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Dear Owner or Custodian of a Cemetery in The Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex.

The Alexandria Archaeological Commission notified the City of Alexandria that they are in the initial stages of nominating the Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex to the National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District. The City, as a fellow custodian of three cemeteries in the Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex, is in support of this nomination and looks forward to supporting the Commission's effort.

This is an opportunity for our City to add another site of historic significance to the National Register of Historic Places that is both locally and nationally relevant. As the city known for its preservation of history, securing this nomination of the collection of sacred grounds that spans centuries of events, racial, social and military change, and religious backgrounds tells the compelling stories of Alexandria's past and present.

Included with this letter is one from the Chair of Alexandria Archaeological Commission, Ivy Whitlatch, outlining the goals and purpose of this nomination, the next few steps in the process, a short Q&A, and several links for your reference. Please expect to receive a call from her shortly to address any initial issues.

We look forward to working with the Commission on this nomination for the Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex and hope your organization will be an active participant.

Sincerely,

James F. Parajon
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