

Dear Alexandria Resident,

I am pleased to issue the City of Alexandria's 2000 Annual Report, which highlights significant accomplishments and events in the City over the past 12 months, summarizes the financial condition of the City, and outlines the major challenges that the City faces in the year ahead.



It has been my pleasure to serve as City Manager since March. I want to recognize our former City Manager Vola Lawson for the vital role she played in achieving the accomplishments outlined in this report, and for the strong leadership she provided the City throughout her tenure as City Manager.

We have tried to make this year's annual report a bit more "user friendly" by reducing the amount of text, using more graphics and photos, and revising the overall layout. We have addressed the City's accomplishments in nine separate areas: Neighborhoods, Community Development, Traffic and Transportation, Services to Citizens, Public Safety, the Environment, Technology, Fiscal Condition, and City Schools. Major challenges facing the City are addressed in a separate section.

I hope that you enjoy the new format, and that you find the report to be an informative and useful presentation of the past year's activities of the City.

Sincerely,

Philip Sunderland  
City Manager