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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2003

TO: MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

CC: CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
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EILEEN FOGARTY, PLANNING DIRECTOR

FROM: MAYOR WILLIAM D EUILLE and COUNCILMAN ROB KRUPICKA

SUBJECT: ALL CITY SPORTS FACILITY

It has been thirty-three years since TC Williams students were able to participate in what most people in this country consider a rite of passage, the Friday night high school football game. Since that time, we have seen a steady rise in the range of sports played by Alexandrians: from adult and youth soccer leagues to successful women's lacrosse and field hockey programs to baseball, softball and many other sports. Alexandria is a City where sports make up a significant portion of our leisure activity.

We believe that the time has come to formally evaluate the opportunity for an All City Sports Facility in Alexandria. This facility should have the ability to accommodate everything from Friday night football games and woman's lacrosse championships to soccer, track and other sports competitions. By creating a signature sports facility that all Alexandrians can share, we provide our youth with a venue that will encourage teamwork, dedication and focus and we provide the community with a place to gather for a common purpose.

In the recent Council retreat, we discussed our shared desire to strengthen our community, to create community-gathering places, to encourage healthy living and our desire to find opportunities to celebrate our youth. We believe that an All City Sports Facility could play a role in the accomplishment of these objectives.

An organization called Alexandrians for an All City Sports Facility has formed to promote and evaluate this concept. We ask that Council support our request that staff work with this organization to explore the type of programming such a facility could offer to meet the needs of the community and also explore the viability of various locations in Alexandria. We further request that the results of this project include recommendations for financing options that consider both public and private funding sources, including the inclusion of the Sports Facility in Alexandria's Capital Improvement Plan.

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