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- Name: Cheryl Slayton
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-319-3178
- Email: ceslayton@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I feel that with all the cuts coming to our city ---Meals on Wheels, Community Block grants, arts, housing, healthcare that we cant afford to fully fund our schools at this time. Lets wait and see and not be paying more to the schools, fields etc until we know where we stand on the Trump cuts. Our taxes are so high already. Our city is paying way too much per student. And playing fields etc. We are all used to having it all -- but we need to live within our means.
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- Name: Courtney Schlieter
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-548-7058
- Email: cschliet@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing in support of the Mayor and all city council members in light of last week's budget vote. As a tax payer, I am concerned about another significant property tax increase on top of the significant increase enacted last year. While I applaud the efforts of the council to increase funding for ACPS' CIP budget, it can not be done by simply continuing to raise property taxes. I am a parent with two children, and a third starting this fall, in the school system. My family is exactly the type of resident you should want to attract and retain – higher earning, committed to patronizing local businesses and active in improving the school system for all children. However, as we made decisions about how our family was going to balance our time and fiscal resources, we did not factor in what appear to be endless significant property taxes. We now spend more than 26% of our monthly mortgage payment on our escrow account, the majority of which is for property taxes. We cannot afford further SIGNIFICANT property tax increases. However, I want to be clear that I feel that the council must do the difficult work of funding the most critical services in our city – namely education/schools, law enforcement and road maintenance – and allow some of the nice but non-essential services to terminate, as difficult as that may be to do. (An example of such a service would be the recent expansion of library services.) When picking between schools and expanded library hours, education and schools must prevail. I am sure there are other similar services that can be trimmed to allow much needed funding to be directed to the CIP. Further, I share the council's concerns about ACPS' ability to manage facilities construction and would encourage creative solutions to this situation because as I'm sure you are aware, these facilities expansions were factored into the recently adopted redistricting plan.

As I mentioned above, my family and I routinely patronize local Old Town restaurants; however, the parking meters and enforcement are making it increasingly difficult to do so. While I appreciate that because we are parents, we eat on the early side; however, we can not utilize the two hour paid parking in Old Town for a date night. We are either rushed to finish our meal in less than 2 hours (defeating the point of the date night) or potentially feeding the meter for additional time mid-meal (if that is even a legal option). Out of fear of receiving a \$40 parking ticket as a thank you for patronizing local businesses, we have taken to parking in garages to the tune of \$15-20 per occasion. One date night in particular, there were 4 other couples from our elementary school at the exact same restaurant. I would suggest that this parking conundrum will prove to be a disincentive these families and others from regular nights out in Old Town. I would suggest you consider changing the parking meters to allow for a minimum of 3 hour parking after 5:30 or something to that affect. We would be able to park

without a fear of a ticket for less than the parking garages, provide revenue to the city and dine out more often.

Again, thank you for working to ensure our children have the resources they need in a fiscally appropriate manner. It would be a shame to drive families out of Alexandria because of unaffordable property taxes while trying to provide our school system with resources to fund the much needed facilities projects.

Courtney Schlieter  
13 E. Myrtle St.

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116977: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council  
Greetings Mayor Silberberg and Members o

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- Name: Eric Williams
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: emwilliamsllc@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Greetings Mayor Silberberg and Members of the City Council,

As Chair of the Children, Youth and Family Collaborative Commission, I am sending you this letter regarding the FY2018 City and ACPS Budgets.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Eric Williams

- Attachment: [2017 - Letter to Council.pdf](#)
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**ALEXANDRIA CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**

Department of Community and Human Services Center, 2525 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301

March 8, 2017

The Honorable Allison Silberberg  
And Members of City Council  
City of Alexandria  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council:

In 2014, the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission developed the *Children and Youth Master Plan*, which both City Council and the Alexandria City Public School's School Board adopted to guide long-term, community-wide priorities aimed at ensuring all children and youth are healthy and safe, academically and vocationally prepared, and socially and civically connected. The Plan specifically articulates five goals:

- 1) Every child will be physically safe and healthy
- 2) Every child will be academically successful and career ready
- 3) Every child will be socially connected, emotionally secure, and culturally competent
- 4) Every family will be equipped and empowered to effectively support the well-being of their children; and,
- 5) Alexandria's systems and institutions will be responsive, coordinated, efficient, and effective in service to children and families

With an eye towards these goals, the Commission reviewed the proposed City and ACPS budgets, and thoroughly appreciates the obvious time, energy, and effort put into each. In many ways, the budgets reflect a shared set of values and beliefs about the priorities of our community now and into the future. We often hear about the power of the purse to make things happen, but less often is there comment about the priorities of the purse. How a community decides to spend its money reflects its priorities, and the Alexandria City and ACPS budgets reflect a shared priority to invest in the future of our city, state, region, and nation. We may not always agree on the ranking of our priorities, but cannot and should not lose sight of the agreed upon priorities we share.

As the Council makes tough decisions over the coming weeks and months finalizing the fiscal year 2018 budget, the Commission asks that our shared priorities be kept in mind. Priorities, such as, providing appropriate resources to all K through 12 schools to meet the logistical and structural needs of ACPS today and tomorrow, increasing access to early care and education

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programs, enhancing City programs and services that meet the growing demands of ensuring maximum success for all children, youth and families, and developing and implementing an integrated data measurement system to assist in understanding, serving, and elevating our children and youth in this community. Finally, we would be remiss to not applaud City Council for its continued efforts to provide sufficient affordable housing to Alexandrians. We cheer these efforts while also asking that they be continued and grown in the coming years to build more affordable housing units and support local rent subsidy programs so that all families can live and prosper in our amazing community.

The Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission encourages the City of Alexandria to take the holistic needs of the city's residents into consideration in the coming weeks, having the unwavering resolve to do what must be done, as it relates to improving the quality of life for all of Alexandria. We look forward to continuing our work with the Council and City staff to implement solutions that address our community's priorities in a thoughtful, comprehensive way.

Sincerely,



**ERIC WILLIAMS**

Chairman

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116971: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hi  
City Council Members,As a regular u

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- Name: Garrett Fesler
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: gfesler13@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hi City Council Members,  
As a regular user of the Chinquapin pool, and as our daughter is a member of the T.C. Williams swim team, I encourage you to support funding for the new 50 meter pool at Chinquapin. I realize that City revenues are tight, and that funding for public amenities is contentious. Indeed, I am a City employee myself. However, as an Alexandria citizen, I ask for your support for a new pool complex at Chinquapin. Our daughter will have graduated by the time a new pool can be built, but we believe a new pool is something that will be beneficial to a whole host of Alexandrians from young children learning to swim to senior citizens using the pool to stay active. Please seriously consider funding a new swimming pool for our fine City. Thanks for your consideration,  
Garrett R. Fesler  
3757 Keller Ave.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 28

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116939: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at  
4701 KENMORE AVE Please fully fund the both the ACPS oper

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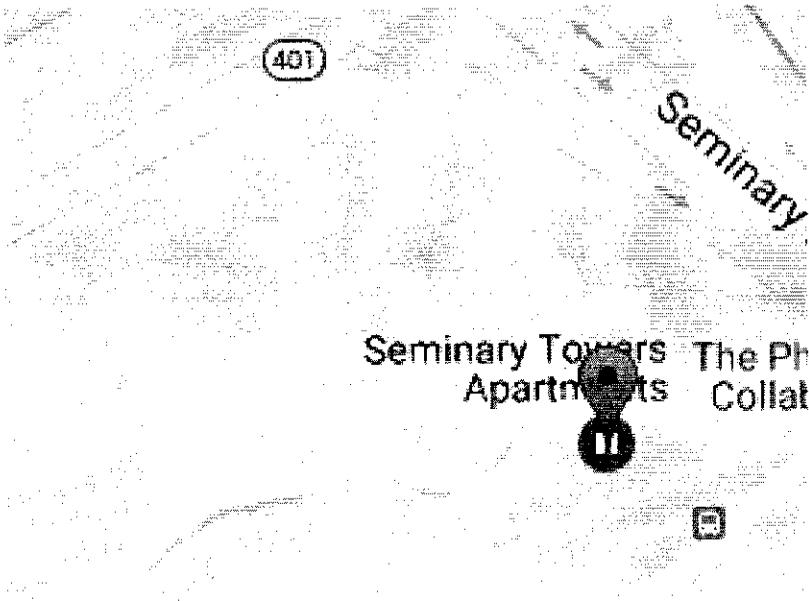
- Name: Coral Childs
- Approximate Address: 4701 KENMORE AVE (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 571-312-5797
- Email: coral.childs@gsa.gov
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please fully fund the both the ACPS operating budget AND the capital budget. I am the parent of an 8th grader at Francis Hammond Middle School. Her first year of school, JK Polk Elementary actually hired an additional kindergarten teacher and created a new class to accommodate additional students in the middle of the school year. In my daughter's 6 years at Polk, the building was added on to twice and it is still bursting at the seams.

In 3 years at Hammond I have seen too many heating and a/c problems to count. There is paint peeling in the halls and the bathrooms and restrooms are deplorable.

Next year my daughter moves to the Minnie Howard campus of TC Williams. Why is there a Minnie Howard campus? Because our high school is bursting at the seams, just like our elementary schools. Minnie Howard shares the same fate.

Friends in other parts of Virginia laugh and roll their eyes when I tell them my daughter goes to school in Alexandria. They think ACPS is the ugly step sister between Arlington and Fairfax County. Maybe ACPS does look a little bit like an ugly duckling, but with FULL funding it can show the world that it's really a swan!

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116940: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please  
support affordable housing in the

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- Name: Coral Childs
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-312-5797
- Email: coral.childs@gsa.gov
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please support affordable housing in the City of Alexandria by fully funding the \$4.3 million for the Church of the Resurrection affordable housing project in the Beauregard Corridor. Alexandria desperately needs more affordable housing. I live in the Beauregard Corridor and I see it every day. The Beauregard Corridor redevelopment project will eliminate much of the affordable housing already there.

The Church of the Resurrection is located in the Beauregard Corridor and is concerned about the fates of its neighbors. They propose to raze their existing building and replace it with a 100+ unit affordable housing apartment building (along with a much smaller church). What a fantastic gift to the City of Alexandria and the residents of the Beauregard Corridor.

However, to do this, the project needs \$4.3 million from the City of Alexandria. Please don't let this opportunity go by. Please fully fund this project.

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116919: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I urge  
City Council to fully fund our sc

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- Name: Courtney Reinholtz
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ecreinholtz@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I urge City Council to fully fund our schools, including swing space to make way for new construction. I would also like to urge you to fully fund the new aquatic facility at Chinquapin. We do not have a valid 50 meter pool in the City, and that should be a priority over the TC stadium renovation, and other projects.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 28

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116913: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I urge  
you to continue support of our pu

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- Name: Darrellene Davis
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 214-213-4614
- Email: dardavis01@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I urge you to continue support of our public libraries as you consider the budget for FY2018. There are many good reasons for you to do so. For example, Alexandria's public libraries are a major component of the City's educational system, supporting Healthy Thriving Residents, a focus area of the City's budget. Libraries provide many means for self-improvement and education, available to every citizen of Alexandria. They deliver public education for all through Self-Directed Education, Research Assistance and Instruction, and Instructive and Enlightening Experiences. I would note especially that our libraries supplement the work of Alexandria's public schools, by offering hundreds of programs for children throughout the year that support early literacy and school readiness. In addition, the libraries support: English language learners by offering free English courses every week; small business owners by providing individual research assistance, meeting room spaces and technology access; job seekers by providing assistance with writing resumes and cover letters and access to free computers and wireless services; and digital literacy by providing free computer, Internet and wireless access and free technology training.
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116916: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council  
Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council memb

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- Name: Lynn Rohrs
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 405-269-3885
- Email: weaverlynn@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council members:

I attended last week's meeting on Monday, March 13 at 4 p.m. in support of Rev. Jo Belser's request for funding for the affordable housing project at the Church of the Resurrection. I am part of a cadre of volunteer counselors with the Christ Church Lazarus and West End Lazarus Ministries who work each week with Alexandria residents experiencing financial emergencies such as imminent eviction, overwhelming utility bills and disconnected services, and medical emergencies. We are part of a network of ecumenical groups seeking to help the poorest of our citizens stay in their homes and have some quality of life for their families. Every week we see the need for affordable and low income housing increase as the number of units decreases.

If we value a diverse, vibrant community that cares for its citizens and offers safe and decent environments for its youth, so that all family members can be productive members of Alexandria, then we must address the need for affordable housing immediately and with the courage of our convictions.

I urge you to support this project that will help address this critical need of our citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this request and for the work that you do on behalf of all Alexandria residents.

Sincerely yours,  
Lynn Rohrs  
3832 Jay Ave.  
Alexandria, VA 22302

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**From:** Mark Jinks  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 4:22 PM  
**To:** lindalcouture@aol.com  
**Cc:** Debra Collins; City Council; Morgan Routt; Rose Dawson  
**Subject:** RE: Library Funding

Linda:

Thank you for your thoughts about the Library budget. I agree with you on the value of libraries to our community. Given fiscal constraints that FY18 presented, I doubt any City agency had full funding of their desired budget. In the case of libraries, Library hours are not being cut nor services reduced. The biggest budget reduction is an efficiency proposal that was brought forward by Libraries to change how branch circulation is handled. Circulation service will not be diminished, and in fact what is included in the proposed CIP is new \$160,000 funding over a two year-period for new library customer self-service stations for check outs, renewals and fine paying. This new system will allow Library staff to focus on other tasks.

Mark

**From:** lindalcouture@aol.com [mailto:lindalcouture@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 3:27 PM  
**To:** Allison Silberberg <allison.silberberg@alexandriava.gov>; Justin Wilson <justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov>; Paul Smedberg <Paul.Smedberg@alexandriava.gov>; Timothy Lovain <timothy.lovain@alexandriava.gov>; Del Pepper <Del.Pepper@alexandriava.gov>; John Chapman <john.taylor.chapman@alexandriava.gov>; Willie Bailey <willie.bailey@alexandriava.gov>; Mark Jinks <Mark.Jinks@alexandriava.gov>  
**Subject:** Library Funding

Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and Council Members:

Yesterday, which was Sunday, I was once again thrilled to be at my favorite library: the Duncan branch in Del Ray. While I have four library cards, being an avid reader, this particular library epitomizes the atmosphere that I remember so well as a little girl who couldn't wait to go to the library with my parents to get children's books.

Once again, I remarked to the librarians there that I was happy that so many were there using the library on Sunday. This had been a subject of several of my emails to then Vice Mayor Silberberg--- the importance of neighborhood libraries being open on Sunday afternoons when working parents have time to bring their children to the library.

So imagine how distressed I was to then learn that the library budget is once again subject to not being fully funded. And that the "bill payers" were going be limited hours for staff. In plain speak, this is just wrong, wrong, wrong. If there's any civic amenity that has broad utility it's our libraries. There are senior services, there are feeding the poor programs, there are affordable housing programs---but none of these serves all of our residents all the time. Our libraries do: middle income, low income, wealthy, children, visitors, job seekers, seniors, Internet users, book readers, researchers, singles, families.

Our libraries are the greatest resource we have for all of us---and they are heavily used. If there's an audit that shows a particular library is not fully functioning, then please find out why and fix that library. In my opinion, if every library had the numerous resources coupled with the quiet, yet very friendly atmosphere Duncan now has, then every library would be flourishing.

Please do not cut library funds this year. Our libraries are a resource that simply cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Linda Couture  
505 Duke Street  
703-299-9215

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**From:** Robert Reeves via Call.Click.Connect.  
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**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 10:26 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116826: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
Mayor Silverberg and Members of the

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- Name: Robert Reeves
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 328-7232
- Email: wrobert@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silverberg and Members of the City Council,  
The need for affordable housing in Alexandria has been a topic of conversation for many years now. The publicity over the Beauregard Small Area Plan served to highlight the problem in the West End, and now the City has a chance to take another important step in relieving the growing shortage. As you know the Church of the Resurrection has been working for the past several years to provide some relief to the problem. Our church has made significant sacrifice toward this end, but it cannot do it without your help. We greatly appreciate the support the City has given us in our quest, but we need for the City to fully fund its portion of the project by returning the last \$4.3M to the 2018 City budget in order to make these 113 affordable housing units happen.

Sincerely,  
Robert Reeves  
2301 N Chambliss St  
C 703 328-7232

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**From:** CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 1:15 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116845: City Clerk and Clerk of Council I commend to city council's attention th

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- Name: Dino Drudi
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-526-0891
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: I commend to city council's attention this just-issued study from the Center for Immigration Studies which provides data which might be used to help estimate the impact on the Alexandria City Public Schools' budget and school construction needs which might accrue from immigration enforcement  
<http://cis.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=11002b90be7384b380b467605&id=a95e72c125&e=543d781670>.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 27

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**From:** Josh Baker  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 2:11 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Council Aides; Mark Jinks; Fatima Ahmed; Chieko Clarke ; David Kaplan ; Kerry J. Donley ; Laura Triggs; Meredith McNab ; Paul Abramson ; Richard Lawrence; Stephen Klejst ; Yon Lambert  
**Subject:** Memorandum from ATC (DASH) Chairman Paul Abramson  
**Attachments:** 03\_15\_2017 - ATC Chairman Memo to Council.pdf

Dear Madam Mayor and Members of Council,

Please find attached to this e-mail a memorandum from Alexandria Transit Company (ATC) Board Chairman Paul Abramson for your consideration. This memorandum is intended to provide you with comment on behalf of the ATC Board of Directors regarding the City Managers Proposed FY 2018 Budget.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Joshua A. Baker

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**Joshua A. Baker, CCTM**  
General Manager/CEO

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Alexandria, VA 22314  
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# MEMORANDUM



**DATE:** March 15, 2017  
**TO:** Alexandria City Council  
**CC:** Mr. Mark Jinks, City Manager  
**FROM:** Paul R. Abramson, Chairman  
**RE:** City Managers Proposed Budget, Fiscal Year 2018

Dear Alexandria City Council Members:

I am writing you concerning the City Managers Fiscal 2018 proposed budget. On behalf of the Alexandria Transit Company Board of Directors I want to take a moment and let you know we have reviewed the proposed budget and evaluated its impacts on both Operating and Capital Improvement Projects for DASH.

The City Manager has proposed that DASH is to be level funded for Fiscal Year 2018 at the same operating subsidy as the previous year. This amount is: \$11,092,941 which is \$700,000 short of our requested funding of \$11,792,941. While this shortage in funding will create some challenges, our General Manager is confident that we can work internally to mitigate these impacts for this year as we understand the tremendous pressure on the City's budget. We do ask your consideration that future fiscal years will necessitate increases in operating funding to maintain our superior quality and reliable transit service that is so vital to the Alexandria community.

The City Manager has proposed to reduce the King Street Trolley to begin service at 10:30am vs. 10:00am. DASH originally requested level funding of the Trolley at \$992,363, while the Managers Budget reflects a total funding of \$952,938. This will have a small impact on our riders, however they will still have the option of using another route in the same corridor in lieu of the Trolley until 10:30am. It is prudent to note that DASH took a reduction in funding for the Trolley last year and we were asked to maintain the same level of service. It is concerning that this continues to be an area which is being cut and we do not believe these reductions to be sustainable in future years.

On the capital improvement side (CIP) the impacts are more significant to our service. Funding allocated in the City Managers budget is a combined total of \$3,350,000 which allows for the replacement of only 4 buses and short funds our Hybrid Battery Pack replacements by \$150,000. For your reference, we requested a combined total of \$4,450,000 which would account for six (6) replacement buses and all battery pack replacements needed. The impacts of this short funding will affect our capital replacement program and will potentially have an adverse impact on our operating expenses. It is imperative that DASH maintain a secure and consistent capital replacement program. Continuing to fall behind in maintaining our state of good repair and purchasing replacement buses will have adverse impacts on our riders and our service reliability.

In closing the DASH Board along with our General Manager ask that you strongly consider re-funding the capital program. If necessary, we encourage you to identify funds in the supplemental budget to satisfy DASH' capital needs. We sincerely thank you for all of your support and recognize the difficult decisions you face as you consider the managers budget proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration of these concerns. I am available to you at your convenience anytime throughout the budget process.

Paul R. Abramson  
Chairman, Alexandria Transit Company (DASH)

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**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 4:35 PM  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116744: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The  
attached letter, related to the City

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- Name: Daniel Potter
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-480-4094
- Email: Potter22304@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The attached letter, related to the City's proposed FY18 budget, is sent on behalf of the Alexandria Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 24

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- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: lwernery@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing in opposition to the advertised property tax hike of 5.7 cents. Homeowners are getting strapped with so many increases in property taxes along with the increased assessments and fees. Enough already. It appears the Alexandria City Council has an insatiable appetite for more revenue. And, at the same time, the roads in old town are in terrible shape and the city has approved so many new townhouses in old town that traffic is ridiculous. I'm a bike rider and enjoy biking more in DC than in old town because the road surfaces are much better in DC than they are here. And my commute time home from D.C. to old town has more than tripled because of the daily bumper-to-bumper traffic into old town. These are just two examples of the overall decline in the living standards in Alexandria. This is happening while the city council continues to approve annual property tax increases. What a shame. Please consider residents when making decisions instead of just increasing the city coffers.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 24

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116749: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Our you kidding about raising Alexandria

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- Name: Mr./Ms. Barrys
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Our you kidding about raising Alexandrian's property taxes? We cannot afford that. Our taxes are already scheduled to go up because of the assessments. Many of us are faced with a pay freeze. We need a reduction in taxes just to break even.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 24

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116752: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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- Name: Leah Wilson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-820-5752
- Email: leahwilson914@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,  
I am writing to express my concerns about the city manager's budget, which did not adequately address the urgent capital improvement needs of the Alexandria city school system. ACPS has completed an exhaustive study of the needs and costs associated with each individual school and its building systems. Yet this study appears to have been ignored by the City Council, which has funded the schools below the Superintendent's request. This has now become a safety issue for our children; schools have significant structural concerns, leaking roofs, cracked foundations and unreliable heating and air conditioning, as well as serious capacity shortfalls.  
We are asking the City Council to make schools a priority and to set better budget priorities by cutting wasteful spending in other areas so that the needed repairs can be made and capacity met. The time for action is now. I look forward to following your proceedings on February 28th and urge you address the city's schools growing needs.  
Sincerely,  
Leah Wilson
- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 24

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116755: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Our  
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- Name: Louise Bennett
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-931-4019
- Email: bennettlou5@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Our city, particularly the West End, is desperately in need of affordable housing, and my church, Church of the Resurrection, has been working for the past four years to position itself to do something about it. What we need now is for the City to fully fund its portion of the project by returning the last \$4.3 million to the 2018 City budget and we can go on about our mission of helping those in need here in the West End. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 27

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116764: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council since I previously work at ACPS, I can t

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- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: since I previously work at ACPS, I can tell those high school student numbers forecast are wrong. Most of the residents send their kids to the elementary schools here in the City because the school ratings are reasonable but by the time those kids head off to high school resident parents will send their kids somewhere else to high school outside of the city by moving somewhere else or to private schools and not send them to TC Williams because TC school rating is so low. why would you? think about it. if you are a parent living in the city, would you send your kid to the City's high school? So stop and think realistically those forecast high school numbers. What nonsense it is to build another high school! whoever the planners are they are out of touch with the reality and are planning for nothing. you need to hire better planners who are in touch with the city's community, and who knows how ACPS have been running in the last decade!!!
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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116765: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I  
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- Name: Julie Greenwood
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038880285
- Email: juliegreenwood@me.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support the 50 meter pool. Currently most of my recreation money goes to Fairfax county because my daughter's club team does not practice at Chinquapin due to its irregular size. I work out where she practices which means Mt. Vernon Recreation Center and Lee District are the rec centers our family frequents.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 27

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**Sent:** Saturday, March 18, 2017 3:42 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116768: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please  
fully fund the proposed 50 meter

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- Name: Linda Critchfield
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-739-2568
- Email: [lcritchfield@earthlink.net](mailto:lcritchfield@earthlink.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please fully fund the proposed 50 meter pool! All ages would benefit and would improve the quality of life in Alexandria!!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 27

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 19, 2017 9:31 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116780: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 3210 KING ST I support the request to build the 50 m

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- Name: Roberto Padilla
- Approximate Address: 3210 KING ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: Roberto.waves@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support the request to build the 50 m pool at Chinquapin.  
My main reasons to support this are:
  - 1) 7,500 school kids will not have the opportunity to learn how to survive in the water without the pool space offered by a new pool.
  - 2) No school in Alexandria has been able to host an official meet in over 30 years.
  - 3) The pool will benefit a wide range of Alexandria residents from toddlers to octogenarians.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 27

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116784: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I urge  
members of the City Council to "p

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- Name: Louise Meng
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-2041
- Email: louisemeng@msn.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I urge members of the City Council to "person up" and approve a significant increase in the budget.. If we want to maintain a vibrant City with the services we have come to expect, we simply have to pay for them. So many things have been put off or need to be done on an ongoing basis, that we need to stop complaining about taxes and pay them. The proposed increase, which really isn't enough, is the price of a gadget or two. By the way, I am a property owner and therefore affected by the increase.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 27

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 19, 2017 6:27 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116791: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson

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- Name: Heidi Ford
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ha.ford123@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and City Council,

The City Manager provided a good budget that allows for significant funding to our schools and capital needs. As our elected government, you must exercise fiscal constraint and make the tough fiscal decisions; as a city we simply can't afford everything. We are in an environment in which there is no money for "nice-to-have" projects. The budget allocated to the schools is very generous. I have little sympathy for their pleas of overcrowding and poor AC systems when the school board did not choose to maximize use of the \$45 million Jefferson Houston School and makes such illogical decisions as deciding to close the entire school district so that teachers can participate in a political protest. A hot classroom does not negate academic success; I grew up in Texas, much hotter than here, and attended a middle school that had no air-conditioning, nor any computers, and yet, I was able to thrive academically, going on to earn a Ph.D. The City's tax payers cannot be treated as an endless ATM. In 2008, my property tax was \$5,257. Under the maximum tax increase you are considering (\$1.13), our tax this year would be \$8,929. That is untenable.

Respectfully,  
Heidi Ford

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116794: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear All: For years now we have been ask

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- Name: Jenny Malseed
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-669-5727
- Email: jkmalseed@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear All: For years now we have been asking for more support for aquatics. I think it is so important that we have good public pools so that children not only learn how to swim but also can grow to love swimming and even compete. We have seen some wonderful developments like the work currently underway at Warwick Pool - thank you and bravo! We truly appreciate your support on this.

I am writing now to express support for a new pool at Chinguapin and to ask the City Council to move the pool money from the supplemental area to the base in the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2018.

It is my understand that putting the money into the supplemental section is the third time that the aquatics community has been shortchanged on this pool:

- In 1985, the City built the wrong size pool and no school in Alexandria has been able to host an official meet in over 30 years.
- In 2008, \$25 million set aside for Chinguapin was taken because of the cost overrun on the TC Williams High School.
- And now in 2017, we have seen our approved funding once again disappear.

7,500 school kids will not have the opportunity to learn how to survive in the water without the pool space offered by the new pool. The pool would benefit a wide range of Alexandria residents from toddlers to octogenarians. It offers city-wide services, unlike other fitness facilities in the City.

Please fund the pool. Thank you!

Warmly,  
Jenny Malseed, 10-year Alexandria resident

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 19, 2017 9:30 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116798: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The  
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- Name: BARBARA EVERSMAN
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (313)268-4814
- Email: lvfrheaven@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The West End of Alexandria is desperately in need of affordable housing and Church of the Resurrection has been working for the past four years to position itself to do something about it. Wat we need is for the City to fully fund its portion of the project by returning the last \$4.3 million to the 2018 City budget and we can go on about our mission of helping those in need here in the West End.
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**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 5:01 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116682: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
Mayor Silberberg and City Council,

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- Name: Kyle Lynch
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202.999.6645
- Email: james.kyle.lynch@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council,  
Weighing in on the city budget debate, I would like to express my support for potentially raising taxes if it means that we can fully fund ACPS.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 23

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116684: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor Allison Silberberg and Members of

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Allison Silberberg and Members of Alexandria City Council,

It's come to our attention that Alexandria is considering cutting investment in public art by almost half in the coming years. We wanted to offer you our perspectives as wedding vendors in the DMV, and urge you to restore the allocations for public art acquisition in accordance with your previously approved policy.

Alexandria is a beautiful city and we love doing shoots there. Its historic charm is a big draw for many of our clients. However, when clients are looking for artsy or edgy backdrops in their photos--as many of our clients are--there aren't many options in Alexandria, so we take them to Arlington or DC, where public art is plentiful.

There are lots of factors that go into making a beautiful photograph: the photographer's skill, the quality of the equipment, the perfect light, the comfort and emotions of the subjects, the appeal of the setting. The only one that you can influence is the last, and so we strongly encourage you to keep your commitment to bringing public art to your city. We believe the investment will pay off for you.

Sincerely,

Maggie & Steven Gaudaen  
Pop! Wed Co.

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 23

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- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am asking the city council to restore the money for church of the Resurrection's affordable housing. We have agreed for our church building to be torn down and done everything possible to make this project happen because we realize how important affordable housing is on the west side. We ask you to restore the funds
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 23

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**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 3:57 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116187: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am  
writing to express concern that the

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- Name: Ralph Espach
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712145731
- Email: respach@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to express concern that the city is under-funding the ACPS, in particular the need for more schools and infrastructure improvements to absorb the growing number of children in the city. I have two children in the school system, at Maury Elementary and at the G.W. Middle School, and can attest to the difficulty school administrators and teachers face with large and growing class sizes and uncertainty regarding where to put additional classes. And these are not even the schools identified to be "in desperate need." Meanwhile new condominiums and townhouse developments are popping up across the city bringing in thousands of new children. Please stop squandering time and act now to fund these needs. I suggest also that instead of raising further our property taxes, you consider pushing some of these costs on to the developers of these housing units.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,  
Ralph Espach

24 East Chapman Street

- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 17

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:51 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116631: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I  
wanted to thank the City Council for y

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- Name: Katy Matthews
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-243-8802
- Email: matthews.katy@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I wanted to thank the City Council for your decision to advertise the highest real estate tax rate that the Council might consider during this year's budget process. Our schools are in disrepair and can not be ignore any longer. The Council must provide the necessary amount of resources that the schools are requesting.

This is not the time to blame the schools or anyone else for "mismanagement" of the facilities. We could easily blame the City Council for not providing the necessary resources to keep the aging infrastructure up to code. Now is the time to replace the 70+ old buildings.

Please make the schools a priority. We've waiting long enough. It's the kids turn.

Thank you,  
Katy Matthews

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 23

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 12:16 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116657: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council If you  
approve a tax rate of \$1.13 per m

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- Name: Micheline Eyraud
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035678896
- Email: michye00@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: If you approve a tax rate of \$1.13 per mil you will be voted out of office. Our tax base is such that you should not have to increase the property tax as much as you are proposing. The problem is that nobody on the council knows the difference between a "need" and a "want". We NEED good roads and infrastructure, safety and fire personnel, a reasonable amount for the school district (not fully funded as they have so much money they can take the day off in the middle of the school week and have a poor record of spending our money judiciously), and an reasonable amount for social service programs . All the rest is a WANT. We don't need people to tell the rest of us why exercise is important nor do we need to give free rides for the artists at the Torpedo Factory. And if you are giving anyone else a free ride we don't need that either. If you are doing to increase the tax rate I suggest a 20% across the board decrease in all departmental funding.

As many of you just ignore my comments I would request a reply to verify that you have read and comprehend what I have said.

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 23

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 12:10 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116655: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear City Council - I know there are s

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- Name: Wendy Moniz
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-597-1891
- Email: wendymoniz@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council -  
I know there are so many important projects or initiatives that are in need of support - most importantly our schools. But the need for an aquatic facility is just as necessary for our city and one I'm pleading with you to thoughtfully consider funding.

As the parent of a swimmer (TC Williams and YMCA Sea Dragons) it's unfathomable that we don't have a pool where are kids can compete. But as a resident of Alexandria, I recognize there is so much more that an aquatic facility can provide. It can and should become an integral part of our community that provides social, cultural, recreational and therapeutic opportunities. Imagine creating a place where parents and children play together which strengthens families. Hospitals and nursing homes can offer therapeutic rehabilitation in warm water. Health and wellness classes beyond just swim lessons - stand up paddleboard yoga?! SCUBA certification. The list goes on.

Alexandria is a beautiful city and I'm proud to call it home. But we won't be able to attract new residents or businesses if we can't compete with the facilities and offerings of our neighboring locales.

Please fund pool. Do not delay any longer.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Moniz

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 23

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116649: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council and one more thing, you are lucky state

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- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: and one more thing, you are lucky state constitution does not require the city to have a referendum to have a tax increase. if not, you can never have a tax increase so easy every year. maybe it is time for the State constitution to change!!!

also why worry about the River pollution or the River rain runoff when Trump today say he will stop all future funding for cheapeake cleanup. you know what else is funny; all upstream agricultural pollutions and runoffs with their Nitrogen and Phosphorus are not regulated and these nutrients all washed downstream to our City; even our city were to cleanup here, the shear amount of agricultural pollution will make our efforts look in vain. so why bother? why such an urgency to fix the river now when our fix will not change neither the e-coli or the nutrient content of the river a bit. okay. the river will still not make the smell or the swim test even if we clean up our act because there is also pollution coming from upstream!!! google it yourself.and that is a scientific fact.

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116647: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council we all hear the other budget meeting whe

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- **Name:** *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- **Approximate Address:** No Address Specified
- **Phone Number:** No Phone
- **Email:** No Email
- **Service Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- **Request Description:** we all hear the other budget meeting when all the parents show up and the student say the roof is leaking. but I am sorry that is maintenance issue, not CIP. the school didn't use their money wisely and didn't have a good maintenance problem. why the city has to pay for the school's poor finance and facility management ? get rid of the school board if they are not working? this does not justify to increase their CIP funding. the school has to prioritize their funding and be accountable for their money spending just like anyone else in this city. open their books and you shall see. and council, do not increase tax. do you think that's what the average residents want? you are there to represent the average resident!!! don't like your personal opinions get in the way!!! same for you city manager!! think what the average residents want. you are there to serve the residents and make the tax money are well spent and to make do with what you already have!!! it has nothing to do with whether you will be re-elected. it has to do with making do with what you have, and not piling it on to the already budget-strained residents. the only people that is profiting from the high real estate market are the realtors. look at how many empty store fronts are there along King St. when you guys want to suggest any other round of tax increase, think for yourself if there are other things that can cut without raising taxes, like reducing dash bus services when we already have metro bus running in the city. the bus riders will make do. wait another 30 min for the metro bus instead of the 10min dash bus won't do anything to the bus riders, who really are not that much in a hurry. besides the dash budget is all messed up; city give dash money for CIP but city has no say on how they use the CIP money; and they have no incentive to run efficiently either. all the dash employees are overpaid. reducing non-critical services, downsize non-essential services, get out of the city hall old bldg when it is no longer a functional bldg and location with no parking around and move to a cheaper commercial functional bldg that is central location to serve the bulk of the residents, evaluate all city employees workloads and job titles and pays and make sure they are working efficiently with all their computer tools, and are not overpaid and doing their jobs, remove overlaps in duties, and cut red tapes, stop hiring overpaid positions, instead hire a reasonably paid person who want to contribute to the city; skills and experiences are overrated, we can train them on the job and be better off that way; all we need them is a desire to serve, to do their best and to learn. people with experiences have their bias and something you just need a clean-slated people and a blank piece of paper so they can fill up with the city's institutional knowledge; Again, if I can instill in all of you, you do not start with a maximum tax increase goal when you work on a budget, that's just wrong, the starting point should be start with no raising tax and make do with want you have. but you know we residents are so darn busy trying to make a buck when we really don't have time to see if you are increase or not increase tax or not because this city is so darn expensive to live it. the only thing you are going is your Location Location Location. sooner or later we residents will wake out and find out you council are not representing the average residents interests and will just move out of this City en-

mass. the Location factor won't matter anymore. or you won't be in office anymore comes two years from now!!  
but I still want to thank you for your hard work on the budget. as a finance person, I know it's a lot of work.

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116627: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson

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- Name: Leslie Duss
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-786-0183
- Email: leslieduss@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, and members of the City Council,

I am writing as a parent of a student in the Alexandria Public School System (ACPS) and a resident since 2006 in Alexandria. My reason for writing is to urge the City to fully fund next year's ACPS capital improvement budget with the express purpose of supporting the Playground Revitalization Project at Mount Vernon Community School (MVCS). My daughter started first grade at MVCS in 2011. At that time, I served on the PTA committee to address the very same concerns that persist today.

I put many hours into planning and advocacy and fundraising for the sake of the playground revitalization project. In the years to follow, I have marvelled at the ongoing commitment by countless parents and community members to move the project toward completion.

This is a milestone year. If the City does not provide the funding necessary now, the project may fail entirely. The risks are real: Permits will expire and costs will increase.

The leaders of the project have raised \$150,000 in private funds, but donors cannot be expected to give more when there's nothing to show for their effort after so many years, and no hope for progress in this coming year.

The MVCS Playground Revitalization Project has done their part, valiently. They have the construction documents, city permits, and a budget that is in no way excessive.

You know that the situation is untenable at the playground and it will only get worse. It doesn't meet the American Disabilities Act guidelines, is an eyesore in an otherwise charming neighborhood, and is unsafe to students and families with young children.

Note that the school system has pledged the remaining funds in its CIP budget. I urge the City to give MVCS the financial means to complete their Playground Revitalization Project.

Sincerely,

Leslie M. Duss

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**ALEXANDRIA CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
Department of Community and Human Services Center, 2525 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301

March 8, 2017

The Honorable Allison Silberberg  
And Members of City Council  
City of Alexandria  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council:

In 2014, the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission developed the *Children and Youth Master Plan*, which both City Council and the Alexandria City Public School's School Board adopted to guide long-term, community-wide priorities aimed at ensuring all children and youth are healthy and safe, academically and vocationally prepared, and socially and civically connected. The Plan specifically articulates five goals:

- 1) Every child will be physically safe and healthy
- 2) Every child will be academically successful and career ready
- 3) Every child will be socially connected, emotionally secure, and culturally competent
- 4) Every family will be equipped and empowered to effectively support the well-being of their children; and,
- 5) Alexandria's systems and institutions will be responsive, coordinated, efficient, and effective in service to children and families

With an eye towards these goals, the Commission reviewed the proposed City and ACPS budgets, and thoroughly appreciates the obvious time, energy, and effort put into each. In many ways, the budgets reflect a shared set of values and beliefs about the priorities of our community now and into the future. We often hear about the power of the purse to make things happen, but less often is there comment about the priorities of the purse. How a community decides to spend its money reflects its priorities, and the Alexandria City and ACPS budgets reflect a shared priority to invest in the future of our city, state, region, and nation. We may not always agree on the ranking of our priorities, but cannot and should not lose sight of the agreed upon priorities we share.

As the Council makes tough decisions over the coming weeks and months finalizing the fiscal year 2018 budget, the Commission asks that our shared priorities be kept in mind. Priorities, such as, providing appropriate resources to all K through 12 schools to meet the logistical and structural needs of ACPS today and tomorrow, increasing access to early care and education

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programs, enhancing City programs and services that meet the growing demands of ensuring maximum success for all children, youth and families, and developing and implementing an integrated data measurement system to assist in understanding, serving, and elevating our children and youth in this community. Finally, we would be remiss to not applaud City Council for its continued efforts to provide sufficient affordable housing to Alexandrians. We cheer these efforts while also asking that they be continued and grown in the coming years to build more affordable housing units and support local rent subsidy programs so that all families can live and prosper in our amazing community.

The Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission encourages the City of Alexandria to take the holistic needs of the city's residents into consideration in the coming weeks, having the unwavering resolve to do what must be done, as it relates to improving the quality of life for all of Alexandria. We look forward to continuing our work with the Council and City staff to implement solutions that address our community's priorities in a thoughtful, comprehensive way.

Sincerely,



**ERIC WILLIAMS**

Chairman

**Jackie Henderson**

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**From:** Morgan Routt  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017 5:01 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Council Aides; Mark Jinks; Laura Triggs; Emily Baker; Debra Collins; OMB Staff; Craig Fifer; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Budget Website Comments  
**Attachments:** Website Comments as of March 15.pdf

The attached four comments regarding the FY 2018 budget have been posted on the OMB web page to date. We will continue to forward any additional comments that we receive.

Morgan Routt  
(703) 746-3743

**City of Alexandria, Virginia  
FY 2018 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP  
Budget Website Comments**

As of March 15, 2017

**David Sterling:**

Please fully fund our schools. There is some buzz that might not happen and that would be a shame. Of all the things we do collectively with our tax dollars, I would think this would be the top of the list.

Is there any truth to the rumor that the city isn't considering fully funding the School Board's proposed budget? Is there any reason not to approve the proposed budget? What projects does the council deem more important?

**Kristina Bishop:**

We moved to Alexandria last year and one of the reasons was because we loved the local school. We come from a state (AZ) that doesn't fully fund schools and that was one of the factors in us leaving. Schools are the backbone of the community and not fully funding them can break that community. Please fully fund the schools for the children and the community as a whole which thrives with a strong school system.

**Sandra Heenan:**

I have heard that the city is considering not fully funding our schools for FY 2018. That would be a huge mistake, our schools are already overcrowded and need some updating (for example, MacArthur has yellow water coming out of some of the student fountains). Our society depends upon a well-educated populous, please fund our schools!

**K. Hoekstra:**

I moved to Alexandria in 1991 and spent the first 7 years in an apartment before buying a house in 1998. I have recently watched the city struggle with its budget and the school system build schools with all sorts of bells and whistles as if the residents were just like an unending ATM. I want to thank the City Manager for holding the school boards feet to the fire for a change and challenge them to make tough decisions going forward as the city itself has had to do. The huge increase to the schools in the Manager's budget is large enough.

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**From:** Steve Kalin via Call.Click.Connect.  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017 9:53 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116618: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am  
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- Name: Steve Kalin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-370-5723
- Email: [skalin@capaccess.org](mailto:skalin@capaccess.org)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am against the huge tax increase proposed for the schools.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 22

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #116615: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council  
Mayor Allison Silberberg and Members of

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- Name: Catherine Barrett
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-278-9642
- Email: catherine.p.ahern@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Allison Silberberg and Members of Alexandria City Council,

I'm writing as a member of the Arts Commission, an Alexandria resident, and a new mom. In each of those capacities, I appreciate your dedication to making Alexandria such a wonderful city. And in each of these capacities, I ask for your renewed commitment to funding public art.

I was surprised and disappointed to see that the City Manager's proposed CIP drastically cut the cumulative cash capital for Public Art in Alexandria by almost half, especially considering Council's support of the Public Art Policy and Public Art Implementation Plan and the Arts and Culture Master Plan. How can the goals for these two plans possibly be reached with such extreme reductions in funding?

I ask that City Council restores the CIP for Public Art Acquisition in accordance with the Public Art Policy and Implementation Plan beginning in FY2019, reaching the cash capital cap of \$500,000 per annum by FY2021. Your decision last night to to advertise a maximum real estate tax rate of \$1.13 (a 3 cent increase to the City Manager's proposed 2.7 cent increase) gives me hope that you want to understand the repercussions of such cuts, including of the public art funds.

No one likes tax increases, and I'm no different. But I'm willing to help shoulder that kind of burden when it's going to pay for the things our community needs and values. In light of the Trump administration's priorities, I feel it is necessary for our local community to step up and safeguard what we hold dear--to protect our vulnerable populations, to bolster public education, and to champion the arts. Arts funding is often easy to cut because it sounds like a "nice to have" amenity rather than a community necessity. Just as the average American overestimates the cost of foreign aid and underestimates its value, so too does the average citizen misunderstand investment in the arts. Not only is arts funding just a tiny drop in the overall budget, but it has enormous payoff in attracting tourists, new residents, and businesses, as well as generating \$2.4 million of tax revenue annually. Evidence proves time and again that investment in the arts is well worth it.

I hope that you'll consider all avenues for funding the requests in the supplemental CIP, including public art. I trust that you will continue to seek out inefficiencies that can be remedied, explore public/private partnerships that can be capitalized on, re-examine the City's conservative debt ceiling, and consider a small property tax increase to

find the funding necessary to fill these gaps.

Thank you again for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Barrett

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- Phone Number: 571-232-7242
- Email: cohen2100@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: March 15,2017

To:  
Mayor Allison Silberberg  
Vice Mayor Justin Wilson  
Councilmember Willie Bailey  
Councilmember John Taylor Chapman  
Councilmember Tim Lovain  
Councilmember Del Pepper  
Councilmember Paul Smedberg

Cc:  
Mark Jinks, City Manager  
Pat Miller, Alexandria Arts Alliance

Re:  
Public Art Acquisition in FY2018-FY2027

As a member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, we thank you for your past support of the arts, and we now ask for your continued support. The Commission for the Arts strongly recommends that City Council restore the CIP for Public Art Acquisition in accordance with the Public Art Policy and Implementation Plan beginning in FY2019, reaching the cash capital cap of \$500,000 per annum by FY2021.

All the projects on our calendar are dependent on funding, and all contribute to the economic prosperity of the City, as well as to the quality of life of the people who live here.

We hope to keep the following projects on our agenda:

- Developing an innovative project integrating public art into the storm water retrofitting project at Lake Cook, in collaboration with the Office of Environmental Quality;
- Managing a rotating public art program at Interim Fitzgerald Square, in collaboration with the Department of Planning and Zoning. This is part of an effort to keep the Waterfront a busy, attractive and vital place during work on the new Waterfront;
- Increasing public awareness of the wastewater process through an artist-in-residency program at AlexRenew, in collaboration with Alexandria Renew Enterprises;
- Collaborating with the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services on an artist-designed infrastructure along our greenways, paths and trails;
- Collaborating with Casa Chirilagua on a project in Four Mile Run Park;
- Collaborating with the City's Public Libraries at Burke Library through outdoor artwork.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for continued funding.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Cohen

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-7877
- Email: hjrosenbaum@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Regarding the budget, you need to realize that the affordable housing issue and the school budget are inter-connected. Despite the fact that we have "lost" affordable housing, this is determined by federal 'technical' standards. In fact, we have the highest poverty rate outside DC. So poor folks are living here as are increasing numbers of immigrants, legal and illegal, particularly in the West End. Most of these are poor, speak little English and are illiterate in their own language. And almost 60% of our school children qualify for federal meals. Probably many are "affording" to live here by crowding into apartments in violation of the zoning code. But the city has no will to enforce this. This is the main factor in the low scores many of our schools have received. We have good teachers but students that, in many cases, present a major challenge. Fixing buildings will not help as Jefferson Houston proves. In the meantime, high achievers are being ignored in order to try to get low achievers to close the gap. This is driving middle class parents with children to look elsewhere for housing.

We need to realize that much of the school enrollment increase is coming from families that are poor but affording somehow to live here. So adding more money for affordable housing means more money will be needed for schools. And with HUD facing a large budget cut, you can be sure that later this year there will be organized pressure for the city to pay instead for public housing and subsidies that are cut by the feds.

When my wife and I moved here 40 years ago, we could not afford to live in Georgetown. In hindsight we made a good choice. We both worked in DC, and it certainly was no burden to commute. If people cannot afford to live here, I see no reason why it is unreasonable for them to commute from further out. We already are doing more here for the poor than any other Northern Virginia.

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**Cc:** Mark Jinks; pmiller1806@comcast.net; Diane Ruggiero; Jackie Henderson; Emily Baker  
**Subject:** Commission for the Arts Public Art Acquisition CIP Request Letter  
**Attachments:** CommisionForTheArts-PublicArtRestorationLetter2017.pdf

Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council,

Good morning. Attached is a letter from the Commission for the Arts requesting restoration of the CIP allocation for Public Art Acquisition in accordance with the Public Art Policy beginning in FY2019, reaching the cash capital cap of \$500,000 by FY2021. We are heartened by Council's decision last evening to raise the possible tax increase to \$1.13 and look forward to sharing with you the many cultural and economic benefits of using this to fully fund public art in our City.

Thank you,

Matthew Stensrud

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March 13, 2017

To: Mayor Allison Silberberg  
Vice Mayor Justin Wilson  
Councilmember Willie Bailey  
Councilmember John Taylor Chapman  
Councilmember Tim Lovain  
Councilmember Del Pepper  
Councilmember Paul Smedberg

Cc: Mark Jinks, City Manager  
Pat Miller, Alexandria Arts Alliance

Re: Public Art Acquisition in FY2018-FY2027

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts thanks you for your continued support of arts and culture in Alexandria, from approval of the Public Art Policy and Public Art Implementation Plan in December 2014 to the more recent unanimous approval of the Arts and Culture Master Plan in December 2016. Alexandria's creative culture advances the City's economic goals and makes Alexandria a dynamic and attractive place to live, work and visit.

This artistic and economically compelling vision for Alexandria – and the legislation you helped craft – is now at risk. The City Manager's proposed CIP drastically cuts the cumulative cash capital for Public Art in Alexandria by almost half. The Commission for the Arts strongly recommends that City Council **restore the CIP for Public Art Acquisition in accordance with the Public Art Policy and Implementation Plan beginning in FY2019, reaching the cash capital cap of \$500,000 per annum by FY2021.** This restoration follows Alexandria's FY2017-2022 Strategic Plan to "support the Public Art Implementation Plan and Policy" and "integrates...public art" as outlined in "Flourishing Arts, Culture & Recreation."

The Commission is proud of the many public art projects currently in motion – several of which will be canceled or postponed due to funding cuts, including:

- Developing an innovative project integrating public art into the storm water retrofitting project at Lake Cook in collaboration with the Office of Environmental Quality;
- Managing a rotating temporary public art program at Interim Fitzgerald Square that could become the impetus for Alexandria's new vision of the waterfront in collaboration with Department of Planning and Zoning;

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- Increasing public awareness of the wastewater process through a ground-breaking artist-in-residency program at AlexRenew, in collaboration with Alexandria Renew Enterprises;
- Enhancing the recent dedication of our "East Coast Greenway" through the development of artist-designed infrastructure along Alexandria's greenways, paths and trails, in collaboration with the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services;
- Celebrating Alexandria's Latino population with a gateway project in Arlandria's Four Mile Run Park, in collaboration with Casa Chirilagua; and,
- Assisting the reinvention and prominence of Burke Library through outdoor artwork in collaboration with the City's Public Libraries.

Alexandria's arts and culture industry generates \$2.4 million in City tax revenue annually. Additionally, developers support public art by pursuing public art on the property of future projects or voluntarily contributing to the public art fund. The City now has the opportunity to maintain its commitment to the arts by **restoring the CIP for Public Art Acquisition beginning in FY2019, reaching the cash capital cap of \$500,000 per annum by FY2021.**

The Commission recognizes the financial challenges facing the City and for this reason is not asking for the reinstatement of funds beyond the current cash capital cap set by the City Manager for FY2018. We can commit to continuing all projects with only short postponements due to the funding shortage for FY2018. But this shortage cannot continue. The Commission for the Arts will support any effort made by City Council to increase the cash sources necessary to restore public art funding. The short-term financial commitment is well worth the proven economic gain for Alexandria.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and we look forward to working with you to create a more artistic Alexandria.

Artfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Stensrud".

Matthew Stensrud, Chair  
Alexandria Commission for the Arts

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Anna Gryskevich via Call.Click.Connect.  
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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.597.8937
- Email: amarie.orso@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Allison Silberberg and Members of Alexandria City Council,

I just heard that Alexandria is thinking about cutting its investment in public art by almost half over the next ten years, per the City Manager's proposed CIP. I understand the need to make a cut in this upcoming fiscal year, but I really hope that you'll reconsider the cuts beyond that.

I'm a young professional in the design world. I've worked on the design teams of some major government projects--including the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture and the National Science Foundation HQ in Alexandria--and have done freelance design jobs for residences and small businesses. When my husband and I decided to plant roots and buy our first home, we picked Alexandria in part because of its reputation for being an arts destination. Like many people of our background/generation, we knew we didn't want to live somewhere generic, and institutions like the Torpedo Factory and neighborhoods like Del Ray indicated that the city cares about and invests in the arts. I fear that implementing the proposed cuts sends a clear message that Alexandria doesn't value the arts as much as I thought.

Of the planned public art projects that I'm aware of, I have to say I'm most disappointed that the trails and paths project to add art along the Alexandria portion of the "East Coast Greenway" might be in jeopardy due to these cuts. My husband and I are big on outdoor activities, and I love the idea of mixing art and exercise in this innovative way.

Please keep in mind that young people like myself really value living in a unique area. If you want to keep attracting us and encouraging us to stay here for the long term, please don't renege on your prior commitments to invest in public art.

Sincerely,

Anna M. Gryskevich

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- Name: Beth Richardson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: bethlyone@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to support funding for a 50-meter pool at Chinquapin in the funded budget. I swim at Chinquapin 2-3 times weekly. The current pool is being used to its capacity most of the time, and the women's locker room is very crowded. During high school swim season it is even more crowded. It would be a great benefit to the city to have a pool dedicated to recreational and instructional use, while the 50-meter pool could be dedicated to competitive swimming and training. Having a 50-meter pool would bring competitive events to Alexandria and increase its visibility in the DC metropolitan area swimming community and perhaps farther away as well.
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fund the 50 meter pool now. The

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- Name: Patty Munson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: pmun2911@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please fund the 50 meter pool now. The current pool is inadequate. I swim in the morning several times at week at 6am. The pool is completely overcrowded at this time. I also have children who swim on the TC Williams swim team and there are not enough lanes. When they were young, I had to take them to private pools for lessons because I could never get them into Chinquapin lessons because they were always full. I am fortunate enough to have the means to go else where but in a city like Alexandria, it should not be necessary. Not everyone in the city can go else where and nobody should have too. The Rixse pool has been a problem since it opened in 1985. over 30 years is too long a delay to take care of these multiple issues. Fund the pool this year while we have the private donors lined up to go. Missing this opportunity would be a big mistake. I realize there are a lot of infrastructure problems in the city. You should increase the taxes and borrow to meet them all. We are in this mess because the city keeps punting problems down the road. It is time to fix them.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 21

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- Name: Bob Ludke
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-838-0288
- Email: robert\_ludke@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Silberberg and members of the City Council - while I was unable to attend yesterday's budget hearing I want to again express my support for the full funding of the 50 meter pool at Chinquapin in the FY 2018 budget. As I have indicated in previous communications with you, I believe the private sector in Alexandria - led by AAA - has worked in good faith to build support for the pool.

Moreover, those of us on the AAA board have worked very hard to develop a feasible budget estimate for the facility. We also engaged with experts at USA Swimming to serve as unpaid consultants to the City and hired a local expert to identify sustainable, long-term revenue streams for the facility. Nowhere in any of the City's communications about the dire budgetary situation facing the City do I see any other organizations showing such creative thinking and leadership in an effort to be a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars.

Given the leadership by AAA I am at a loss as to why AAA and its supporters have not received a clear explanation why the Chinquapin facility was singled out for a pause and other projects were allowed to move ahead. We have operated in the spirit of openness and partnership with the City.

As a parent with children in Alexandria's public schools, I deeply appreciate the importance of a fully funded school system. However, I also believe that a basic competency in swimming - a critical life skill - is a "must have" in the education of all children in our community. As we have made clear, we do not see the Chinquapin facility as "taking away" from the proposed ACPS budget. Rather, a best in class facility at Chinquapin is a vital component to the educational experience of our kids and fully complements the mission of ACPS.

On a somewhat related note, I would like to thank all of you for your leadership in protecting the people of Alexandria from unnecessary and unneeded law enforcement actions targeted at immigrants. The tone all of you have set by stressing our community is open and welcoming to people of all backgrounds and beliefs makes me proud to be part of Alexandria.

Thank you,  
Bob Ludke  
Treasurer, Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics

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- Phone Number: 703-919-0049
- Email: michellekrocker@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Silberberg and City Council members, On behalf of Housing Alexandria, we are providing a summary of points to consider regarding funding for the Church of the Resurrection development in the West End.

Thank you for considering our request.

- Attachment: [CRsummarypoints03142017.docx](#)
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New Affordable Apartments

- Will add 113 new, energy-efficient homes in Beauregard Small Area (BSA)
- Many affordable units in BSA are at-risk from redevelopment
- 94 multi-bedroom units, perfect for needy families
- Will add new real estate tax revenue (est. \$200,000) to City tax rolls
- Renters in affordable units will likely be the ones who use, and thus justify the City's investment in BRT and other infrastructure
- \$4.3 million in additional City (CIP Supplemental) funding will leverage \$44 million, including a \$500,000 AHC loan to project
- Project will not occur without additional \$4.3 million in City funding
- Church will continue its crucial programming—food & financial assistance—to needy City families