OLD TOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION Meeting of the Members June 14, 2006



RESOLUTION

George Mason Postal Station

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has been advised that its landlord will not renew USPS's lease for the George Mason Postal Station at 126 South Washington Street when it expires at the end of March 2007; and

WHEREAS, the unique character of the community of Old Town in Alexandria depends on the continued vitality of both its historic residential community and its vigorous commercial sector; and

WHEREAS, the George Mason Station is a valued part of the healthy mix of residential, business and service uses in Old Town's livable and walkable community; and

WHEREAS, the George Mason Station represents an essential service to both the residential and business communities of Old Town, and its loss would damage both, and indeed the entire City of Alexandria;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Old Town Civic Association urges the United States Postal Service, if at all possible, to relocated the George Mason Branch within the area bounded by Fairfax, Prince, Patrick and Cameron Streets in Old Town and, ideally, as close as possible to its present site near the intersection of King and Washington Streets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Old Town Civic Association applauds the public commitment of the City of Alexandria to render every possible assistance to the USPS in identifying alternative sites that would preserve this important asset to our community and to its small businesses, and strongly urges USPS to avail itself of that assistance in its search for a new location for the George Mason Station within the heart of Old Town Alexandria; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Old Town Civic Association recommends that the City of Alexandria officially urge, by resolution of the City Council, that the United States Postal Service, if at all possible, relocate the George Mason Branch within the area bounded by Fairfax, Prince, Patrick and Cameron Streets in Old Town and, ideally, as close as possible to its present site near the intersection of King and Washington Streets.

Adopted this 14th day of June, 2006.

Attest:

Douglas Thurman Recording Secretary