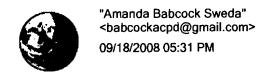
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Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities Amanda Babcock Sweda

Alexandria Waterfront Committee Charles Hamel

Alexandria Youth Policy Commission Catherine A. Lada



- To "Rose.Boyd@alexandriava.gov" <Rose.Boyd@alexandriava.gov>
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Subject Amanda Sweda's resignation

I am turning in my resignation from the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities at this time. While I think this is an important organization and I truly enjoy working with everyone on it....recent events in my life have forced me to look at my life and to look for places where I can simplify. The past several months have brought me the highest points in my life and the lowest point in my life. My marriage at the end of June was truly a magical moment and then a month and a half later in August I learned that I was pregnant - another high point. But then last week I received the news that I did not have a viable pregnancy and that I would miscarry which I did a few days later.

I have had to really wrestle with this decision about resigning. When I was pregnant, I knew that I would eventually need to resign for obvious reasons. Now tragedy has struck and Joel and I won't be starting a family in April when we expected....but hopefully this is just a temporary setback and hopefully we will have a baby in 2009 just later but I still need to resign. My work continues to be stressful and I am working on reducing that stress by resigning from certain responsibilities and positions at work. Luckily everyone at work understands that for the past two years I have done the work of 2 people which is no longer acceptable to me.....I have constant travel which is also being reduced a bit but I have missed meetings for ACPD due to travel...and I just feel like I need this time right now to heal, enjoy my first few months of marriage which have already undergone considerable highs and lows in such a short time due to our loss. It is just not possible for me to devote the time and energy to ACPD right now. I love this organization and the work and the people involved with it but I need take care of my health and my ability to have a baby in the future.

I hope that everyone will understand. I think that is what I worry about - that some members will be disappointed with me. I also want to take this time to personally thank Chuck as he has done a wonderful job filling in for me throughout my tenure as the Vice-Chair and lately I have relied on him quite a bit.

I wish everyone the best of health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Amanda Babcock Sweda



"Valerie lanieri" <vianieri@vipconsults.com>

10/02/2008 05:15 PM

Please respond to <vianieri@vipconsults.com> To <kay.mendenhall@alexandriava.gov>

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Subject RE: Charles Hamel

Kay - Chuck Hamel is being replaced by Christine because he is no longer able to serve due to health reasons.

Christine Bernstein is a long time resident of Old Town and a community leader. She has been VP of Founders Park Community association for several years.

----Original Message----

From: kay.mendenhall@alexandriava.gov [mailto:kay.mendenhall@alexandriava.gov] Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2008 3:14 PM

To: vianieri@vipconsults.com

Subject: Charles Hamel

Ms. Ianieri, I received an application for Christine Bernstein as the representative from Founders Park on the Waterfront Committee. I still have Mr. Hamel as Founders Park representative and his term does not expired until 12/11/09. Is Mr. Hamel resigning or being replaced? I know either he or his wife had health problems. Can you provide me with a statement regarding this? Also, a statement endorsing Ms. Bernstein for the slot if that is the case. Thank you. Kay Mendenhall

September 30, 2008

Dear Mayor Euille,

I have enjoyed working with you and the other members of the Youth Policy Commission (YPC) to evaluate the youth survey and applaud the City's efforts to have a YPC task force retreat to better be able to understand the results and apply them to the planning for future City services – new or revamped.

It is with great regret that I must submit my resignation to the YPC. The YPC has taken on an ambitious – and much-needed mission, and I know that I am not going to be able to devote the time and energy needed to be a productive part of the team in fulfilling that mission in the coming 12-18 months.

I anticipate that at some time in the future I will be able to devote a much more significant and appropriate block of time to help the City move its objectives forward while incorporating input from its citizens, in this and possibly other areas.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Lada

Catherine A. Lada



## Ron Frazier/Alex 10/01/2008 12:53 PM

To Kay Mendenhall/Alex@Alex

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Subject Fw: YPC Oct 1 Meeting Agenda

See the attached resignation letter from the Youth Policy Commission for Catherine Lada. Thanks.

Ronald H. Frazier Director, Office of Youth Services City of Alexandria, VA (703) 838-0992 Office (703) 836-2355 Fax

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"Cathy Lada" <cathylada@gmail.com> 10/01/2008 12:17 AM

To Ron.Frazier@alexandriava.gov

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Subject Re: YPC Oct 1 Meeting Agenda

Ron, as discussed, please find my resignation letter attachedl.

On Tue, Sep 30, 2008 at 7:29 PM, <<u>Ron.Frazier@alexandriava.gov</u>> wrote:

As you are aware, the next meeting of the Youth Policy Commission is Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at City Hall, in the City Council Workroom. The agenda is attached for your review.

Cheers,

Cathy Lada 2008 President, Alexandria Jaycees <u>cathylada@gmail.com</u> (571) 236-1143

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