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Public Comment Recommendation for Rick Artis for Board Vacancy position

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Please read the following into the record at time for public comments at this evening's meeting of the KFPD. Thank you!

Honorable Directors:

First, thank you for your service! I am sure that everyone in town feels the same gratitude that I feel, recognizing the time and effort that you give to our community so selflessly. You are about to meet to consider again the two applicants for the open seat on the KFPD Board.

I urge you to appoint Rick Artis to that position. Rick possesses the analytical skills necessary to evaluate fire safety operations in the District with a view toward overall safety in our community. Rick was appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee which produced an in-depth 214 page report regarding delivery of public services to Kensington. Rick has a history of working across a broad spectrum of opinions to present a logical and effective review of Board options. What is particularly valuable is that Rick is prepared to keep an open mind on the issues, such as the issue of consolidation, in order to determine what is the best pathway for Kensington; he does not come to the Board with a foreclosed position. Accordingly, Rick is indeed the better person for the job, and we are incredibly fortunate that he has stepped up to the task. Please appoint Rick Artis to the vacant seat on the Kensington Fire Protection District.

Again, thank you for your service. With best regards, Linda G. Lipscomb (47 year Kensington resident)