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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**May 15, 2010**

**Contact: Carlyle C. Ring**

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**STATEMENT OF THE FORMER CHAIRS OF**  
**THE ALEXANDRIA SCHOOL BOARD**

The former Chairs of the Alexandria School Board (the “Former Chairs”) are a group of Alexandria citizens who served on the School Board during the last 40 years. The Former Chairs are committed to the Alexandria City Public Schools (“ACPS”) and the proposition that each child in Alexandria is entitled to an effective and rigorous public education.

The Former Chairs have come together to offer their perspective in connection with the designation of T.C. Williams High School (“TC”) as a “persistently lowest achieving school” pursuant to standards promulgated by the Virginia Department of Education. This term, although applied to one school in our city, describes a combination of educational and social issues that together have resulted in this designation. The school system and community have an opportunity to come together to address the multiple challenges we face. We, as former chairs, have come together to offer our full support to ACPS and the Alexandria community.

The Former Chairs believe that the time has come to recognize that no school system, including ACPS, can solve every problem for every child. We applaud the efforts of the Superintendent and the administrators and staff at TC to execute a transformation plan designed to improve student outcomes at TC. However, it is time to recognize that the “persistently lowest achieving” label attached to TC represents not simply a “school problem” (at TC or systemically within ACPS) but is rather a problem that has its source, and its remedy, in the community. We ask our schools to do a great deal for our children and we, and the entire community, hold them to a high standard. However, our schools, no matter how excellent, cannot do everything for our young people.

The time has come for all of us in Alexandria who are concerned with the city’s future to stop saying that we “support the public schools.” It is time to ask the community to come together to support our young people. It is time to re-align resources around children and their families, so that each child has access to the health, emotional, social and academic services that make success possible. It is time to look at the underlying policies and practices affecting young people and to ensure they work together so that each child leaves TC fully prepared for college or the workplace.

The question is now what will each of us do, not say, to support the work of the ACPS schools in achieving success with all students throughout our community.

We call on all citizens, and all citizen groups, to renew and enhance the level of commitment to each student at TC. This commitment may take the form of tutoring, mentoring, training, or other forms of direct personal involvement. It may be participation in a community organization or City committees. It may be advocacy for increased federal and state support for our schools. For too long many in Alexandria have rested on the proposition that we “support the public schools.” The time has come for a renewed commitment to direct and sustained personal action by all citizens of good will on behalf of Alexandria’s young people.

The Former Chairs plan on setting up an interactive website. Until we announce the website, please use [crring@ober.com](mailto:crring@ober.com) to articulate the form and nature of your personal commitment to our young people.

Ferdinand Day  
Carlyle C. Ring  
Shirley Tyler  
Lou Cook  
Timothy Elliott  
Judy Seltz

Melvin Miller  
Angie Godfrey  
V. Rodger Digilio  
Stephen J. Kenealy  
Mark R. Eaton  
Mark O. Wilkoff  
Mollie Danforth

## SPEAKER'S FORM

DOCKET ITEM NO. 2

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND GIVE IT TO THE CITY CLERK  
BEFORE YOU SPEAK ON A DOCKET ITEM.

**PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED BELOW PRIOR TO SPEAKING.**

1. **NAME:** CARLYLE C. RING JR
2. **ADDRESS:** 308 MONTICELLO BLVD  
**TELEPHONE NO.** 703-548-7454    **E-MAIL:** ccring@ober.com
3. **WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT, IF OTHER THAN YOURSELF?**  
FORMER SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN
4. **WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ITEM?**  
Other STATEMENT BY 13 FORMER SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRS
5. **NATURE OF YOUR INTEREST IN ITEM (PROPERTY OWNER, ATTORNEY,  
LOBBYIST, CIVIC INTEREST, ETC.):**  
CONTINUING INTEREST IN ACPS
6. **ARE YOU RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR THIS APPEARANCE BEFORE  
COUNCIL?**  
No

This form shall be kept as a part of the permanent record in those instances where financial interest or compensation is indicated by the speaker.

A maximum of three minutes will be allowed for your presentation, except that one officer or other designated member speaking on behalf of each *bona fide* neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association desiring to be heard on a docket item shall be allowed five minutes. In order to obtain five minutes, you must identify yourself as a designated speaker, and identify the neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association you represent, at the start of your presentation. If you have a prepared statement, please leave a copy with the Clerk.

Additional time not to exceed 15 minutes may be obtained with the consent of the majority of the council present; provided notice requesting additional time with reasons stated is filed with the City Clerk in writing before 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the meeting.

The public normally may speak on docket items only at public hearing meetings, and not at regular legislative meetings. Public hearing meetings are usually held on the Saturday following the second Tuesday in each month; regular legislative meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month. The rule with respect to when a person may speak to a docket item at a legislative meeting can be waived by a majority vote of council members present but such a waiver is not normal practice. When a speaker is recognized, the rules of procedures for speakers at public hearing meetings shall apply. If an item is docketed *for public hearing* at a regular legislative meeting, the public may speak to that item, and the rules of procedures for speakers at public hearing meetings shall apply.

In addition, the public may speak on matters which are not on the docket during the Public Discussion Period at public hearing meetings. The mayor may grant permission to a person, who is unable to participate in public discussion at a public hearing meeting for medical, religious, family emergency or other similarly substantial reasons, to speak at a regular legislative meeting. When such permission is granted, the rules of procedures for public discussion at public hearing meetings shall apply.

### Guidelines for the Public Discussion Period

- (a) All speaker request forms for the public discussion period must be submitted by the time the item is called by the city clerk.
- (b) No speaker will be allowed more than three minutes; except that one officer or other designated member speaking on behalf of each *bona fide* neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association desiring to be heard during the public discussion period shall be allowed five minutes. In order to obtain five minutes, you must identify yourself as a designated speaker, and identify the neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association you represent, at the start of your presentation.
- (c) If more speakers are signed up than would be allotted for in 30 minutes, the mayor will organize speaker

RE: Speakers for Saturday's public hearing meeting  
Ring, Carlyle  
to:  
Gloria.Sitton  
05/14/2010 10:17 AM  
Cc:  
mark, mllmelvin, angiegodfrey, "Ring, Carlyle"  
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Thank you for permitting me to make the collective arrangements.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING 15 MINUTES.

If his doctor permits him to attend, I would like Mark Wilkoff to be called upon first to read our statement -- 5 minutes  
Then Ferdinand Day for 2 minutes  
Then Angie Godfrey for 2 minutes  
Then Melvin Miller for 2 minutes  
Then to the extent time permits I will make a few closing remarks

Let me know if this presents any problems. If Mark is unable to attend, I will read the statement and close.

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**From:** Gloria.Sitton@alexandriava.gov [mailto:Gloria.Sitton@alexandriava.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2010 11:10 AM  
**To:** Ring, Carlyle  
**Subject:** Re: Speakers for Saturday's public hearing meeting

Hello Mr. Ring,

I received the email you sent to Councilman Krupicka and Mayor Euille regarding the former chairs of the School Board speaking on Saturday morning during public discussion. I did receive your electronic speaker's form. If you would let me know who else would like to speak following you, I will sign them up for you. Also, if there is a specific order that you would like for them to speak in, let me know that information too. If you anticipate needing more than the allotted three minutes (per speaker), please include that in your request. The additional time may not exceed more than 15 minutes. Feel free to contact me at 703-746-3976 with any questions or concerns. Thanks!

Gloria Sitton  
Deputy City Clerk  
City of Alexandria  
703-746-4550  
gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov

GO GREEN -- Tip: Store emails and other documents electronically. Paper makes up more of our garbage than any other type of trash at almost 40%.

RE: COA Contact Us: T.C. WILLIAM HIGH SCHOOL

Elizabeth L. Jones

to:

ccring

05/13/2010 10:52 AM

Cc:

Gloria.Sitton, "Councilman Krupicka", william.euille

Please respond to elizabeth.jones

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Mr. Ring,

Thank you for writing. Although the Mayor will be the one to comment on allowing each member to speak under one speaker slot, they typically require that each person who speaks fills out a speaker form. I've cced Gloria Sitton, Deputy City Clerk, who will be working at Saturday's meeting so that she is aware of your request.

Regards,

Elizabeth Jones

Elizabeth L. Jones

Aide to Councilman Rob Krupicka

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:22 PM

**To:** Elizabeth Jones

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**Listing of Past Chairs of the Alexandria School Board  
(Chairs since 1971, living and deceased)**

Years served as chair	Name and Address	Telephone & e-mail
✓1971-1972	<b>Ferdinand Day *</b> 4017 Fort Worth Avenue, Alexandria 22304	703-370-3199
1972-1974	<b>William B. Hurd (deceased)</b>	
1974-1976	<b>Colonel Henry Brooks (deceased)</b>	
✓1976-1978	<b>Carlyle C. Ring, Jr. *</b> 308 Monticello Boulevard, Alexandria 22305	703-548-7454 <a href="mailto:ccring@ober.com">ccring@ober.com</a>
1979-1980	<b>Allison May</b> (now resides in Vermont)	
1980-1982	<b>Shirley Tyler *</b> (telephone only) 3703 Edison Street, Alexandria 22305	703-548-8407
1982-1983 1984-1985	<b>Lou Cook *</b> 807 Crescent Drive, Alexandria 22302	703-836-8351 <a href="mailto:LouCook@aol.com">LouCook@aol.com</a>
1983-1984	<b>Judy Feaver *</b> Living in Shenandoah Valley	703-549-4752 <a href="mailto:judy.feaver@gmail.com">judy.feaver@gmail.com</a>
1985-1987	<b>Timothy Elliott *</b> 422 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria 22314	703-548-1612 (o) 202-208-4813 (c) 202-257-2305 <a href="mailto:tselliott422@hotmail.com">tselliott422@hotmail.com</a>
1987-1989	<b>Judy Seltz *</b> 1218 Dartmouth Road, Alexandria 22314	<a href="mailto:seltz@ascc.org">seltz@ascc.org</a>
✓1989-1992	<b>A. Melvin Miller *</b> 3928 Colonel Ellis Avenue, Alexandria 22304	703-370-6358 <a href="mailto:llmelvin@comcast.net">llmelvin@comcast.net</a>
✓1992-1993	<b>Cecilia "Angie" Godfrey *</b> 109 East Raymond Avenue, Alexandria 22301	<a href="mailto:angiegodfrey@aol.com">angiegodfrey@aol.com</a>
1994-1995	<b>V. Rodger Digilio*</b> 1900 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria 22302	703-548-6066
1995-96 1997-2001	<b>Steve Kenealy*</b> 610 North Paxton Street, Alexandria 22304	(h) 703-751-1874 (o) 202-512-3299 <a href="mailto:skenealy@aol.com">skenealy@aol.com</a>
1997-1998 2007-2008 2007-2009	<b>Claire Eberwein *</b> (living in Vienna, Austria) 1647 Preston Road, Alexandria 22302	



2001-2002	<b>Mark Eaton*</b> 116 West Maple Street, Alexandria 22301	(h) 703-549-3169 (o) 202-223-5000 <a href="mailto:mreaton@comcast.net">mreaton@comcast.net</a>
✓2002-2005	<b>Mark Wilkoff</b> 4658 Kirkpatrick Lane, Alexandria 22311	703-998-9704 <a href="mailto:mark@wilkoff.com">mark@wilkoff.com</a>
2005-2006	<b>Molly Danforth</b> 4016 Harris Place, Alexandria 22304	703-370-9454 <a href="mailto:mdanforth2@comcast.net">mdanforth2@comcast.net</a>
2006-2007	<b>Arthur Peabody</b> 915 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria VA 22302	703-212-8770
2008	<b>Yvonne Folkerts</b> 4124 Fort Worth Avenue, Alexandria VA 22304	703-823-6269 <a href="mailto:Yvonne@nvonnfolkerts.com">Yvonne@nvonnfolkerts.com</a>