Agenda: Alexandria, the Holmes Run Park Committee and coordinates the Civic Association's involvement with the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations. He has a people-oriented personality and tries to find "win-win" solutions to the many issues that arise involving Cameron Station, the City and the community at large. His focus is not on activism but on issue resolution. We think Roland will be a great asset to the TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD, bringing his understanding and skills to bear on the issues before it. He has a unique understanding and experience with issues in the West End and the City generally, as well as the neighborhood around Cameron Station specifically. Roland's experience, knowledge and involvement with issues ranging from new communities such as Cameron Station to established areas such as Old Town would allow him to assist the Board in carrying out its responsibilities.

Thank you for considering our endorsement of ROLAND GONZALES for the TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD.

Sincerely



James Ryan
Vice President