

RESOLUTION NO. 476

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1974, the City Council of the City of Alexandria accepted a grant of \$25,000.00 from the National Endowment for the Arts to study and plan new approaches for the preservation of the area in downtown Alexandria generally in and around the 16th Census Tract (hereinafter the NEA area); and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1975, the City of Alexandria executed a contract to the firm of Hammer, Siler, George Associates pursuant to which that firm was to develop approaches for the preservation of the NEA area; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 1976, copies of the draft report which had been prepared by Hammer, Siler, George Associates (hereinafter NEA report), pursuant to the contract executed September 8, 1975, were distributed to members of City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City Council to preserve the NEA area as a predominantly residential community for individuals of all incomes and to develop and implement alternatives which assist low and moderate income individuals to continue to live there; and

WHEREAS, the NEA report discusses and recommends various alternatives which may aid in the preservation of the NEA area, including the 16th Census Tract, as a predominantly residential community for individuals of all incomes, as well as alternatives which may assist low and moderate income persons to continue to reside in that area; and

WHEREAS, numerous residents of the NEA area and other Alexandria citizens participated in the preparation of the NEA report; and

WHEREAS, those residents and citizens with the cooperation of staff of the City of Alexandria now intend to conduct an intensive community education program in order to make the findings and recommendations of the NEA report known to the residents of the NEA area and to obtain their views concerning those findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, though the City Council of Alexandria has taken no position on the NEA study area report, it is its policy to encourage residents of the City to participate in the planning for and in the development of their neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Alexandria fully supports and endorses the efforts of the Alexandria City residents who have participated in the preparation of the NEA report to make the findings, alternatives and recommendations of the report known to the residents of the NEA area and to obtain the views of said residents concerning the report's recommendations.

Adopted March 13, 1976

Helen Holleman, Clerk of the City
of Alexandria, Virginia