

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 2, 2001

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER ^S

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 42: MEMBERSHIPS IN REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL, STATE AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (MAYOR DONLEY'S REQUEST)

In follow up to a question from Mayor Donley at a budget work session, the following information is provided about the City's financial support of regional, state and national governmental planning and advocacy organizations. This listing excludes service delivery regional organizations such as the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, as well as professional organizations such as the American Planning Association.

Regional Governmental Planning Organizations (see pages 8-102 and 8-103 in the FY 2002 Proposed Budget for a program explanation of each organization):

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)

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| General Contribution | \$65,300 |
| Water Resources Planning | 22,756 |
| Regional Environmental Fund | 13,376 |
| I-95 Landfill Committee | 585 |
| Cooperative Purchasing | <u>1,500</u> |
| Total | \$103,517 |

Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia \$12,097

Northern Virginia Regional Commission (formerly the NVPDC) \$38,484

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission \$48,694

National and State Organizations (funded in the City memberships section of the Non-departmental budget listed on page 7-54 of the FY 2002 Proposed budget). Many of these membership costs are estimates, as the actual costs for FY 2002 are not yet known.

National League of Cities

Represents cities on the national level to Congress and the executive branch. Provides a forum to identify issues and solutions for cities. Provides research on city issues. Coordinates policy development and information sharing.

City membership \$7,350

U.S. Conference of Mayors

Represents cities (with populations above 30,000) at the national level to Congress and to the executive branch. Provides a forum to identify urban policy positions and to articulate them to policy makers. Examines and acts on issues that demand special attention, such as homelessness, AIDS and brownfield reuse.

City membership \$7,350

Virginia (and national) Innovations Group

A public-private sector organization that serves as a clearing house for technology and organizational and management improvement ideas and training. Has developed expertise in performance measurement systems and benchmarking.

City membership \$5,600

Virginia Municipal League

Represents Virginia cities on the state level to the General Assembly and to the Executive Branch. Provides a forum to identify issues and solutions for cities. Sponsors insurance pool programs. Coordinates policy development and information sharing

City membership \$26,250

Virginia Institute of Government

Provides research and training to local governments in Virginia, as well as staff support to General Assembly study matters and authorized commissions. Headquartered at the University of Virginia.

City membership \$10,000