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**Mark Antell
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Chairman, Arlington Civic Federation Executive Committee**

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Mark Antell serves as the Chairman of the Civic Federation's Executive Committee and the Vice President of the Civic Federation. However, tonight we are honoring him for his role as President of the North Rosslyn Civic Association for the last five years.

Mark has been the major advocate of open space in the Rosslyn community. He kicked into high gear in 2007 when the Arlington Public Schools formed *The Multi Site Selection Committee*, a task force that examined how school property could be developed to generate income for capital projects. One of the places being considered was the Wilson School site on Wilson Boulevard in Rosslyn. Though not a member of the task force, Mark attended each meeting and made sure his community's views were heard, which were: that there was no play space for children in Rosslyn, that the playfield and playground behind Wilson School should be retained and restored, and that the historic school building was an important resource for community events and pre-school education.

Mark worked with others to produce the Save Wilson School campaign, which included the first advocacy video of its kind. He subsequently negotiated and litigated along a path that has resulted in the Wilson School property being preserved and improved as a more effective part of the Rosslyn community — at least for now.

The Arlington County Civic Federation presents this Certificate of Appreciation to Mark Antell for the reason, passion, and ingenuity he has brought to the issues he addresses.