



City of Alexandria, Virginia

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November 23, 2009

Dear Stakeholder:

The next opportunity to participate in developing strategic actions for Goal 7 of the City Council Strategic Plan will be at a Community Meeting, on Thursday, December 3, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The goal statement for Goal 7 is: *Alexandria is a caring and inclusive community that values its rich diversity, history and culture, and promotes affordability.*

Based on themes derived from participant's comments at the Community Meeting on October 28, 2009, other comments from concerned citizens, and input from key staff, we have drafted the strategic objectives listed below:

1. Promote affordable housing for all residents, especially those most in need.
2. Promote full access to lifelong opportunities including arts, libraries, historical and cultural resources and services.
3. Provide preventive and social services to those most in need.

For the draft objectives above, participants at the community meeting will have an opportunity to help develop five to seven specific initiatives for each objective. Please come to the community meeting prepared to propose specific strategic actions relative to the implementation of these objectives. All strategic action initiatives will have to be SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely). Goals, objectives and action strategies should be straightforward and emphasize what is expected to happen. Persons interested in attending the Goal 7 Community Meeting should register by calling (703) 746-5970.

Stakeholders are also invited to make public comments on the proposed strategic objectives and recommend specific strategic actions, by using the City's new "Comments" option on the strategic planning page on the City's website at (<http://alexandriava.gov/StrategicPlanning>). Please be sure to identify your comments as being related to the Strategic Plan Goal 7. At this site you may also find information regarding the other six strategic planning goals. For further information on this goal, call Ronald Frazier at 703.746.5967, or e-mail ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov.

We welcome your participation and look forward to seeing you on December 3rd. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely,

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Member of Council
City of Alexandria

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Member of Council
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