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Arlington, VA – Two recently elected officials from the City of Alexandria were sworn in January 3 as members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC). Vice-Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker and Council Member Canek Aguirre took the oath of office at the commission's regularly scheduled meeting. They replace Paul Smedberg, who remains on NVTC as the governor's appointee to the WMATA Board of Directors, and Timothy Lovain.

An Alexandria native, Bennett-Parker leads Together We Bake, a nonprofit job training and personal development program for women in need. She is the founder of Fruitcycle, a business fighting the tragic paradox that, while one in six Americans experience food-insecurity on a daily basis, 40 percent of our food is thrown into landfills. Before launching Fruitcycle, Elizabeth worked for the National Governors Association, where she served as governors' liaison to Congress, federal agencies and the White House on issues related to transportation, economic development, and health. She was appointed by the Alexandria City Council to serve on the Community Criminal Justice Board and was selected as one of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's 40 under 40 in 2017.

The first Latino elected to the Alexandria City Council, Canek is the son of Mexican immigrants who

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From left to right: Immediate Past Chairman Paul Smedberg swears in City of Alexandria Vice-Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker and Council Member Canek Aguirre as members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

NVTC works to ensure that businesses and residents are served by a high capacity, high quality network of transit systems that allows the region to thrive. It funds and promotes transit in the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. NVTC supports five local bus systems (ART, CUE, DASH, Fairfax Connector, Loudoun County Transit), WMATA (Metrorail/Metrobus) and the Virginia

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community. He is focused on increasing housing opportunities throughout the city, investing in public schools and infrastructure, eliminating health inequities, and ensuring the voices and concerns of all residents are heard during the decision-making process. Canek has served in leadership roles on numerous boards and commissions. He spent three years in Alexandria City Public Schools creating welcoming spaces and connecting students and families with resources to succeed inside and outside the classroom and co-founded a parent group for Spanish-speaking families at George Washington Middle School and helped launch a citywide family and community engagement program.

Committee assignments for Bennett-Parker and Aguirre and Alexandria's representation on the Virginia Railway Express Operations Board will be determined at a later date.

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