National Council Staff’s DC Favorites

Places to Eat

Robyn loves the *singalongs* and *Frickles* (fried pickles) at **Bobby McKeys Dueling Piano Bar** in National Harbor (172 Fleet Street)

Lisa suggests eating at **Rosa Mexicano** in National Harbor for the *atmosphere, food,* and *tableside-made guacamole* (153 Waterfront Street)

Nina says her *favorite local restaurant* is **Hank’s Oyster Bar** (1026 King Street), but Drew recommends **The Fish Market** (105 King Street) for good food and drink in Old Town Alexandria

Stephanie wants you to check out her favorite *Greek restaurant, Taverna Cretekou,* in Old Town Alexandria (818 King Street)

Libbi suggests starting the day in Old Town with *coffee* at **Misha’s** (102 S. Patrick Street), and Dani loves ending it with *dinner on the waterfront patio* at **Virtue Feed & Grain** (106 S Union Street)

Bryan suggests that you visit **MGM Casino** to *double your money* and *eat good food* at a José Andrés seafood place, **Fish** (101 MGM National Avenue)

Stephanie suggests visiting **Kilwins Ice Cream Shop** to *cool off* as you explore Old Town (212 King Street), but Samantha counters that **Pop’s Ice Cream** is better (109 King Street) – let us know which you prefer!

Things to Do

Amanda recommends **Washington DC Walking Tours** for *checking out the area* ([www.freetoursbyfoot.com](http://www.freetoursbyfoot.com))

Mary loves Alexandria, and suggests *checking out King Street* on the **Free Old Town Trolley** or taking a *more creative mode of transportation* to the meetings at the Gaylord by catching a **Water Taxi** from Old Town (1 Cameron Street, [www.potomacriverboatco.com](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com))

Samantha advises that, if you like *kitchen and pantry products* – and *yummy samples*, you should step into **Stonewall Kitchen** at National Harbor (170 American Way)

Sherronda revealed a hidden local gem… **Hains Point** has a great loop to *walk or run,* a *great golf course* or *putt-putt,* and beautiful places to *relax with a picnic* (1100 Ohio Dr SW)

Lea says that the *farmer’s markets* at **Dupont Circle** and **Eastern Market** are the best in the city (both metro stops)
Need to stretch your legs a little after stretching your brain in the NatCon18 sessions? Sherronda thinks you should take a walk across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge from National Harbor to Old Town for a bit of exercise with a beautiful view of the river and museums.

Bryan suggests watching the airplanes at National Airport from Gravelly Point, just north of Alexandria.

Robyn’s favorite date night is catching the Potomac Riverboat Company’s Monument Cruise from Old Town Alexandria, just as the sun is setting, disembarking in Georgetown for dinner, and then taking the return trip after darkness falls to see the glowing monuments reflecting in the water (1 Cameron Street, www.potomacriverboatco.com).

Gabe insists that the Renwick Gallery is the best art gallery in DC (1661 Pennsylvania Ave NW) and Libbi submits that you can’t miss the working artist studios at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Old Town (105 N Union Street).

Did you bring an extra suitcase? Samantha suggests filling it at Tanger Outlets, just up the street from National Harbor (6800 Oxon Hill Road).