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*Alexandria Waterfront Committee*  
*Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities*  
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February 28, 2011

Ms. Faroll Hamer, Director  
Department of Planning and Zoning  
City of Alexandria  
City Hall  
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Dear Ms. Hamer:

This letter conveys the Alexandria Waterfront Committee's endorsement of the Alexandria Waterfront History Plan developed by the Alexandria Archaeology Commission.

The Waterfront Committee recognizes the significance of Alexandria's place in American history and seeks a Waterfront Plan that supports and enhances this legacy. At meetings on April 21 and May 19, 2009, the Waterfront Committee adopted a comprehensive set of Waterfront Plan Principles. This included the following principles that pertain to historic preservation and the interpretation of history along the Waterfront:

- The Waterfront ambience shall emphasize Alexandria's history, maritime heritage and marine uses, recreation, and the arts.
- Development along the Waterfront shall be sensitive to and respectful of Alexandria's unique and authentic historical legacy as a major American colonial port city.
- Protect buildings and areas of historic and architectural value.
- Require adaptive reuse of historic or architecturally interesting old structures.
- Historical markers, guides, and other interpretive materials along the entire length of the Waterfront should acknowledge the full spectrum of Alexandria's history.
- Streetscapes (parks, public walkways, and other Waterfront areas, as well as building materials, lighting, signage, landscaping, etc.) must meet standards and be consistent with historic context.
- Maintain historic east-west vistas and preserve and designate historic corridors and arteries such as alleys, former railways, and the historic Alexandria Waterfront (along Lee and Fairfax streets).

The Waterfront History Plan supports each of these principles, and provides a comprehensive vision for preservation and meaningful incorporation of history along the City's waterfront.

At its meeting on February 15, 2011, the Waterfront Committee unanimously endorsed the Alexandria Waterfront History Plan. We urge incorporation of the History Plan into the Waterfront Small Area Plan now being developed by the City. The Waterfront Committee believes that it is essential that the

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Waterfront Plan recognize the authentic heritage of the city, making a firm commitment to interpreting the City's history and preserving its historic architecture.

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If you should have further questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 202-365-2927 (mobile) or [natemacek@hotmail.com](mailto:natemacek@hotmail.com). On behalf of the Alexandria Waterfront Committee, thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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