



# *Alexandria Waterfront Commission*

*Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities*

*1108 Jefferson Street*

*Alexandria, Virginia 22314*

February 1, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor & members of City Council

Re: Alexandria Seaport Foundation Seaport Center II

At its January 20, 2022, meeting, the Alexandria Waterfront Commission received a presentation from the Alexandria Seaport Center's desire to place a second Seaport Center in the City Marina. Following the presentation, the Commission unanimously supported the proposal.

Further, the Commission recognizes the significant contribution the Seaport Foundation provides to the community. Through their programs and presence in the City, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation has worked with more than 100 City youth including at-risk youth from the Court Services Unit Day Reporting Program. The addition of a second educational seaport center will provide the needed space to meet the increased demand to serve the City's disengaged and most vulnerable youth and will expand opportunities to increase awareness of the City's maritime heritage and traditional wooden boat building by hosting youth and adult boat building and woodworking classes and sponsoring educational guest speakers for the public's enjoyment.

The Waterfront Commission looks forward to continued collaboration to implement activities in support of the Waterfront Small Area Plan.

Sincerely,