

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION FOR BOARD MEMBER ALVIN NICHOLS

COMMENDATION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Alvin Nichols, a member representing the State of Maryland on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors, will conclude his service effective January 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols began his service on the WMATA Board in March of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols has served as the Chair of the Audits and Investigations Committee since September 2011; and

WHEREAS, Under Mr. Nichols' sustained stewardship of the Audits Committee, the Board addressed challenging and highly technical issues requiring a tireless commitment by Mr. Nichols ; and

WHEREAS, as a continual advocate for leadership development at Metro, Mr. Nichols stressed the importance of recognizing and honoring diversity as part of the Authority's human capital strategy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols was a supporter of *Momentum*, Metro's strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as the Board's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Mr. Nichols served on the Board's Executive Committee and was instrumental in fostering a greater dialogue between the Board and its advisory groups, the Riders' Advisory Council and the Accessibility Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols ensured that during Board discussions, issues and challenges are examined from all angles so that they can be addressed in the most effective manner; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the WMATA Board of Directors offers its sincere gratitude to Alvin Nichols for his service and leadership as a member of the WMATA Board of Directors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the WMATA Board of Directors commends Alvin Nichols for his dedication to developing and enhancing Metro's leadership and for his role in ensuring that Metro services are responsive to all members of Metro's riding community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Downs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "T".

Tom Downs  
Chairman of the Board

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