

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has had under active discussion in recent weeks the issue of increasing participation of minority and small contractors in construction of the Metro regional transit system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of WMATA on October 21, 1971 appointed a Special Task Force from among its members to develop ways and means of increasing contract opportunities for minority-owned and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, is of the opinion that it is in the interest of the citizens of Alexandria and of the Washington metropolitan area that a just and affirmative action program for such contractors be devised, agreed to, and put into effect at the earliest possible moment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

That we hereby express our approval of the appointment of the Special Task Force and its mission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we fully support the concept of an affirmative action program for involving minority and small contractors and entrepreneurs to the greatest feasible extent in the construction of Metro; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we instruct Alexandria's alternate representative to the Board of WMATA to exert his every effort to the furtherance of the principles embodied in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the representatives of the City of Alexandria to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission be requested to urge that body to consider and adopt a resolution or other statement in favor of the policies recommended herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to each director and alternate director of WMATA, the General Manager of WMATA, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the governing bodies of the other Northern Virginia jurisdictions.

Adopted October 27, 1971

ATTEST:

Mrs. Helen Vickers, City Clerk
and Clerk of Council