


City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMEBRS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP FROM PUBLIC HEARING ON REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ISSUE: Receipt of staff report on comments received during the October 18 public hearing on the Report from the Committee on Boards and Commissions.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council receive the report and decide which of the Council Committee on Boards and Commissions' original recommendations and suggestions listed below from the public hearing it wishes to adopt. (See Attachment 1 for list of all recommendations)

DISCUSSION: There were four speakers during the public hearing on the Committee Report. Three of the speakers spoke in opposition to term limits for members who serve on boards and commissions. The fourth speaker spoke about duplication of effort in some groups (not specified) and the "conflict" of Council members serving on advisory groups.

After the public hearing was closed, several Council members noted that proposed term limits are a best practice issue and are not designed to be punitive in any manner. A summary of the Council comments and requests follow.

- Need for more transparency in board and commission operations (addressed in the City's Legislative Package);
- Need for an articulated policy on term limits (proposed in the City's Legislative Package);
- Add a sentence to the letter notifying incumbents of term expirations that encourages them to look for other opportunities to serve;
- Request that each advisory group develop a strong recruiting mechanism to attract the best candidates for board and commission vacancies;
- Request each group to develop a leadership plan and make that plan and the recruitment plan a required element of their annual report; and
- Limit the number of task forces that one person can serve on.

In a November 21 letter (Attachment 2) to the Council, the Human Rights Commission expressed concern about the unintended consequences of term limits. The letter notes "while the

Commission is not necessarily opposed to a limitation of the length of continuous citizen service on a City board or commission, it does feel that a compelling rationale has not as yet been presented...and the Council already possesses ample authority to limit terms.”

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Chart Listing Recommendations and Suggestions
2. Docket Item #35 from the June 24 City Council meeting
3. November 21, 2008 Letter from JoAnn Maldonado, Chair, Human Rights Commission

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM REPORT AND PUBLIC HEARING		
REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	ACCEPT	REJECT
1. Modify reference session of Personal Data Form to include list of names and addresses of four references that applicant has contacted and support their application		
2. Codify all standing committees created via resolution or docket item and task forces that have become ongoing groups		
3. Require annual reports to be submitted that include a statement of specific goals for the coming year and submit report with Annual Attendance Report		
4. Do not change the current residency waiver policy		
5. Unopposed non-resident incumbents and staff in designated position appointments should be docketed as uncontested appointments.		Council requested staff during the public hearing to docket all requests for residency waivers as a contested appointment. No further action is needed on this recommendation.
6. Groups that meet on a monthly basis should determine whether they can meet on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis		
7. Abolish the following groups that have completed their tasks (Ad Hoc Task Force to Review New Police Facility Sites, Ad Hoc Transportation Policy and Program Task Force, Potomac Yard Fire Station and Affordable Housing Task Force, and Transportation Safety Commission)		
8. Expand the role of the Beautification Commission to deal with beautification of City portals and tie this effort to the City's overall marketing efforts		

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Attachment 1

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM REPORT AND PUBLIC HEARING

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	ACCEPT	REJECT
<p>9. Rewrite the mission statement of the IT Commission to reflect 21st century technology with the City using the group as sounding board. IT Comm. To discuss whether and to what extent telecommunications issues and complaints stay with the IT Comm. or be transferred to Consumer Affairs Commission. IT Comm. Agrees with recommendation that its mission statement should be updated and recommends the responsibility for reviewing telecommunication (including cable) subscriber complaints be retained by the Office of Citizen Assistance without additional review by a board or commission. The Consumer Affairs Comm. Indicated they are willing to accept any additional responsibilities assigned by the City Council.</p>		
<p>10. Restructure the membership of the Commission on HIV/AIDS by broadening the positions and reducing its size. The Commission's response noted that it reviewed its membership in 2007 and selected four seats for removal and one seat was broadened. These changes were approved by the City Council in June 2007 but have not been codified as requested. The Commission feels that the remaining designated seats are valuable and should remain.</p>		
<p>11. Fair Housing Testing Program Advisory Committee and Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) should be combined for better efficiency of operations. AHAC decided that the group's mission was not a "good fit" with AHAC's mission and that the Human Rights Commission is better suited to handle any required oversight of the fair housing testing program. The Human Rights Commission is willing to assume responsibility for the functions of the Fair Housing Testing Program Advisory Committee.</p>		
<p>12. Unless specified by federal, state or City legislation, after serving</p>		

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10 consecutive years on any board, commission or committee, at the expiration of the current term, the incumbent would not be eligible for immediate reappointment to that group, but can apply for the next vacancy. Incumbents as of the effective date of the ordinance would be eligible for at least one more consecutive term. Limitation would not apply to policy-making and/or regulatory authority.		
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING	ACCEPT	REJECT
1. Need for more transparency in board and commission operations	Addressed in the City's Legislative Package	
2. Need for an articulated policy on term limits	Proposed in Legislative Package	
3. Add a sentence to the letter notifying incumbents of term expirations that encourages them to look for other opportunities to serve		
4. Request that each advisory group develop a strong recruiting mechanism to attract the best candidates for board and commission vacancies		
5. Request each group to develop leadership plan and make that plan and the recruitment plan a required element of their annual report		
6. Limit the number of task forces that one person can serve on		

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EXHIBIT NO. 1


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6-24-08

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 19, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ISSUE: Receipt of the Report from the Committee on Boards and Commissions.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council receive the report and request the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions to distribute the docket item to all boards and commissions for review and comment.

BACKGROUND: In January, Council established a committee to review the City's general requirements for board and commission appointments, term limits, and determine whether efficiencies could be made by combining groups with similar mission statements and sunsetting those whose mission had been completed (Attachment 1). At the February 12 meeting, Council asked the Committee to also review the residency waiver policy for board and commission appointments. The Committee members are Vice Mayor Redella S. Pepper, Council Member Timothy B. Lovain, Deputy City Manager Michele Evans, and Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions Rose Williams Boyd.

DISCUSSION: The Committee's recommendations follow.

Proposed Recommendations of a General Nature:

1. References Section on the Personal Data Form completed by all applications for appointment to a board or commission should be amended to read:

"Please list names and addresses of four references that you have contacted, know your qualifications for the position, and support your application." Copy of current form is attached (Attachment 2).

Rationale: This addresses the concern that several persons listed as references in the past were unaware of the fact that they had been listed as a reference and did not necessarily support the appointment of the applicant.

2. Codify all standing committees created via resolution or docket item and task forces that have become ongoing groups. These groups are listed below.

- Gang Prevention Community Task Force
- Beautification Commission
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Park and Recreation Commission

Rationale: Section 2-4-4 (a) of the City Code requires that all standing committees be established by City ordinance.

3. Require annual reports to be submitted, that include a statement of specific goals for the coming year, since the City Code requires such a report, at the time the Annual Attendance Reports are due to ensure that every group submits.

Rationale: The submission of annual reports by boards and commissions will allow the City Council to review the activities of the groups and determine whether they can be sunset or are duplicating the efforts of another group.

4. The Committee does not recommend a change to the current residency waiver policy at this time.

Rationale: Many business owners/managers and others involved in City activities do not reside in Alexandria. All initial appointments involving non-residents will be docketed as a contested appointment, and Council can decide whether it wishes to grant a residency waiver.

5. Unopposed non-resident incumbents and City staff in designated position appointments should be docketed as uncontested appointments.

Rationale: Once Council has granted a residency waiver, there is an assumption that the waiver will be granted on subsequent occasions for incumbents. Many City employees are appointed based on federal/state/local statutory requirements and must be appointed to the position.

6. Groups that meet on a monthly basis should determine whether they can meet on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis.

Rationale: This will eliminate unnecessary meetings and decrease the amount of staff time devoted to board and commission meetings.

Boards, Commissions and Committees Mission Review Recommendations:

1. Groups that have completed their tasks and can be abolished
 - Ad Hoc Task Force to Review New Police Facility Sites
 - Ad Hoc Transportation Policy and Program Task Force

- Potomac Yard Fire Station and Affordable Housing Task Force
- Transportation Safety Commission

2. Groups that need to be studied further before a decision can be made

- Beautification Commission – The Committee recommends that the role of this group be expanded to deal with the beautification of City portals and tie this effort in to the City’s overall marketing efforts.
- Commission on Information Technology – Committee recommends that the mission statement of the group be rewritten to reflect 21st century technology with the City using this group as a sounding board for new technologies. The Committee also recommends that the IT Commission discuss whether and to what extent telecommunications issues and complaints stay with the IT Commission or be transferred to the Consumer Affairs Commission. The IT Commission’s recommendation(s) should be reviewed by the Consumer Affairs Commission before submission to the City Council.
- Alexandria Economic Development Partnership Board - The Economic Sustainability Report recommends that no City Council member or staff person should serve on the AEDP Board. AEDP is reviewing its structure and will be reporting to the Council in the fall.
- Commission on HIV/AIDS - The membership of this group should be restructured by broadening the positions (it appears that there are too many designated positions that are currently unfilled) and reducing its size.
- Fair Housing Testing Program Advisory Committee and Affordable Housing Advisory Committee should be combined for better efficiency of operations.

Term Limits:

- The Committee recommends that unless specified by federal, state or City legislation, after serving 10 consecutive years on any board, commission or committee, at the expiration of the current term, the incumbent would not be eligible for immediate reappointment to that group, but can apply for the next vacancy. Any incumbents as of the effective date of the ordinance would be eligible for at least one more consecutive term. This limitation would not apply to the groups listed below or to organizational designees in designated positions, elected officials and their designees, and City staff.

The following groups have policy-making and/or regulatory authority and the Committee and the City Attorney will study whether there are legal obstacles to imposing term limits on these groups.

1. Planning Commission
2. Board of Architectural Review (both panels)
3. Board of Real Estate Assessments
4. Board of Zoning Appeals
5. Community Services Board (already has term limits)
6. Sanitation Authority
7. Building Code Board of Appeals

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1. Listing of All Boards and Commissions
Attachment 2. Personal Data Form

STAFF:

Rose Williams Boyd, Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions
Michele Evans, Deputy City Manager

City of Alexandria
Boards, Commissions and Committees

Name of Board & Mission Statement	Date Established	How Established	Number of Members	Principal Staff Person	Required by Legislation or Program Mandate*
Ad Hoc Task Force to Review New Police Facility Sites The Task Force will review the two potential sites for the new Police Department facility and any other sites that have not already been reviewed, and make recommendations to City Council.	6/22/04	Resolution 2110	6	Michele Evans, City Manager's Office	No
Ad Hoc Transportation Policy and Program Task Force The Task Force's function is to guide and facilitate preparation of an updated and revised transportation element of the City Master Plan and completion of other components of the City's Comprehensive Transportation Policy and Program project.	5/12/04	Resolution 2106	7	Rich Baier, Department of T&ES	No
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee The Committee advises City Council on issues regarding the maintenance and promotion of affordable housing, makes recommendations for policies governing the expenditures of the City's Housing Trust Fund monies, and oversees the administration of the Trust Fund.	2/20/93	Docket Item	17	Mildrilyn Davis, Office of Housing	No
Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force The Task Force will receive briefings on the status of gang suppression, prevention and intervention programs and activities in the City and assist in informing and educating the community about the gang suppression, prevention and intervention programs and activities.	12/14/04	Resolution 2128	17	Michael Mackey, Court Service Office	No
Alexandria Housing Development Corporation Board of Directors The mission of the organization is to produce and preserve affordable housing, primarily, but not limited to, multi-family rental housing.	6/28/05	Docket Item	8	Mildrilyn Davis, Office of Housing	No

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Name of Board & Mission Statement	Date Established	How Established	Number of Members	Principal Staff Person	Required by Legislation or Program Mandate*
Alexandria Marketing Committee The purpose of the Committee is to foster public/private cooperation and coordination among multiple businesses and organizations to promote Alexandria as a destination for visiting, shopping, dining, and doing business; to leverage public dollars with private investment, and to bring increased revenues to the City. The Committee shall administer the marketing fund established by City Council and may make grants from such monies as may be available therein.	10/13/07	Ordinance 4500	7	Jeanne Bonds, City Manager's Office	No
Alexandria Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force The Task Force will assess construction impacts associated with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project and advocate mitigation efforts on behalf of the affected neighborhoods and residents.	6/27/00	Resolution 1976	12	Rich Baier, Department of T&ES	No
Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee The Committee is responsible for coordinating projects and facilitating the sister city relationship between the Cities of Alexandria and Caen, France.	11/13/90	Docket Memo	17	Rose Boyd, Citizen Assistance Office	No
Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee The Committee was established to identify Alexandria organizations and citizens in the private sector that can assist Gyumri (formerly Leninakan) reconstruction efforts. The Committee also coordinates and implements the exchange programs pursuant to the sister city agreement between the Cities of Alexandria and Gyumri, Armenia	3/27/90	Resolution 1445	18	Rose Boyd, Citizen Assistance Office	No

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Archaeological Commission The Archaeological Commission is responsible for the archaeology of all prehistoric and historic sites in the City. It establishes goals and priorities for the City's programs; and acquires, preserves, and displays all the artifacts found. It works with federal, state and local governments, private foundations, citizens, area schools and colleges.	2/25/75	Resolution 371	12	Pamela Cressey, Office of Historic Alexandria	No
Architectural Review - Old and Historic District Panel The Board of Architectural Review - Old and Historic District Panel passes on the appropriateness of changes to exterior architectural features of buildings and signs subject to public view within the Old and Historic District. It also controls demolition of all structures in the District. Architectural Review - Parker-Gray District Panel The Board of Architectural Review - Parker-Gray District Panel passes on the appropriateness of changes to exterior architectural features of buildings and signs subject to public view within the Parker-Gray District. It also controls demolition of all structures in the District.	10/19/48 11/16/85	Ordinance 556 Ordinance 3093	7 7	Lee Webb, Department of Planning and Zoning Lee Webb, Department of Planning and Zoning	No No
Beautification Commission The Beautification Commission represents citizens' values in City beautification matters and coordinates projects to encourage and achieve beautification. The Commission sponsors the Alexandria Beautification Commission Awards each year.	9/13/66	Resolution	12	Judy Lo, Department of Recreation	No
Board of Zoning Appeals The Board of Zoning Appeals hears and decides appeals requesting variance from provisions of the Zoning Code.	2/27/48	Ordinance 528	5	Peter Leiberg, Department of Planning and Zoning	Yes

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Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee The Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee advises and supports the City Council by examining the City's budget procedures and processes; and recommends ways of improving that process, including participation by the public.	7/2/85	Resolution 1129	13	Eric Eisenger, Office of Management and Budget	No
Building Code Board of Appeals The Building Code Board of Appeals hears appeals concerning building and mechanical inspections, decisions, both in matters of interpretation of the code and granting modifications to the code.	6/14/80	Ordinance 2489	5	John Catlett, Fire/Code Enforcement Bureau	No
Carr/Norfolk Southern (Carlyle) Design Review Board The Board will review the architectural proposals for buildings within the project area and approve the final design of each building to be constructed on the blocks or portions thereof. They may also approve minor changes sought by applicant to the design guidelines applicable to the blocks or portions thereof.	5/22/90	Docket Memo	5	Rich Josephson, Department of Planning and Zoning	No
Citizen Corps Council The Citizen Corps Council is responsible for creating opportunities for individuals to volunteer to help their communities prepare for and respond to emergencies by bringing together local leaders, citizen volunteers and the network of first responder organizations, such as public safety departments, EMS, Health, and Transportation and Environmental Services. The Citizen Corps Council will also encourage Alexandrians to prepare their families, their neighborhoods, and their communities and offer, where appropriate, assistance to the emergency response agencies.	3/12/05	Ordinance 4382	15	Kim Purcell, Fire/Code Enforcement Bureau	No

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COG Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee The COG Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee is to recommend, advocate and coordinate Bay Program policy on behalf of the membership. In particular, the Committee is charged with developing and coordinating a means for local governments in the region to influence the development of future Bay Program policies.			1		N/A
COG Environment and Public Works Directors Committee The Committee addresses wastewater, drinking water, recycling and solid waste, pollution prevention, energy management and certain air quality and non-point source management issues.			1		N/A
COG Metropolitan Development Policy Committee	2/12/91	Council Action	1		N/A
Commission for the Arts The Commission for the Arts supports the development and expansion of the arts in Alexandria and serves as an advisory body. The Commission serves as the single funding source for all activities concerning the arts which are not conducted as part of a regularly scheduled City program. It seeks national, state and private support on behalf of the arts in Alexandria.	9/11/84	Resolution 1038	15	Cheryl Anne Colton, Department of Recreation	No
Commission for Women The Commission for Women provides guidance and advise to eliminate discrimination because of sex; encourages equal opportunity for women in employment, recreational opportunities and facilities, health services, housing, education, government, community services and credit; recommends legislation and policy changes; receives complaints of discrimination; and conducts educational programs.	6/27/74	Ordinance 1959	15	Lisa Baker, Office on Women	No

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Commission on Aging The Commission on Aging serves as the principal advocate for issues relating to aging and promotes the implementation of the Older Americans Act and other age-pertinent laws and policies in Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Commission advances programs and services that address the needs of older Alexandrians, especially for (but not exclusively) low-income citizens.	9/27/71	Resolution 62	21	Debbie Luddington, Department of Human Services	Yes
Commission on Employment The Commission on Employment is responsible for developing a City-wide plan for employment services that reflects the goals of linking existing City employment and training programs with employment and training programs operated by the City school system and with the economic development program operated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with City Council.	1/12/82	Resolution 832	13	Dennis McKinney, Department of Human Services	Yes
Commission on HIV/AIDS The Commission advises City Council in the formulation and implementation of public policy on the treatment of AIDS and prevention of the spread of HIV, promotes citizen participation in the formulation of such policy, provides Council and the public with current information regarding AIDS and HIV, and promotes educational programs on AIDS/HIV awareness, treatment and prevention.	5/13/00	Ordinance 4134	27	Nechelle Terrell, Health Department	No

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Commission on Information Technology The Commission will review annually the City Manager's proposed information technology plan and make recommendations to and advise the City government in the formulation and implementation of information and telecommunications policy, and promote citizen participation in the formulation of such policy.	10/25/97	Ordinance 3953	15	Mark Jinks, City Manager's Office Rose Boyd, Citizen Assistance Office	No
Commission on Persons With Disabilities The Commission on Persons With Disabilities researches programs and legislation relating to the physically and mentally handicapped; and advises City Council and members of the community about these programs and laws. It also serves as a forum for the disabled.	11/9/82	Resolution 907	17	Mike Hatfield, Office of Human Rights	Yes
Community Criminal Justice Board The Community Criminal Justice Board will provide for the purchase, development and operation of community programs, services and facilities for use by the courts in diverting offenders from local correctional facility placements; assist community agencies and organizations in establishing and modifying programs and services for offenders based on local needs and resources; monitor and evaluate community programs, services and facilities to determine their impact on local offenders; and develop and amend a community corrections plan for the city based on Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services guidelines and standards.	9/16/95	Ordinance 3821	19	David Ward, Office of Sheriff	Yes

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Community Policy and Management Team The Community Policy and Management Team is responsible for managing the cooperative effort to serve the needs of troubled and at-risk youths and their families, and to maximize the use of state and city resources that are designated for this purpose in the City.	11/14/92	Ordinance 3601	10	Dawnel White, Department of Human Services	Yes
Community Services Board The Community Services Board has responsibility for policy and budget direction, project development, and program oversight for all mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services. The Board is also charged with the responsibility for the development and implementation of a human rights policy for local programs providing services to the mentally ill, mentally retarded and substance abusers.	3/25/69	Ordinance 1556	16	Will Thompson, Dept. of MHMR&SA	Yes
Consumer Affairs Commission The Consumer Affairs Commission reviews and analyzes consumer protection policies and regulations and makes recommendations to appropriate agencies for improved consumer relations.	1/22/74	Resolution 282	11	Jacqueline Levy, Consumer Affairs Office	No
Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors The Convention and Visitors Association will promote the facilities, restaurants, attractions, retail businesses and event of the City in order to maximize tax revenues and to share the unique heritage of the City with visitors. Members of the ACVA Board of Governors must be members of the Convention and Visitors Association.	10/23/62	Resolution	15	Stephanie Brown, ACVA	No

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District Home Board The District Home Board is responsible for overseeing the operation of two homes for individuals who are aged, infirmed and indigent. The homes, which are located in Manassas and Warrenton, take individuals who are referred by social service agencies from five Northern Virginia jurisdictions.	2/15/26	Resolution	2		Yes
Early Childhood Commission The Early Childhood Commission is responsible for developing an early childhood development plan for the City that includes funding recommendations; monitoring the coordination of activities required to implement the plan; and preparing annual reports on the status of early childhood development programs in the City.	9/16/89	Ordinance 3399	25	Carol Farrell, Department of Human Services Cathy David, City Public Schools	No
Eisenhower East Design Review Board The purpose of the Eisenhower East Design Review Board is to review applications under the ordinance, within CDD No. 2 (Eisenhower Avenue Metro) and CDD No 11 (South Carlyle), and for properties in CDD No 1 (Duke Street) on which development is governed by any special use permit which authorizes or requires design review by the Carr/Norfolk Southern (Carlyle) Design Review Board.	4/22/06	Ordinance 4442	5	Faroll Hamer, Department of Planning and Zoning	No
Emergency Medical Services Council The Emergency Medical Services Council will advise City Council with respect to the provision of training to emergency rescue technicians, the acquisition of therapeutic and record-keeping equipment, the provision of a medical communications network, applications to various grant sources, disaster planning, and such other matters as the City Council may refer to the Council.	11/27/73	Resolution 262	16	Vince Whitmore, Fire Department	No

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Environmental Policy Commission The Environmental Policy Commission studies and makes recommendations on the environmental impact of various projects and program initiatives in the City of Alexandria.	1/13/70	Resolution	13	Bill Skrabak, Department of T&ES	No
Fair Housing Testing Program Advisory Committee The Fair Housing Testing Program Advisory Committee works with the City staff to formulate a Fair Housing policy and establish program guidelines to implement the policy.	6/23/87	Docket Memo	13	Mildrilyn Davis, Office of Housing	No
George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee The George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee is responsible for the planning and carrying out of the City's annual George Washington Birthday celebration.	1/8/74	Council Action/Oral	19	Kirk Kincannon, Department of Recreation	No
Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia The Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia Board of Directors is responsible for health planning and resources development in the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William, and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park. HSA was established for the purpose of restraining health care cost increases, preventing unnecessary duplication of services, and promoting needed services.	May 1976		3		N/A
Historic Alexandria Resources Commission The Historic Alexandria Resources Commission advises the City in the preservation of historic sites and buildings, artifacts, and records from loss or deterioration; and promotes citizen and tourist use of historic sites and the Torpedo Factory Art Center.	6/22/82	Ordinance 2708	26	Lance Mallamo, Office of Historic Alexandria	No

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Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission The Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission was empowered by the Virginia General Assembly in 1962 to preserve historic architecture in the City.	6/28/66	Ordinance 1391	9	Lance Mallamo, Office of Historic Alexandria	Yes
Industrial Development Authority The Industrial Development Authority promotes industry and develops trade by encouraging manufacturing, industrial, government and commercial enterprises to locate or remain in the City.	9/8/70	Ordinance 1671	7	Mark Jinks, City Manager's Office	Yes
Juvenile Detention Commission The Juvenile Detention Commission was established to implement the findings and recommendations of the Ward Report in order to provide the best methods for temporary detention care for delinquent children.	7/30/56	Joint Resolution	2		Yes
Landlord-Tenant Relations Board The Landlord-Tenant Relations Board conciliates landlord-tenant complaints, and recommends and reports to City Council on legislation and policy in landlord-tenant relations.	10/26/71	Ordinance 1726	9	Melodie Baron, Office of Housing	No
Law Library Board of Directors The Law Library Board maintains and operates a law library for the education and benefit of its members, the judiciary, local governmental bodies and staff, the Legal Aid Society, and practicing attorneys residing in the City. The Board also acquires, protects, and maintains books, journals, treatises, and periodicals which are necessary and related to the law.	6/17/80		9	Christine Hall, Law Library	Yes

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Library Board The Library Board is an independent board which oversees library services in the City.	7/15/46	Legal Agreement	7	Rose Dawson, Library	Yes
Local Emergency Planning Committee The Local Emergency Planning Committee is responsible for devising and distributing emergency plans aimed at addressing chemical hazards; completing emergency plans which includes an identification of facilities subject to SARA requirements; a listing of methods and procedures to respond to a release of hazardous chemicals; the appointment of community and facility emergency coordinators; procedures of notification of hazardous chemicals release; an outline of the methods for determining the occurrence of a release and the sites and populations affected; a description of the facilities within the community and their emergency equipment; evacuation plans; training programs and alternative traffic routes to prepare for an emergency response; and responding to citizen requests for information.	2/9/88	Docket Memo	10	Charles McRorie, Fire Department	Yes
Marketing Coordinating Council The purpose of the Council is to foster public/private cooperation and coordination among multiple businesses and organizations to promote Alexandria as a destination for visiting, shopping, dining and doing business; to leverage public dollars with private investment, and to bring increased revenues to the City. The Council shall advise applicants for marketing fund grants; advise the City Council, in consultation with the members of the Alexandria Marketing Committee, as to the marketing fund guidelines; advise the Marketing Committee as to grant applications, and nominate members of the Marketing Committee.	10/13/07	Ordinance 4500			No

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<p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee The Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee will prepare a request for proposal for a memorial to Dr. King that meets the criteria, objectives, and/or principles established by the Committee; review and obtain public input on the submissions in response to the RFP in accord with the City's public art policy, and select and recommend to City Council one of the memorial designs for placement in Market Square; and raise funds for the design, production and placement of the memorial and the interactive display at the Black History Resource Center.</p>	10/9/01	Docket Memo	15	Rose Boyd, Citizen Assistance Office	No
<p>Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments works toward solutions for regional problems such as growth, transportation, affordable housing, air pollution, water supply, water quality, economic development and crime. It serves as a regional planning organization for the 16 area governments which are members.</p>			1		N/A
<p>Northern Virginia Community College Board The Northern Virginia Community College Board provides policy direction for the college. The Board serves as a communication channel between the college and the nine local political subdivisions in the Northern Virginia area. The Board provides policy direction in the areas of curriculum, community services, facilities, auxiliary enterprises, and budgets. The Board is advisory to the State Board for Community Colleges.</p>			1		N/A

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Northern Virginia Regional Commission The Northern Virginia Regional Commission promotes the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social and economic elements of the District. The Commission may plan, encourage and assist local governments to plan for the future improvement of the district.			3		N/A
Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority The Park Authority works to acquire, develop, operate and preserve the regional parks of Northern Virginia. It represents three counties and three cities in Northern Virginia—Fairfax County, Arlington County, Loudoun County, and the Cities of Falls Church, Fairfax and Alexandria.			2		N/A
Northern Virginia Transportation Commission The Commission coordinates all public mass transit services within the Northern Virginia Transportation District and encourages the fair and effective operation of transit services. The Commission also develops a plan for the integrated provision of improved transportation services while maintaining an effective transportation systems management capacity. Both federal and state transit assistance is received and allocated by the Commission.			2	Jim Maslanka, Department of T&ES	N/A
Ocoquan Basin Committee The Ocoquan Basin Committee is responsible for working out agreements concerning nonpoint pollution among all the jurisdictions which drain into or use water from the Ocoquan River.			2	Rich Baier, Department of T&ES	Yes

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Park and Recreation Commission The Park and Recreation Commission advises City Council on all matters relating to parkland, recreation, and culture; and participates in planning recreational activities and services through its advice to Council and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. The Commission also sponsors an awards program for service to the community.	6/5/62	Resolution	11	William Chesley, Department of Recreation	No
Planning Commission The Planning Commission prepares and adopts a master plan for the City, including a comprehensive zoning plan providing for the regulation and restriction of the land, buildings and structures in the respective zones.	1958	City Charter	7	Farroll Hamer, Department of Planning and Zoning	Yes
Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee The Committee will review applications for preliminary development plan approvals for compliance with the Potomac Yard Urban Design Guidelines, and make recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council for their consideration.	12/18/04	Ordinance 4370	9	Rich Josephson, Department of Planning and Zoning	No
Potomac Yard Fire Station & Affordable Housing Task Force The Task Force will determine the pros and cons of relocating the fire suppression units from Fire Station 202 in Del Ray to the new Potomac Yard development and the concept of including affordable housing in the building. They will solicit public input from the community about the relocation of the fire suppression unit and establishment of affordable housing units on the same site and report back to the Planning Commission and City Council with their findings and recommendations.	6/13/06	Resolution 2188	11	John North, Fire Department	No

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Public Health Advisory Commission The Public Health Advisory Commission provides information about and evaluation of health-related matters and investigates specific health problems.	6/24/75	Resolution 401	13	Dean Bryant, Health Department	No
Public Records Advisory Commission The Commission provides advice and guidance to the City Records Administrator on records management matters and implementation of the records program in the City. The Commission is composed of professional archivists, records managers, historians, research specialist, and citizens.	2/25/75	Ordinance 2004	7	Jackie Cohan, Office of Historic Alexandria	No
Real Estate Assessments Review Board The Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments shall have and may exercise the power to revise, correct and amend any assessments of real estate made by the City Assessor.	1956	City Charter	5	Cynthia Smith-Page, Office of Real Estate Assessments	Yes
Redevelopment and Housing Authority The Redevelopment and Housing Authority provides public housing for lower-income families in accordance with state and federal statutes and regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A political subdivision of the State of Virginia, ARHA does not receive any City funding; however, its nine Commissioners are appointed by the City Council.	1950	Code of VA Sec. 36-11	9	Roy Priest, ARHA	Yes
Regional Sanitary Advisory Board			1		N/A

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Sanitation Authority The Sanitation Authority was created under the Virginia Water and Sewer Authority Act and is responsible for raising its own funds by selling revenue bonds and charging users for service. Its purpose is to treat sewage waste from the City and its responsibilities include construction, operation, maintenance and improvement of the sewage system. The system serves Alexandria and some neighboring areas of Fairfax County.	12/20/52	Ordinance 7600	5	Rich Baier, Department of T&ES	Yes
Sister Cities Committee The Sister Cities Committee develops, encourages and promotes educational and cultural exchanges between the Cities of Dundee, Scotland; Helsingborg, Sweden; Caen, France; Gyumri, Armenia and the City of Alexandria; and coordinates activities within the City relating to these exchanges.	4/12/66	Ordinance 1378	17	Rose Boyd, Citizen Assistance Office	Yes
Smoke Control Appeal Board The Smoke Control Appeal Board exists to hear appeals from decisions made under the Smoke Control Section of the City Code.			2		N/A
Social Services Advisory Board The Social Services Advisory Board interests itself in all matters pertaining to the social welfare of the people of the City, monitors the formulation and implementation of social welfare programs in the City, and advises City officials on public welfare and day care issues.	9/22/81	Ordinance 2615	13	Suzanne Chis, Department of Human Services	Yes

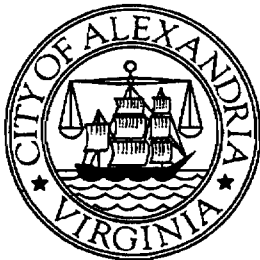
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Traffic and Parking Board The Traffic and Parking Board investigates, studies and analyzes traffic and parking problems within the City; devises plans, methods and means to control and relieve parking and traffic congestion; and has jurisdiction over taxicabs and their owners/operators.	2/23/54	Ordinance 812	7	Robert Garbacz, Department of T&ES	No
Transportation Safety Commission The Transportation Safety Commission is responsible for recommending plans to formulate a transportation safety program for the City and conducting periodic reviews of its impact.	11/12/68	Ordinance 1515	10	Robert Garbacz, Department of T&ES	No
Urban Design Advisory Committee The Urban Design Advisory Committee reviews site plan applications and special use permits for compliance with the Old Town North urban design guidelines.	1992	Zoning Code Sec. 6-500	5	Rich Josephson, Department of Planning and Zoning	
USS Alexandria Liaison Committee The Committee is responsible for maintaining a strong long-term relationship between the crew and families of the USS Alexandria and the citizens of Alexandria, including but not limited to sponsorship of visits to Alexandria by the crew and their families; and providing on-going financial support to the submarine's crew.	1/25/92	Ordinance 3556	5		No

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Virginia Paving Community Liaison Committee The functions of the Committee will include receiving progress and compliance reports on a variety of issues involving Virginia Paving and assisting in the dissemination of timely and accurate information to a wider stakeholder community.	11/28/06	Special Use Permit	11	Rich Josephson, Department of Planning and Zoning	No
Waterfront Committee The Waterfront Committee was established to study the issues relating to the Alexandria Waterfront and make recommendations to City Council.	5/23/89	Ordinance 3382	15	Roger Blakeley, Department of Recreation	No
Youth Policy Commission The Youth Policy Commission will submit an annual report on the Commission's vision for youth and make recommendations to City Council on youth-related issues and on City policy for youth; analyze the outcome of youth programs and services measured against indicators of youth well-being; make recommendations regarding City funding for youth programs and services; and coordinate responses from and among appropriate City and non-City organizations to emerging and existing issues affecting the City's youth. This Commission is also designated and authorized to act as the City's Youth Services Citizen Board.	6/26/79	Resolution 695	21	Ron Frazier, Department of Human Services	Yes

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CITY OF *Alexandria* VIRGINIA

PERSONAL DATA RECORD FORM FOR APPLICANTS TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND AUTHORITIES

All appointments to City Boards and Commissions are made by the City Council through the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions. Please complete this application in its entirety, return it to the Office of Citizen Assistance, and your application will be forwarded to the City Council. Please fill in all applicable blanks on the form. If additional space is needed to answer any of the questions, add the necessary pages to this form. Incomplete applications will not be forwarded to City Council. All applicants are encouraged to contact the Council members and introduce themselves.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN OR PRINTED VERY CLEARLY WITH A BLACK FELT PEN.

Name of Board, Commission, Committee or Authority _____ Type of Position _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: _____
(Zip)

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Do you now live in the City of Alexandria? Yes No If yes, how long? _____

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Statement of Interest/Why You Should Be Appointed (attach additional pages): _____

Have you applied for a position on a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority in the last six months? Yes No

If yes, please state the names of the boards for which you have applied:

Are you currently a member of a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority? Yes No

If yes, please list the board: _____

How many terms have you served on this board? _____

If you have served more than two consecutive terms on this board, please state the specific qualifications you possess which merit consideration for continued service:

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria? Yes No

If yes, please state your department, job title, and describe your duties:

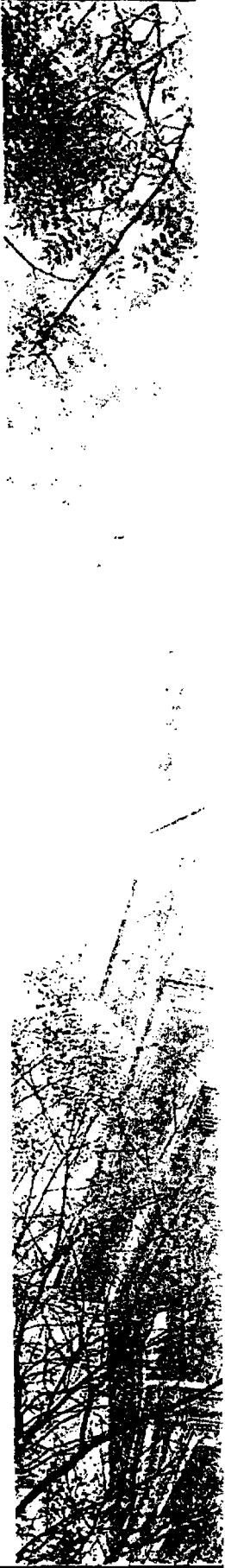
Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: Sec. 2-4-7 of the City Code requires appointees to attend at least 75% of the yearly committee meetings. Absences may be excused because of personal illness or serious illness of members of the immediate family, death of a family member, unscheduled or unforeseen business trips, and emergency work assignments only. All other absences are recorded as unexcused.

In light of the above, will you be able to attend at least 75% of the regular meetings of the board to which you may be appointed? Yes No

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867? Yes No



EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):

REFERENCES (Please list names and addresses of four references):

I, THE UNDERSIGNED APPLICANT, CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Signature of Applicant

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Date

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Applicants for the PLANNING COMMISSION and BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, please complete the following question:

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No

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Applicants for the BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW, please complete the following question:

Have you been a resident of the City of Alexandria for at least one year? Yes No

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Applicants for the BOARD OF REVIEW OF REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS, please complete the following question:

Do you own real property in the City of Alexandria? Yes No

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Applicants for the BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, please complete the following questions:

Are you a resident of and residing in the City of Alexandria and will continue to do so during the term of appointment? Yes No

Are you an officer or director of any organization that receives appropriations or grants through the City of Alexandria? Yes No

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Applicants for the COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD, please complete the following questions:

Have you been a resident of the City of Alexandria for at least one year? Yes No

Are you a consumer (former direct recipient of public or private mental health, mental retardation, or substance abuse treatment or rehabilitation) or immediate family member of a consumer or a principal care giver who is not paid? Yes No

Are you a consumer receiving services? Yes No

Are you an employee or board member of an organization which receives funding from any Community Services Board? Yes No

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I, THE UNDERSIGNED APPLICANT, CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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November 21, 2008

The Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
Room 2300, City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council,

The Human Rights Commission, which met Tuesday evening this week, has given consideration to the proposal to impose term limits on City boards and commissions as well as the move to amend the City Charter to permit such an action. While the Commission is not necessarily opposed to a limitation of the length of continuous citizen service on a City board or commission, it does feel that a compelling rationale has not as yet been presented.

The Commission respectfully requests your consideration of the following points: First, the Commission believes that there should be a needs assessment to determine whether the imposition of term limits would result in an improvement of the appointment process and in the effectiveness of citizen involvement in assisting and advising Council in the discharge of its duties. Nothing presented at the hearing or in the material made public has addressed these points. Moreover, the decision to set a limit of ten years of continuous service on a board is arbitrary unless supported by findings that such a tenure is more advantageous than limiting service to six years, twelve, or some other length of time.

Second, the docket memo presented to Council at its November 15th hearing on the proposed amendment to the Charter on term limits included no reference to the comments offered by the Commission earlier this year on this topic, nor was there any mention of comments provided by other advisory bodies and interested citizens. The thoughts of the Human Rights Commission and other advisory bodies were offered in response to a request for such comments on the "Report on Boards and Commissions" in a memorandum dated July 1st. That they were not mentioned obviated the reason why they were solicited. The Commission believes that the absence of these comments from the public arena undermines the value of whatever decision Council ultimately may reach on the matter.

Third, the Commission does not feel that adequate consideration has been given to the unintended consequences of term limits. Some citizens serve on one board because of their membership on another. They would be lost to both. Some of the most dedicated members of commissions have enhanced rather than harmed commission and board

effectiveness through their longevity. In those cases where no one applies for a position being vacated because of term limitation, the incumbent and a ten-year institutional memory will have been lost for no reason. City Council and our community lose their valuable contribution. Term limits decide by law a matter that Council should decide by deliberation.

Last, the Council already possesses ample authority to limit terms. It can limit an ineffective board member to one. It can allow an effective member multiple appointments. Whether exercising this authority ultimately results in a more effective system of citizen involvement in governance than term limits is a question that should be thoughtfully considered and answered prior to action. Furthermore, an unwillingness to exercise this authority may result in tenures of ten years becoming the expectation and the norm once term limits are in place.

The Commission appreciates Council's efforts to evaluate and enhance the City board and commission structure and hopes that these comments will be of use to you as you deliberate regarding term limits.

Sincerely,

/s/

JoAnn Maldonado, Chair

cc: Rose Williams Boyd, Secretary of Boards and Commissions
Bernard Caton, Legislative Director
Michele Evans, Deputy City Manager
Jackie Henderson, City Clerk
Jean Kelleher Niebauer, Director, Office of Human Rights