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October 18, 2008

Hon. William D. Euille
Members of City Council
301 King Street, Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Alexandria Waterfront Planning Process

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Representatives of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce (the "Chamber") and the Old Town Civic Association ("OTCA") have met to discuss the future of Alexandria's waterfront. Our organizations share an enthusiasm for the untapped potential presented by the City's commitment to examining the future of our waterfront.

In our meeting, we have identified common themes between the Chamber's Waterfront Vision Statement and OTCA's Waterfront Standards. We also identified points that call for clarification and perhaps respectful disagreement. In any event, our organizations are unified in the belief that a comprehensive waterfront planning process is long overdue and that the time has arrived to commence a respectful, City-wide dialogue on this subject.

On behalf of our respective organizations, we request that the City confirm to us and the community that the planning process for Alexandria's waterfront will begin no later than January, 2009. We look forward to working with the City Staff and Council in formulating a plan that achieves the City's need to redevelop the waterfront while complementing and, where appropriate, preserving the unique and historic ambiance of the Old Town Historic District and providing an accessible and inviting waterfront to residents and visitors alike.

Respectfully,

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

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