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From: Mike Gaw via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:59 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
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- Name: Mike Gaw
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-739-1379
- Email: erghammer@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I write to express my support for the goals of the Vision Zero project. However, I am puzzled by the means through which the city is attempting to meet those goals.

Anybody who is paying attention knows that King Street between Janney's Lane and the high school is a speed trap. I respectfully submit to you, however, that making sure people do 25mph in that stretch rather than 35mph has only marginal impact on safety. I can offer you two places where enforcement efforts would be far better directed:

1) The crosswalks across Braddock Road, just south of the Braddock Road Metro station. I know there are lighted crosswalks there, but many cars seem not to understand yet what "pedestrians have the right of way" means. When I went running on Saturday, I encountered what is a frequent occurrence both there and in other crosswalks in Old Town that are not at corners: when the driver sees a pedestrian approaching the crosswalk, the driver speeds up apparently on the theory that "if I get through before he gets there, then it's cool". This is just inviting the pedestrian to play a game of chicken with the car, which the pedestrian has to lose (either by letting the car go by or to risk serious injury). This behavior on the part of the drivers strikes me as consistent with neither the letter nor the spirit of the law.

2) The crosswalk at the stop sign at the NE corner of Cameron and North Peyton Streets, where the new school and soccer fields are. My house sits at the SW corner of Cameron and North Peyton Streets, and I have seen countless violations of that stop sign. You (or the city traffic engineers) might choose to ignore what appears to be just one person's opinion, so I thought I'd collect you some actual data. So, on Sunday March 19, I sat at my window from 1:25pm to 1:35pm, a ten-minute stretch. During that period, 30 cars travelled west on Cameron Street and encountered that stop sign. 13 of those cars came to a full stop and complied with the law. 11 cars slowed appreciably and rolled through the sign -- but did not come to a full stop, as the law requires. 6 cars briefly decelerated but did not stop at all. So, 17 out of 30 cars violated the street signage, more than 50%. I should also note that this was in the middle of the day, when there were kids' soccer games going on at the fields. There were plenty of people around who were crossing that street. Oh, and the cherry on top: the one time that a car arrived at that stop sign just as a pedestrian was entering the crosswalk, the car did not yield to the pedestrian.

A final note on Cameron Street: I was a bit surprised that there were only 30 cars in 10 minutes on a Sunday afternoon. During a weekday rush hour, there must be at least 5X more cars. When they are eager to get home, they are less interested in stopping at that stop sign or yielding to pedestrians.

I have almost been hit in Alexandria's crosswalks. I have watched my neighbor almost being hit by a car on

Cameron Street. My dad actually **was** hit a couple of years ago (and filed a police report). I have cars blow through stop signs all over Old Town, and yet I have never once seen our police force out there spotting and punishing this behavior. Why not?
Thanks for your time.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 27

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Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2017 12:37 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115518: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
Madam Mayor & Members of Council -Br

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- Name: Jody Manor
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035492708
- Email: jmanor@bittersweetcatering.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Madam Mayor & Members of Council -

Briefly writing you today on the subject of affordable housing from the perspective of an employer in an industry that generates significant tax revenue. I recognize that our city faces big financial challenges. The hospitality industry, particularly in Old Town, has faced ever increasing regulation and opposition by a vocal minority - of which you are well aware. To add to this difficulty, it is increasingly difficult to hire qualified employees in this sector. As a long time employer I know that many of our employees have been forced to relocate from the city due to escalating housing costs - and there are many employment opportunities between the city and their homes. This does not bode well for the success of our industry or its continued contribution to our finances. Simply, having a local workforce is a critical piece of our success.

I trust you will keep this in mind as you make the myriad decisions before you this session. Thank you for your service and consideration.

Jody Manor

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 13

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Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2017 8:45 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115507: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council After
reviewing the overall proposed fin

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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: After reviewing the overall proposed financing for next year I have the following comments: We are spending way too much for the City Manager, City Attorney and Finance Departments. The city needs to reduce overhead generally speaking and the City Manager and Attorney offices are good examples of bloated bureaucracies that really do not provide any services for city personnel. I had a horrible experience trying to gain FOIA information last year and have a very poor opinion of the Attorney's office. Turns out it was too much trouble for the person to actually get what I wanted and I just gave up because it is not worth my time dealing with that. The finance department is getting about the same amount of money as the Department of General Services which actually provides services for the city. I cannot imagine why would cost 14M+ just to manage city revenue. The council needs to do a thorough review of all departments with the goal of streamlining operations and reducing personnel. Please remember that taxpayers do not have unlimited funds to meet all the whims and fancies of the city government.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 13

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From: Sondra Rhodes via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 7:30 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115351: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please
Keep the Power-Up Program at Hamm

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- Name: Sondra Rhodes
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-969-1975
- Email: fiveofsix@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please Keep the Power-Up Program at Hammond Middle School during 2017-2018

Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and Council Members,

I have been very distraught over hearing that the Parks and Recreation plans to cancel the Power-Up program. I did not sleep well last night, and I have been stressing over what I am going to do for my child if Power-Up is canceled. I am a single-working parent of an 11-year-old. The Lord blessed me with my daughter when I was 43, and she is my only child. We live in a nice, small townhome community where my daughter is presently the only school-age child in our neighborhood. I am a native Texan. Thus, I do not have many family members living in this area. My oldest sister lives in Woodbridge, VA. My youngest sister lives in Gaithersburg, MD. I depend on my City's resources. Because my daughter is an only child, I do not want her coming home from school and being alone until I get home from work. I want my daughter to be in a safe environment with her peers until I pick her up from Hammond. Currently, my daughter enjoys being with her classmates in Power-Up, and she enjoys the activities. She also loves the staff, Mrs. McGee and Mrs. Washington. I know that I am not the only parent who needs the Power-Up program to continue. So, please think of the children who currently benefit and who will benefit from such a wonderful program.

Sincerely, Sondra Rhodes, Phoenix's Mom

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 8

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Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 3:18 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #114585: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and

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- Name: Michelle Krocker
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-919-0049
- Email: michellekrocker@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and members of Council, I am providing this letter from a coalition of churches who want to share their experiences providing financial assistance to low-income households in the City. The need for rental subsidy has increased steadily as you will see. The amount of funding they provide is substantial - \$1 million from ten houses of worship - and as they state, this is not sustainable. We hope that the experiences of these faith communities will help you find a way to increase the budget to provide critical gap financing for affordable housing developments in the pipeline.

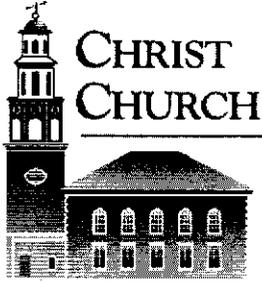
I apologize for sending multiple emails with attached letters, but that's how they are coming to me! We truly appreciate your time and consideration of supporting affordable housing in the City of Alexandria.

- Attachment: [FY18 budget-Emergency Serv Providers 2017.docx](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, February 27

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118 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

703.549.1450 www.HistoricChristChurch.org

February 17, 2017

Mayor and City Council
301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Council:

We are writing to provide you with information on the needs we are seeing in our community and to urge you to provide dedicated City resources to assist lower-income families in Alexandria to secure decent, affordable housing. We are dealing with more people needing rent and utilities and an increase in the amounts needed for these items. We are also seeing more households on the verge of eviction coming to us for assistance.

The Emergency Financial Providers are a coalition of congregations and faith-based non-profit groups that provide financial assistance and other emergency services to lower-income families, primarily in Alexandria. We work cooperatively to assist families as each of our groups has limited funds that often need to be combined to assure that a family can stay in its home or maintain heat and electricity.

Last year, we undertook a survey of our groups and ten provided data on the level of financial assistance they provided to lower-income households. Almost all of the assistance was provided for rent, utilities, and medical needs with the majority going towards rent.

These eleven faith-based groups provided a total of over \$1,000,000 in financial assistance in 2016 (*data can be provided upon request*). And each of our groups turned away families due to lack of sufficient funds. Each of us operates primarily through donations from our congregations, grants and fundraising efforts. By using volunteers, most of us work directly with these families to help them through their crises and to stabilize their situations. Without our help, many of these families and individuals would become homeless at the detriment of the City of Alexandria.

As rents have increased in Alexandria, we are seeing more need for rental assistance as these families struggle to pay their rent. We have assisted clients working full-time but are stretching to pay increasing costs. They come to us when they have an issue that requires help, often an unexpected expense such as a car repair or a reduction of income due to illness or cut-back of hours worked. Our experience is that landlords who are much less tolerant.

While we believe that providing this assistance is part of our mission as faith-based organizations, we cannot keep up with the growing demand and we need the City to increase its support for low-income Alexandrians. We ask that the City Council, as part of the FY18 budget, provide additional funding to the Housing Trust Fund to create a local rent subsidy program to help extremely low-income families and also provide funding for one new affordable development annually.

For those of us working every day to help low-income clients, we view affordable housing as a top priority. We ask that the City Council help us as we work to prevent and end homelessness and by making additional investments to support affordable housing programs.

Best regards,

Melanie Gray, MSW
Convener,
Emergency Financial Providers

ALIVE! Family Emergency Program
St. Rita Catholic Church
St. Mary's Church/St. Vincent de Paul Society
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, Christ House
Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Family to Family Mission
The Salvation Army
Church of the Resurrection, West End Lazarus Ministry
Christ Church Episcopal, Lazarus Ministry
St. Paul Episcopal Church, Lazarus Ministry
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Fairlington United Methodist Church Security Deposit Assistance Program

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From: Katya Wanzer via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 9:20 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111901: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
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- Name: Katya Wanzer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7032445682
- Email: kwanzer@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,
Attached please find the Public Health Advisory Commission's letter in support of Vision Zero.
- Attachment: [PHAC letter of support for Vision Zero.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, January 12

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Public Health
Advisory Commission
of Alexandria, VA

January 5, 2017

Dear Madam Mayor and Members of City Council,

As the chair of the Public Health Advisory Commission (PHAC), I am writing to provide support for the Resolution endorsing Vision Zero and its goal to end traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries on Alexandria's streets by 2028.

PHAC has been reviewing pedestrian and bicycle accidents in the City (as highlighted in our April 2016 commissioned report *Alexandria Fire Department Response to Pedestrians Struck and Bicycle Crashes*) and considers Vision Zero to be a dynamic and data-driven approach for addressing traffic injuries and deaths while promoting safer streets. Our report reveals that Alexandria has high rates of pedestrian and bicycle injuries. In fact, the report found that pedestrian injuries reported to the Fire Department are 2.3 times the national Healthy People 2020 benchmark goal. We also have reason to believe that the number of bicycle and pedestrian injuries are underreported. Both of these indicators support Section 2 of the Resolution, which recommends conducting a comprehensive analysis of traffic deaths and injuries in Alexandria and will require identifying optimal data sources and determining more accurate incident numbers.

With Alexandria's pride and reputation of being exceptionally bicycle and pedestrian friendly, it's appropriate that it would be the first municipality in the Commonwealth to adopt Vision Zero, which has proven to be successful in other cities in the US and internationally. In addition to reducing traffic deaths and injury, Vision Zero's goals include increasing safety and equitable mobility. This focus on equitable mobility – facilitating social and economic transportation opportunities – support the public health objective of access to walkable and bikeable streets as one of the best measures of a healthy community.

PHAC thanks you for your consideration of the Vision Zero Resolution and hopes to be an integral partner in its adoption and implementation as it addresses the goals of improving public safety and optimizing the healthy living environment of the City of Alexandria.

Respectfully Yours,

Katya Wanzer, MPH
Chair, Public Health Advisory Commission

Ann Harbour, MPA
Vice Chair, Public Health Advisory Commission

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From: CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 10:35 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119221: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am asking the Mayor and City Council 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: I am asking the Mayor and City Council to fund Complete Streets in AT LEAST the amount planned for in the FY17-26 budget: \$830,000 for the program (\$557,000 for projects) in FY18. Tragically, in the last couple of years, several pedestrians and cyclists have been killed or seriously injured in Alexandria. I have not been injured but I experience close calls every week while on foot or bike. Approving the Vision Zero Policy is a step in the right direction, but the City needs to act by investing to make walking and biking safe in Alexandria. Please show that the safety of all residents is a priority and reject the City Manager's proposed reduction in the Complete Streets budget.
Thank you,
Betsy Biffi
Old Town
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 26

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From: Carol Shuford via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 11:53 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111392: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To the
mayor, vice mayor, and city council

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- Name: Carol Shuford
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 240-505-5094
- Email: carolshuford@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To the mayor, vice mayor, and city council-

I am a long time masters swimmer at Chincapin Recreation Center. I often use the pool outside of masters practices as well.

I believe the pool is a vital part of the community. A new state of the art 50 meter pool would increase the ability for so many others to take part in swimming for both fitness and social events. PLEASE make this happen- something our area can be proud of in so many ways!

Sincerely,

Carol Shuford

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, January 4

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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 9:12 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111924: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hello!
I'd like to ask for your support

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- Name: Michael Tyson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: myerstyson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello!
I'd like to ask for your support for the Chinguapin 50-meter pool. Only 20% of Alexandria's aquatic needs are being met, according to an Alexandria city-supported study recently. Last May, the City Council voted unanimously to begin the design process of the 50-meter pool at Chinguapin. The City Manager himself signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics during the summer to keep the project moving forward. The City was just days away from awarding the contract to a well-known firm that specializes in the design of aquatics facilities. Yet, the City manager still put the process on hold. Our kids deserve a competitive pool in the city to compete and host competitions. Please support the Chinguapin 50-meter pool!
Sincerely,
Michael Tyson
906 Rolfe Pl.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, January 13

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From: Kristin Ellis via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:24 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111940: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I have
heard that the chinquapin pool pr

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- Name: Kristin Ellis
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5713013938
- Email: kqellis@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I have heard that the chinquapin pool project has been put on hold. Please know that I'm support the project. There is not enough capacity in Alexandria city for all of the swimming needs. The school teams need a place to practice and himold home meets. Please reconsider your decision.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, January 13

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From: annbremner12@yahoo.com via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:26 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111941: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at
3210 KING ST I am writing to you in support of the ne

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- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: 3210 KING ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: annbremner12@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to you in support of the new 50 meter pool. I support the need for more pool capacity when a City-sponsored study showed that only 20 percent of Alexandria's aquatics needs are being met. I am astonished that this less than desirable facility is all we have to offer our children and citizens. This pool use is maximized at all times. When you look at local jurisdictions, it is embarrassing that our schools can't hold swim meets, tax paying citizens can never get a lane to swim laps and swim classes are bursting at the seams. We are proposing 611 million dollars for school infrastructure, yet we don't have a decent pool for our students and children to swim.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, January 13

Williams High School



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Chinquapin
Recreation Center

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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:46 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111947: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council It has
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- Name: Oliver Boehm
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.489.1197
- Email: olliboehm@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: It has taken me a while to respond to this issue because of holidays. I find it frustrating that important issues such as this one - and others, always seem to fall around days when people are occupied with events, holidays, etc. However, I understand that there is never a perfect time to ask residents to make decisions or provide feedback on the direction the city is making. Here you go:

I would like to voice my disappointment that the city has decided to stop the design and construction process for the new pool at Chinquapin. For years, I have seen hard working residents get support for a new facility, and as I understand, develop a public private partnership with the city. My family uses the pool at Chinquapin at least once a week. Over the years, we have seen some changes and greatly appreciate the staff's commitment to service. I don't need to tell you all the flaws or limitations of the current pool. There are many. I will only say that the pool can not be used for anything other than recreation and practices. Competitions are not possible because someone had the brilliant idea to build a 25 yard pool rather than a 25 meter regulation size pool. The other point I want to make is that the pool is over crowded at least 90% of the time. Between adults using the pool for exercise, children playing, classes, groups renting space, and swim teams practices the pool is used so much that conflicts arise on a regular basis.

I have not read the report that apparently says that the pool only serve 20% of the needs to Alexandrians. From my personal experience, I can tell you that we deserve more than what we have today. You raised our expectations, and now you are shifting the goal posts. Please reconsider and get the project back on track.

Thank you

Oliver Boehm

49 East Taylor Run Parkway

- Expected Response Date: Friday, January 13

Jackie Henderson

From: Helen Morris via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:56 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111949: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Madame Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, and C

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Request Details:

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- Name: Helen Morris
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-739-1379
- Email: zozilla1@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Madame Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, and Council,

I am writing with great concern about the City Manager's decision to delay the contract for design of a new 50-meter pool at Chinquapin, even after Council's unanimous vote to begin the design process with an allocation of \$4.5 million. The community has advocated for this pool and has told the City--via your own survey--that our aquatics needs are not being met. Yet, in the face of community urging and the Council's unanimous vote and allocation of funds, the Manager was empowered to delay the project. How can that be?

As an active parent and resident in Alexandria, I can tell you that the lack of aquatics is hindering our youth. Many of our children do not know how to swim--particularly our immigrant kids and our kids in poverty. This is a safety issue, but it is so much more. Swimming is a healthy, life-long activity that children who don't learn to swim won't have access to. Competitive swimming at the community and high school levels provide so many positive learning opportunities, and competitive swimming is highly stratified in our city. Finally, rowing is a very popular sport in Alexandria, and it provides an opportunity for scholarships for many youth heading to college. In order to row, a student needs to demonstrate the ability to swim. So, again, this sport is highly stratified. With almost 60% of our students living in poverty, we have an imperative to serve them, and this new swimming facility, with the ability to increase our programming, will help us meet this imperative as a city.

As an adult who likes to swim recreationally, I can tell you that Chinquapin is highly overused almost all day long. It is so busy that I have all but given up swimming there. I am one of your survey respondents who told you that our aquatics needs are not being met, and I see it first hand.

I urge you to review your City Manager's decision and override it. Keep this new pool project moving forward now.

Thank you!
Helen Morris

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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:58 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111951: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Alexandria wants to be known as a health

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- Name: Laura Fries
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 836-3092
- Email: lmfries@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Alexandria wants to be known as a healthy city and tourist destination, yet, the City Manager, despite a unanimous vote by Council, the City Manager decided to stop the award of the design contract for the Chinquapin facility, citing the need to reevaluate the major capital projects being considered by the City.

If you ever wonder why the citizens resent distrust the process, here is the perfect example. The needs of the citizens are not being met. I support this pool because it will benefit our community in ways that have far too long been ignored.

- the need for all kids to learn how to swim (7,500 kids in Alexandria do not know how to swim
- the need for Alexandria residents of all ages to have access to a pool for their activities;
- the need for the swim teams at our local schools to have a place to practice and hold home meets; and
- the need for more pool capacity when a City-sponsored study showed that only 20 percent of Alexandria's aquatics needs are being met.

Please do the right thing for the health and future of our city.

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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 11:01 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111953: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I write in support of the 50-meter pool

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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 write in support of the 50-meter pool at Chinquapin. I understand the current aquatics infrastructure only meets 20 percent of Alexandria's needs, and I think residents of all ages should have access to a pool for their activities. I realize the city is facing a number of significant capital projects, but a new aquatics facility will create ample opportunity for private sector sponsorship that, in turn, will generate an ongoing and stable stream of revenue to the City. I support the project.
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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111962: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I write in support of the 50-meter pool

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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 write in support of the 50-meter pool at Chinquapin. I understand the current aquatics infrastructure only meets 20 percent of Alexandria's needs, and I think residents of all ages should have access to a pool for their activities. I realize the city is facing a number of significant capital projects, but a new aquatics facility will create ample opportunity for private sector sponsorship that, in turn, will generate an ongoing and stable stream of revenue to the City. I support the project.
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Jackie Henderson

From: Anne Berry via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 11:47 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111964: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and members of the

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- Name: Anne Berry
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-837-9765
- Email: anneberryva@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and members of the City Council,

I have appreciated your past support for building a new 50M pool in the City. I know that you are beginning to discuss the 2018 budget and I urge you to keep the 50M pool in those plans. As someone who has frequented Chinquapin since its opening, I can attest to the challenges faced in meeting the aquatics needs of the community. As you know, Chinquapin has 8 lap lanes, a ramp and a diving well. This ensures that all are short-changed in using the pool. Lap swimming competes with water aerobics which competes with swimming lessons which compete with free play.

By comparison, Arlington County has 3 8-lane pools with separate space for classes, lessons, recreation and diving. If I'm not participating with my masters swim team, I go to Arlington to swim laps because Chinquapin never has enough space. It's frustrating not to be able to swim in my own community, especially as a tax payer.

I know there are many needs that you are grappling with as you consider the budget for 2018 but I strongly urge you to revisit your support for the pool. There is an effort to make this a public-private partnership which can decrease costs for the city and still bring in revenue from lane rental, classes and swim meets. Also, the need for children to learn to swim is great. We have an opportunity to work with the City schools to ensure that every child in Alexandria has an opportunity to gain a life-saving skill. I cite these statistics from the CDC:

From 2005-2014, there were an average of 3,536 fatal unintentional drownings (non-boating related) annually in the United States — about ten deaths per day.¹ An additional 332 people died each year from drowning in boating-related incidents.²

About one in five people who die from drowning are children 14 and younger.¹ For every child who dies from drowning, another five receive emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries.¹

More than 50% of drowning victims treated in emergency departments (EDs) require hospitalization or transfer for further care (compared with a hospitalization rate of about 6% for all unintentional injuries).^{1,2} These nonfatal drowning injuries can cause severe brain damage that may result in long-term disabilities such as memory

problems, learning disabilities, and permanent loss of basic functioning (e.g., permanent vegetative state).^{3,4}

I am sure you see the need but what I really want you to do is see both the urgency and the opportunity. Please fund the pool in the 2018 budget. We have the chance to do something special in aquatics in our city and the private sector is willing to do its part. Won't the City please do the same?

Thank you for your consideration.

Anne Berry

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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 12:42 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111971: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Mayor and Members of Council: Sinc

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- Name: Bill Rivers
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-6526
- Email: rivers.15wmtida@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of Council: Since citizen input is important in a local government, I'm writing to you as a private citizen, not as an official AAA representative. I just sent a similar note to the City Manager.

We have worked on various projects together for a number of years. You always stress the importance of meeting the needs of Alexandria's citizens. Well, this is one of those times. Aquatics is the highest recreational need cited in the Needs Assessment by the City. It has received the City Council's support - as well as the City Manager's - for the past four years. The Chinquapin pool project itself garnered 76% support in a public poll. Its public/private partnership formed over the last four years has been a model for other projects in the City. It's a project that benefits ALL the citizens of Alexandria - young and old. It's also a life saving effort, particularly when over 7,500 of the kids in Alexandria can't swim!

The City Council as recently as this past May showed its public support for the project. The City Manager did the same this summer when he signed an Memorandum Of Understanding with AAA. The argument that he makes about the circumstances having changed due to the school needs is a bit of a stretch. Everyone - including all citizens of this City, the City Manager, and you all - knew that more capital would be needed for the schools. That was known months and years ago. Letting the Chinquapin project continue until November and then stopping it for "the school problem" isn't a real good argument. And there is a much more public outcry against the school funding than you have ever heard about the Chinquapin project.

Now is the time to figure out innovative ways to meet the City's needs. This should be a time when thought is put to how can the new pool benefit the school system. How can it help make Alexandria's schools a better place for our kids. How do we encourage public/private partnerships in this City to help solve problems. Not how do we pit one group against the other. You'll hear enough disagreement with the school budget. If the people of Alexandria knew that the same discipline was being applied to the cost figures for the schools as for the Chinquapin pool project over the past four years, they may feel a little more comfortable that their tax dollars were being spent wisely.

Just as we have the above concerns, along with others such as the undermining of public/private partnerships

and additional costs caused by the delays resulting from the City Manager's decision (a minimum of \$2 million based on the City's own estimates), of even more concern to me is the usurping of your authority by the City Manager's decision. You are the publicly elected officials responsible for running this City. You approved the design funds for the new pool in your budget vote this past May. How does a non-elected official decide that your vote is non-binding? If the City Manager had gone back to the entire Council before his decision, that would be one thing. But to make it on his own is an entirely different proposition. Beyond the Chinquapin project, this would seem to be a very disturbing precedent if he decides to start doing this across the board. One that merits serious consideration by you all.

While I could keep on about the reasons to build this pool, the point of my message is that now is the time for leaders like you to bring groups together in the City - not split them apart like the City Manager's decision process has. Like the other citizens in Alexandria, I'm anxious and willing to see successes. Be the leaders that we think you are and help show the way.

Thanks,
Bill Rivers

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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 12:54 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111973: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at
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- Name: Sergio Gomez
- Approximate Address: chinquapin
- Phone Number: 2026075929
- Email: sergom68@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Problem address entered by customer: chinquapin
I am very disappointed by the city managers decision to halt the the proposal of building a new pool at Chinquapin Rec center in Alexandria.
The pool is critical because there is a need for all kids to learn how to swim (7,500 kids in Alexandria do not know how to swim and AAA has had conversations with ACPS to integrate swimming into the PE curriculum for all students). Also there is a need for Alexandria residents of all ages to have access to a pool for their activities , for the swim teams at our local schools to have a place to practice and hold home meets; and the for more pool capacity when a City-sponsored study showed that only 20 percent of Alexandria's aquatics needs are being met. I very much hope the pool gets serious consideration and prompt approval.
Thanks
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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 12:57 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111975: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council:

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- Name: Michael Wilker
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: mwilker61@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council:

I know that the city is working on long-term capital improvements and the Chinquapin Pool upgrade is on the list. This upgrade to a 50 meter pool should not be pushed down the list any longer. I support the need for all kids to learn how to swim (7,500 kids in Alexandria do not know how to swim); as a Masters Swimmer and parent of two teens, the need for Alexandria residents of all ages to have access to a pool for their activities; as a parent of a TC Williams sophomore swimmer, the need for the swim teams at our local schools to have a place to practice and hold home meets; and the need for more pool capacity when a City-sponsored study showed that only 20 percent of Alexandria's aquatics needs are being met.

The Potomac Yard Metro Station should take a lower priority as a good portion of Potomac Yard is not going to be re-developed for nearly a decade. Bus Rapid Transit to Braddock and Crystal City Metro Stations could easily handle the volume of Potomac Yard residents.

Thank you,
Michael Wilker

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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 1:23 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111979: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council We want the pool!!! Because: -

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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 want the pool!!! Because:

- there is a need for all kids to learn how to swim7,500 kids in Alexandria do not know how to swim!

- Alexandria residents of all ages need to have access to a pool for their activities

-Swim teams at our local schools need to have a place to practice and hold home meets

- a City-sponsored study showed that only 20 percent of Alexandria's aquatics needs are currently being met

Thank you!
Adrianna

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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 1:45 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111984: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council We
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- Name: Mick & Sue nelson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 719-866-3522
- Email: mnelson@usaswimming.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: We are writing in support of the new pool at Chinguapin. Drowning is the #1 killer of children 4 & Under and #2 killer of children 12 and younger. Adults also need to have access for aquatic health and wellness related activities. There is also a pent up demand for USA swim teams and swim teams at our local schools to have a place to practice and hold meets. Thank you for any consideration. Mick & Sue Nelson USA Swimming Facilities Development Department.
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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 4:27 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #111998: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council ACPS
School Board members are largely sc

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- Name: Maureen Williams
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-927-3227
- Email: Clarebearcolburn@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: ACPS School Board members are largely screw ups looking for a blank check from City Council. They are holding the CIP hostage with half-baked, un-vetted & inappropriate school capacity planning. They actually proposed buying a commercial building on the West End, 1/3 of the building was over the height restrictions to house students & could not be sublet & then put an unenclosed gym on the roof.

The Pool goes beyond a City budget line item. The School Board is irresponsibly eating the City Budget! We'll never ever see a 50m pool while the current ACPS School Board officers hold their seats! The School Board is holding City Council hostage as a result of their own ineptness.

Next election – We as a City need to Vote the School Board Officers out of office. We also need to encourage City Council to return to an appointed School Board where we can get subject matter expertise on the School Board & a School Board can only then be able to propose a responsible budget that is responsive to student needs. Only then will Alexandria realize a 50m pool. Until then unfortunately, the pool is dead and our community and our HS students will continue to slog along with a subpar and overcrowded facility.

Maureen Williams
Alexandria, VA

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #112000: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am
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- Name: Jean Massie
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-540-0390
- Email: jeannemassie@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to encourage the city counsel to approve funding for the Chinquapin Pool Project. The new pool is vital to providing students of all local schools a place to practice and compete in competitive swimming.
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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 6:52 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #112006: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 2181 JAMIESON AVE I write to express my disappointment in

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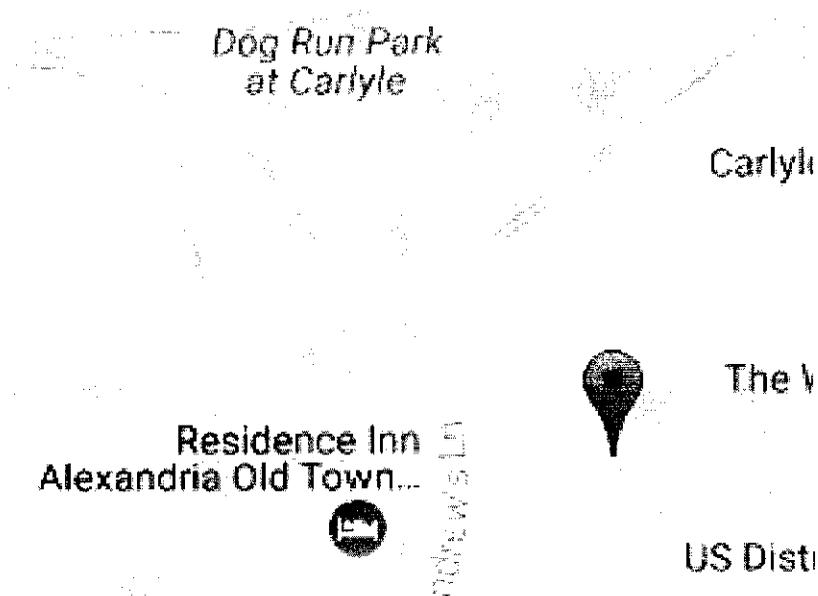
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- Name: Michael Harmonis
- Approximate Address: 2181 JAMIESON AVE (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: michaelharmonis@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I write to express my disappointment in the decision by our City Manager to delay or perhaps cancel the plans to build a 50 meter swimming pool at Chinquapin.

The indoor pool at Chinquapin is a nice facility, but it also is inadequate to meet the needs of City residents, including the needs of the many children who have yet to learn how to swim. Simply put, one public indoor pool is not enough for a city the size of Alexandria.

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From: Debra Defreitas
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 5:18 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Rose Abilmona
Subject: Supplemental retirement plan-lump sum changes
Attachments: supplemental retirement petition.pdf

Honorable Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council:

Attached you will find the signatures City employees who will be adversely affected by the proposed changes to the supplemental retirement plan's lump sum option.

Debra F. Defreitas
Accreditation Manager II
City of Alexandria Sheriff's Office
2003 Mill RD, Alexandria, VA 22314
703-746-5027 – Office
571-437-2845 – Cell
703-746-5033 – Fax
debra.defreitas@alexandriava.gov
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"Progress is impossible without change and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything". – George Benard Shaw

March 2017

We the undersigned are current City of Alexandria employees who are adversely affected by the proposed change to the City Supplemental Retirement Plan. We oppose the change because it has a significant financial impact on us. We request this for the following reasons:

The proposed changes are being imposed upon us without enough opportunity to realign our long term financial planning strategy for the severe impact in the reduction of benefit.

- The proposed change has a significant financial impact on the city employees who are within 5 years of retiring.
- There was a lack of notice given to us. The first informational meeting in 3-2-17 after the City Manager proposed his FY 2018 budget to City Council. The proposed changes are part of the proposed budget and it seems that it is a done deal.
- The issue should be considered by City Council at a separate City Council meeting and not be tied to the adoption of the budget.
- This issue has been discussed for over 2 years and the city waited until today to tell us and now is trying to rush it through. Please table the proposal until there is enough time for us to understand the issues.
- We do not believe the city has made its case that the plan is in financial difficulty.

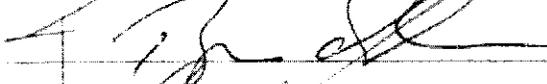
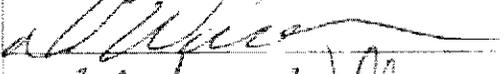
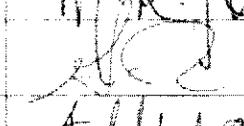
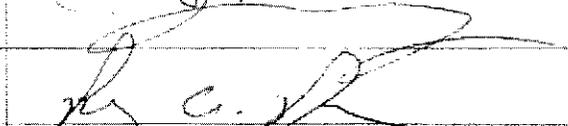
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From: Debra Defreitas
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Allison Silberberg; City Council
Cc: Rose Abilmona; Valarie Wright
Subject: Proposed changes to the supplemental retirement plan
Attachments: 4-20-17 petition update.pdf

Hello All,

Late February 2017 was the first time that the City made public to us that the City had been planning changes to the supplemental retirement plan. We not only learned that plans to change the supplemental retirement plan had been in the works since 2009 but we also learned that the City planned on implementing changes to the supplemental retirement plan with the adoption of the FY 2018 budget, in just a little under three months from the time of the announcement. The time span between plan change notification and plan implementation is just one of the reasons that grandfathering options need to be a part of the implementation plan.

When we get hired with the City of Alexandria, employees go through an orientation where the City's benefits package is explained. The City's supplemental retirement plan, 457 deferred compensation, Roth IRA contributions, health insurance, etc. are all part of the orientation conversation. We begin to make financial decisions for the future from the first day of employment. Then, from time to time, the City hosts retirement planning workshops where making long term financial plans and informed decisions is always at the top of the agenda.

The City's plan to implement supplemental retirement plan changes effective with the adoption of the FY 2018 budget counter indicates the basic tenants of responsible retirement planning, especially for those of us who are close to retirement. We practice the principles of retirement planning, we know our numbers, we plan our numbers and then the City changes the formula with no time for us to alter our own financial plans based on the new paradigm. The financial damages are devastating and we have no time to recover. This is blatantly unfair.

A grandfathering option is the only way to fairly change the supplemental retirement plan for current employees. The Virginia Retirement System factored in grandfathering current employees when it implemented its retirement plan changes. Recent Washington Post articles report that both Fairfax County and Metro are planning on making pension benefits less generous for new hires but won't change pension plans for current employees. The City of Alexandria can afford a grandfathering option for its employees if VRS, Metro and Fairfax County can afford to do it.

I am attaching an update to the petition that I sent yesterday. Twenty-one new signatures were added this morning.

Debra Defreitas
AGEA Vice President

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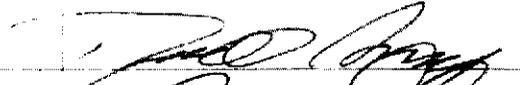
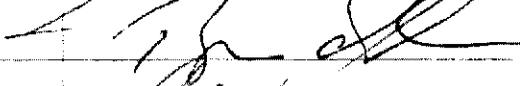
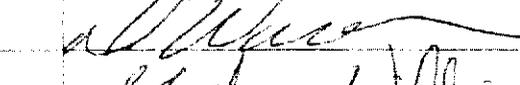
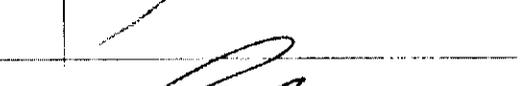
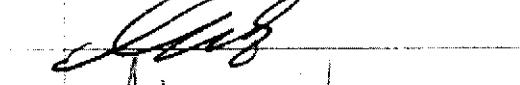
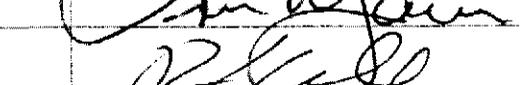
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Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 1:32 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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- Name: David Kaplan
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035353189
- Email: ellisranger@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Members of City Council:

I want to thank you for your thoughtful and careful work in crafting an FY 18 budget that will makes significant and needed investments in city facilities, sewers, and transportation. I am willing to pay my share of the taxes that are necessary to ensure we maintain our high quality of life now and position the city to be a livable and thriving community 10-20 years from now.

One of the significant capital investments the city must continue to make is in complete streets and other core programs that support the safety of everyone who uses our roadways.

We are seeing the results of recent investments in safer streets like the project recently completed on King Street from Janneys Lane to TC Williams. I can now cross King Street from the westbound DASH bus stop to Chinquapin Recreation Center with confidence instead of darting across four lanes during gaps in traffic and hoping for the best. Vehicular speeds are lower, crosswalks and medians have been added, and the street is much more accommodating of people who walk, bike, and use transit.

The City Manager's proposed budget does not adequately fund complete streets so that safety improvements can be made as roads are scheduled for resurfacing.

I join the Transportation Commission in asking that more funding be added to the CIP for complete streets overall and that funding for residential sidewalks within the complete streets program be restored.

Thank you for your consideration and for all you do to serve Alexandria.

David Kaplan
418 Queen Street

- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 28

Jackie Henderson

From: bowtiesaly@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 12:17 PM
To: allison.silberberg@alexadriava.gov; Del Pepper; Jackie Henderson; John Chapman; Justin Wilson; Paul Smedberg; Timothy Lovain; Willie Bailey
Subject: City Supplemental

Dear Council Members.

I am reaching out to each one of you in regards to the supplemental proposal for 2018. My name is Sally Price; I am a long-term employee here with the city for 26 years. I have seen several changes through the years: pay freeze, pay scale changes, which has affected me. I have often felt that tenure employees are over looked and the focus is made more on hiring new employees throughout the city.

When I applied to work for the city the incentive for the supplemental retirement was a deciding factor in seeking employment. I realize this has a financial impact on the city. However, I feel those that have given their time and sacrifice to the city for years should not be penalized for the shortcomings. I would like to plea that you consider the possibility of grandfathering those long-term employees who are not quite ready to retire. That these employees still get the option of the cash out at full benefit and not at a reduced percentage.

Please consider this proposal or at least extend the chance for further discussion.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely

Sally Price

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From: Rachel Goldberg via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 10:59 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119332: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am
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- Name: Rachel Goldberg
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712146620
- Email: rgoldberg1@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am an Alexandria resident and taxpayer. I have written to all of you before expressing my support for ACPS's CIP. I just wanted to add at this critical juncture that I fully support the tax increase to fund the CIP. We must not continue to put off dealing with ACPS's significant capacity problems. To those of you who support this, I applaud you and will support you in reelection. To those of you are do not support this, you will most definitely not have my support come election time. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 28

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- Name: Randy Cole
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038877126
- Email: randy.cole.n1@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Silberberg and City Council,

I'm writing to ask you to courageously and unapologetically increase the city's Complete Street and Safe Routes to School Budget so we can accelerate the projects.

Aggressive funding of these budgets is a very important strategic investment that should no be reduced because:

1. It gives citizens a safe and realistic option for not needing a car for intra-city travel and backs our city's Vision Zero Pledge
2. Parents and Children will benefit from the Safe Routes to School program
3. With continuous healthy funding and safer non-car and non-bus alternatives the burden to transport ACPS students can go down.

Did you know that it takes less than ½ hour for any TC William student to bike home? By building a complete and safe bicycle network throughout the city, biking can become a 'best choice' for parents to get kids to school, reduce unnecessary vehicle trips to school, reduce pollution and congestion on our streets. Please see this study about TC Williams I made a few years ago.

<http://mobilitylab.org/2015/04/13/school-bicycling-safety-in-alexandria-virginia-gets-a-look-from-tech-hackers/>

4. It will make our city 'Cool' and competitive. Many of our nations the best Colleges and Universities encourage and provide facilities for students to walk a bike to school. When they are looking for jobs they also seek jobs in cities with robust biking and walking facilities.

<http://bit.ly/1CsAnvt>

Please increase the Complete Streets, Safe Routes to school budgets so our city can thrive, be healthy and safe for it's most vulnerable users.

Jackie Henderson

From: CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 4:10 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119295: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Many streets in Alexandria are in terrib

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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: Many streets in Alexandria are in terrible shape. It's the worst I have seen in 25 years. The City Council needs to significantly increase the repaving budget and fund that effort by reducing spending in non-essential errors not by further increasing taxes.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 27

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From: CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 4:13 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119297: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The City Budget has increased by over 50

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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: The City Budget has increased by over 50% in the past 10 years. Over the same period, the residential tax rate will have risen by over 25% if the proposed residential tax rate increase is approved. Meanwhile, residential property values reflected in the assessed property rate have decreased in many cases by 10%-20%. We need a fiscally responsible City Council. Say no to any further tax increases. Stop funding non-essential services.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 27

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Jackie Henderson

From: Christy Schwengel via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:02 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119311: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 504
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Request Details:

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- Name: Christy Schwengel
- Approximate Address: 504 UPLAND PL (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: cschwengel@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to encourage you to fully fund modernization of Douglas MacArthur and swing space to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 27



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Jackie Henderson

From: Russ Metzler via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 10:45 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119262: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I
support the Vice Mayor's proposed \$.05

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This is a "public" request. Information may be provided to anyone who requests it.

- Name: Russ Metzler
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-4357
- Email: russ.metzler@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support the Vice Mayor's proposed \$.057 increase in property taxes. Fully funding our school budget is the most important priority our city should have.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 27

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Jackie Henderson

From: Valarie Wright
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 10:01 AM
To: Allison Silberberg; City Council
Subject: Proposed Supplemental Retirement Changes

Hello All,

After attending and listening to the work session last night, I feel that there were some items that I have knowledge of and would like to enlighten the Mayor and members of Council about. The Supplemental Retirement Board established a Technical Corrections Committee that was asked come up with ideas so that the retirement plan could sustain itself over time, such as eliminating the lump sum or changing the rate to which it is paid out. The question was asked last night how long prior to this proposed change did employees have to make necessary adjustments in their retirement goals. I would say to you, Mayor and members of Council, that the employees did not get a notice that would allow them to make adjustments in their retirement that would make up for the loss that is happening to them now, which to some is at least a 40% in reductions of funds.

As a member of the board, I was made aware of potential changes approximately in 2014. I asked Laura Triggs at that time when employees would be notified and she indicated that employees would be given ample notification to make informed decisions. That did not happen as City staff was not notified about the proposal until February of this year when the City Manager announced it as part of the budget.

As I stated before, employees know that a change has to be made, however it does not have to be immediately. Also if the plan is, arguably, in serious trouble, then why wouldn't any savings be returned to the plan? I think these are valid questions and concerns, and as president of the Sheriff's Association, I simply urge you to table the issue so that you will have more time to get all the facts and make a decision that is fair.

Jackie Henderson

From: Carol Downs via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 9:52 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119249: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council April
20, 2017Dear Mayor Silberberg

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- Name: Carol Downs
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-519-0098
- Email: caroldowns2u@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: April 20, 2017

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council,

I am writing to urge you to increase funding for the Complete Streets Program to cover the cost of sidewalk improvements which represent a safety factor for all ages - from school age children to seniors. The current City Manager's Budget zeros out residential sidewalk funding.

I do appreciate that the proposed Budget includes a portion of the Complete Streets budget to authorize the initial implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan. In adopting the Vision Zero Action Plan later this year, I trust City Council will request and support the funding required to achieve the coordination of this investment across multiple City departments to meet Vision Zero goals.

If Alexandria is to be considered a city that puts a high priority on the safety of its citizens, adequate funding for both Complete Streets and Vision Zero is essential.

Respectfully,

Carol Downs
725 Timber Branch Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 27

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Jackie Henderson

From: Aleck Johnson via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 9:50 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119248: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Members of the Alexandria City Coun

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- Name: Aleck Johnson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038230303
- Email: asjohnson@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Members of the Alexandria City Council,

I write to you today to urge that you support fully funding the Alexandria City Public Schools.

Our schools are at a crossroads. As you are well aware, demand (in the form of enrollment) has increased dramatically in ACPS schools, leading to virtually all of our schools being overcrowded. In addition to needing new facilities to meet this need, we face aging infrastructure in our existing schools, with some facilities being decades beyond when they should have been updated. These capital needs must be met by the city, and met in this budget (rather than in the future) before the crossroads becomes a crisis.

I am well aware that there are other major needs for the city -- road infrastructure, updating and renovating dilapidated city facilities, bringing broadband competition to our businesses and residents, and updating outdated sewage and wastewater facilities, to name a few. I write to remind you that our schools are at least as important as any of these other competing priorities. In addition, Alexandria's low tax rate -- something which I have benefited from for more than a decade and a half -- may need to at least temporarily increase in order to meet these needs. It would be better to make such a change now, before things reach the point of crisis, than to put changes off and then find the City less able to meet needs of its residents.

Thank you for considering this correspondence, and thank you all for your service on the City Council.

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 27

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Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 7:33 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119839: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Listen to the mayor. Alexandria's taxpa

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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: Listen to the mayor. Alexandria's taxpayers cannot afford the astronomical tax increase five of you are championing. We are not made of money. To the contrary, it's time for the City to tighten its belt just like we've been doing for decades. ACPS are particularly fat in need of fiscal prudence. Please lower our tax rate this year to help us survive.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, May 5

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Jackie Henderson

From: Heidi Ford via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2017 11:32 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119851: 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,

I write to urge you to exercise fiscal prudence and restraint with regard to the size of the tax and fee increase you levy upon city residents. The 2.7 cent increase recommended by the City Manager as well as the increase in other fees is already a substantial increased burden on residents and our small businesses.

It is clear that there are frivolous expenditures in the city budget. The money for such items could (and should) be cut or deferred before any consideration is given to raising the citizen's tax burden. Artificial turf on soccer fields is not a necessity. Improvements to a dog park also are not a necessity. Yes, such upgrades might be nice, but they should be postponed until the city has addressed core issues, such as the sewer issue, and can fund them without having to raise taxes. Artificial turf, stadium lights, or improved dog parks are not worth forcing another business on King Street to close because taxes overwhelm profitability or a retired resident to decide he/she no longer afford to live in Alexandria.

It's easy to say yes to everything. We elected you to make the tough choices and to have the wisdom to discern what is truly required for the city to function and what are those things that are "nice to haves." Given the financial burden the State has imposed upon the City, our struggling small businesses, and uncertainty at the Federal level, now is not the time to increase the citizens' tax burden any more than the absolute minimum. Hold the increase to 2.7 cents.

Respectfully,
Heidi Ford

- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 8

Jackie Henderson

From: M V-H <mvadohawkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2017 4:24 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Fully Fund ACPS

Dear Council Members,

My name is Margarita Vado-Hawkins I am a soon to be graduate of the 2016/2017 Alexandria Parent Leadership Institute class and a concerned parent of two young boys attending Alexandria Public Schools (ACPS) I am writing to urge you to fully fund our Alexandria Public Schools (ACPS) according to the purposed budget accepted by the Alexandria City School Board. It is my view that enrollment growth and changing demographics, academic achievement, employee compensation, facilities management, and future capacity are all important drivers in the need to fully fund ACPS. Creating a brighter future for our children and our community depends largely on a quality education and the appropriate resources necessary for our schools to provide this. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Margarita Vado-Hawkins

mvadohawkins@gmail.com

786-261-9295

Jackie Henderson

From: Dana Lawhorne
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2017 10:49 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Dana Lawhorne
Subject: City Supplemental Retirement plan

Madam Mayor and Members of City Council:

I promised some of you that I would put my thoughts in an email. Please understand that I discovered most of this in the last few days and its written to the best of my knowledge. It looks like along email but it's not. Just big font.

We all agree that there needs to be a change to the plan. What is in dispute is how much of a change is needed in order to correct the problem. What is not in dispute is the way this was rolled out. The idea that a change was needed has been floating around for years. No details were ever released until 02-21-17.

In 2014, the Retirement Supplemental Board appointed a Technical Corrections Committee to review and analyze this quandary and to report back to the full board. This committee met for over two years. They carefully reviewed and analyzed documents, actuarial reports, and the Experience Study (takes a look at the history of the lump sum pay outs). This was done in conjunction with city staff. They did their fiduciary responsibility based on facts and not their feelings or opinions. In October of 2016 they were prepared to report back to the full board.

I believe this timeline will help us all understand how we got here.

October 5, 2016

The retirement board held its' monthly meeting. At this meeting the Technical Corrections Committee reported back to the full board. This is the motion (made by Jean Kelleher) which I have copied from the minutes of the meeting:

"Make a recommendation to amend the Plan such that the interest rate used to calculate the lump would be the greater of 5% or 30yr treasury limited by assumed rate of return for current employees and 7.25% or Plan's assumed rate of return for new employees or employees who re-commence participation on or after the date implementation."

The motion passed unanimously. This board did not take this issue lightly and made a recommendation after considering all the facts. Their opinion was that a fixed rate of 5% for current employees and a 7.25% for future employees would be sufficient to correct the problem.

November 2016

The retirement board meets with the city manager and discusses their recommendation. Not much else was said and the board was left in limbo. The board members could not tell employees what was going to happen because they didn't know. It was also suggested that nothing could be released until after the city manager releases his budget because he married this plan change to the budget process.

December 13, 2016

City schedules the first town hall meeting but cancels it.

January 10, 2017

City schedules a town hall meeting but then cancels it. We only hear rumors. Nobody will confirm or deny our inquiries.

February 9, 2017

Retirement Board holds its monthly meeting. The following is from the minutes of the Retirement Board meeting on 02-09-17:

*"The Lump Sum proposal is expected to be announced with the budget on February 21st. Staff will host several in-person meetings around the city **after the announcement**. Staff will get the dates sent to the board as soon as they are finalized. It is noted that **the city manager wants to get current employees to the 7.25% rate instead of staying at the 5% fixed rate.**"*

Please note the words "after the announcement" and "the city manager wants." No reason given as to why he wanted this. If there are reports or documents that support his claim that the tiered approach is needed then I think it's only fair we see them.

February 21, 2017

The city manager releases his FY 18 budget. He **vetoed** the Retirement Boards decision and implemented his "tiered" approach of 5%, 6%, and then 7.25%. He also announces in his email to employees that he was using the savings to fund an end of scale merit in FY 18. Excerpt from his email:

"To provide an increase to the approximately 500 employees currently at the top step of their pay grades, I am reallocating \$800,000 in savings from the lump sum retirement adjustment described below to add an additional 2.3% step to the end of each grade on all salary scales."

It's also worth noting that on the same night, you went into a work session to discuss compensation. We were caught off guard by that. How could we have known to show up and lodge our objections when only an hour earlier the details of the change were released.

February 27, 2017

First town hall meeting was held. Employees were introduced to the "calculator". This is the first time employees can actually see how much this change was going to impact them. The average is a 33-47% loss and not the nominal reduction we were lead to believe.

March 13, 2017

City Council Public Hearing and several employees did speak against the change.

April 7, 2017

Last town hall meeting was conducted.

Lack of transparency

The city manager tied the change to the retirement plan to his budget which put you in a financial quandary. This strategy also caused limited transparency. I received the following statement from Shane Cochran who is the Chair of the City Supplemental Retirement Board:

“The Supplemental Board spent a considerable amount of time discussing the rollout of the proposed change. We were especially concerned when we learned that the CMO elected to introduce the change as a part of the FY18 proposed budget rather than as a free-standing process. I believe a separate process would have allowed for greater employee input, clarity and understanding of the reasons for our recommendation. The structure of the budget process is hugely problematic for introducing this type of change, especially given the significant impact on many long-term employees nearing retirement.”

This change to the plan should have been on the City Council docket separate and apart from anything else. You could have asked more questions, requested to see supporting documents, and hear from the board members. My understanding is that the retirement board thought these changes were not going to have such a huge impact on the employees. There were also under the impression the money saved was going to be used to address the unfunded liability of the plan and not be used for something else.

We want to know if City Council members saw the actuary report that lays out four scenarios. This was not a case where you only had two choices, do nothing or do the city manager’s recommendation, there were other options. Ask for the report if you have not seen it.

Important to remember. From October 2016 until February 2017, no factual information was given to employees.

Lack of equity and fairness

I would like to refer you to the Police/Fire Pension rules and procedures manual. Their procedure for a material change is much different. The city is required to introduce the proposed change and seek input from the participants. They hold meetings and listen to the employees. There is open discussion while the proposed change is in its early stages. Once that is done, the board considers all facts before releasing the change they seek. Then there is 60 day period of more meetings explaining the change to the participants. After this, the amendment (if still preferred) is submitted to City Council for a vote. This can typically take 6-8 months.

It was 8 weeks from the time of the first town hall meeting to the time city council will vote on it.

Negative impact on employees

Employees spend decades planning for their retirement. Implementing a change that undermines their retirement security only months from their planned retirement is not a decision that should be

rushed or taken lightly. As you can see from the timeline, this decision was decided on 02-21-17 and employees are being told to make a decision by this August. The whole thing should be tabled for one year and demand that the city manager figure out how to pay for those end of merit increases.

Proposal for a short term compromise

The city manager needs \$800,000 to fund the end of scale merit. He will get it from an assumption they will save this money by implementing the 5% rate beginning 01-01-18. I am not asking to add or delete anything in regards the proposed budget.

What I am asking you to do is amend the resolution that changes the Supplemental plan. Amend it to a one year change for FY 18 at the 5% retirement board recommendation. This gives you the funds needed for the end of scale raise and will allow the opportunity for everyone to take a breath. Direct the City Manager to continue dialogue with the Board and employees, ask for the actuary reports, and ask for more transparency. Then set it on the City Council docket in the Fall of 2017 to be heard separate and apart from this enormous budget. If there is no change after this, then implement the managers proposed plan in FY 19 at the 6% and then 7.25% in FY 20. Nothing gained, nothing lost.

You are not changing the budget procedure by amending the retirement plan resolution. The more fair thing to do would be to table the whole thing for one year.

Thank-you very much for your time and attention to this very important issue that affects the majority of your hard working and dedicated workforce.

Dana Lawhorne

Jackie Henderson

From: Rose Abilmona
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Mark Jinks
Cc: Debra Defreitas; City Council
Subject: RE: AGEA Position Paper Re: Proposed Changes to the Supplemental Retirement Lump Sum Option
Attachments: AGEA Response.pdf

Mr. Jinks,

Thank you for your letter. Attached is my response.

From: Mark Jinks
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:22 PM
To: Rose Abilmona
Cc: Debra Defreitas
Subject: FW: AGEA Position Paper Re: Proposed Changes to the Supplemental Retirement Lump Sum Option

Rose,

Attached is my response. Original will be in the interoffice mail.

Mark B. Jinks
City Manager

From: Rose Abilmona
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:04 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@alexandriava.gov>
Cc: City Council Aides <CityCouncilAides@alexandriava.gov>; City Manager Mark Jinks <CityManager.MarkJinks@alexandriava.gov>; Debra Defreitas <Debra.Defreitas@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: AGEA Position Paper Re: Proposed Changes to the Supplemental Retirement Lump Sum Option

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, please see attached Position Paper from AGEA reference proposed changes to the City supplemental lump sum option.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Rose Abilmona
AGEA President

April 24, 2017

City Manager Jinks:

Thank you for responding to our concerns.

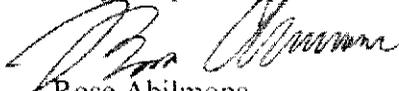
Based on the both examples presented by the Pension team (noting that two different participant retirement ages were presented as examples): the argument of disparity for those receiving the lump sum payment in our opinion is unfounded for the following reason. According to the Social Security Administration, Americans are living longer, generally about to the age of 85 on average (84.3 for men and 86.6 for women). Based on the scenarios presented by the Pension team, employees taking the annuity who live to the average age of 85 will collect 37% to 51% (depending on the scenario) more money over their lifetime on both the current supplemental retirement plan and the proposed supplemental retirement plan for both retirement ages. In all scenarios presented, the lump sum payment is at least 37% less than annuity, not more. I don't see how reducing the lump sum payment fixes a disparity in any way.

It is true that there is going to be a group of employees that misses any grandfathering criteria. That doesn't mean that the City doesn't have a moral obligation to provide a grandfathering option for those closest to retirement. How is it fair that the employees who can retire this year by Dec 1 this year will get more money in lump sum money than those who can't retire until January 1, 2018 based on the current implementation plan? The argument that someone will always miss the grandfathering criteria if we implement one is not an excuse not to provide a grandfathering option. If VRS, Metro and Fairfax County, who are all planning on making changes to their pension plans, can provide grandfathering for their employees, the City of Alexandria can afford to do the same unless there is available actuarial data that says otherwise.

Since the lump sum payment is an option currently available to employees, there will be retiring employees who choose to take this option. How the individual spends their money once received is of no consequence to the City. Once the lump sum payment has been paid out, the City's obligation to that employee, as far as the supplemental retirement plan is concerned, is finished.

I would like to review the actuarial data for the supplemental retirement plan. I ask that you please provide this information for our review so that we can help City employees better understand the proposed changes and its implementation.

Very Respectfully,



Rose Abilmona,
AGEA President

Jackie Henderson

From: Mark Jinks
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:24 PM
To: City Council
Subject: FW: AGEA Position Paper Re: Proposed Changes to the Supplemental Retirement Lump Sum Option
Attachments: Ltr. to AGEA President Rose Abilmona regarding Supplement Lump Sum Option 4.25.17.pdf; Proposed Changes.pdf

The attached is for your information.

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Cc: City Council Aides <CityCouncilAides@alexandriava.gov>; City Manager Mark Jinks <CityManager.MarkJinks@alexandriava.gov>; Debra Defreitas <Debra.Defreitas@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: AGEA Position Paper Re: Proposed Changes to the Supplemental Retirement Lump Sum Option

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, please see attached Position Paper from AGEA reference proposed changes to the City supplemental lump sum option.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Rose Abilmona
AGEA President



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MARK B. JINKS
City Manager

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703.838.6343

April 25, 2017

Ms. Rose Abilmona
President
Alexandria Government Employees Association

Dear Ms. Abilmona:

Thank you for your comments and suggestions in your letter of April 12, related to the proposed change in the calculation for the City Supplemental Retirement plan lump sum option. As a leader of the Alexandria Government Employees Association, you are aware of the challenges the City faces to maintain a well-funded, sustainable employee pension. The proposed lump sum calculation adjustment maintains the intended annuity benefit for all participants and ensures that regardless of the payment option selected by a retiree, all employees are treated fairly.

It is important to note that unforeseen economic drivers have created an unintentional inequity among the several retirement benefit options. The unprecedented historically low 30-year Treasury rate results in an unfair advantage for employees selecting the lump-sum payout, compared with those taking the annuity option. No change is being proposed to the annuity options. The proposed change ensures that no employee is able to receive approximately 30 percent more than their equivalent defined benefit annuity payments.

Pension plan sustainability is a long-term objective that is achieved by regular review of the contributions going into the plan (by both the employee and the employer) and benefit payments going out of the plan. In order to sustain the current rate of benefit payments going out through the lump sum option, the contribution rates would become prohibitively high. Staff has provided you with the required contribution rate, which is calculated based on actuarial valuation, to maintain a "healthy" supplemental retirement plan.

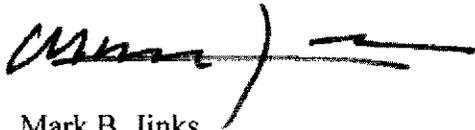
There are many different scenarios in which the City could grandfather existing employees to reduce the impact of this calculation adjustment. Unfortunately, no matter what combination of years of service and age you choose there will always be a group of employees who just miss those criteria. No matter what implementation date is selected there will be employees whose retirement decisions are potentially impacted. In addition, grandfathering furthers the disparity that has existed among employees, depending on their start date. The Board's recommended minimum phase-in of 3 years for existing employees helps to minimize this disparity.

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It is also interesting to note the attached article that appeared in Business Wire on April 12, 2017, that refers to a recent MetLife study. According to the study, one in five retirement plan participants who selected a lump sum from either a Defined Benefit or Defined Contribution plan (21%) say they depleted it. Of those who depleted their lump sum, they had run through their money, on average, in five and a half years. One in three with money remaining (35%) are concerned about the money running out.

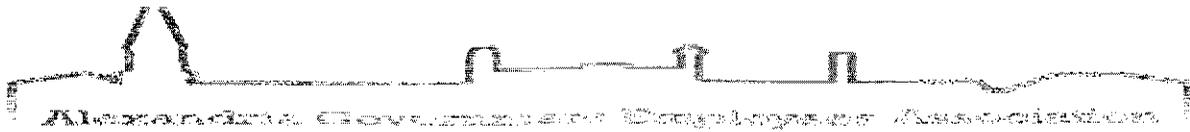
Your recommendations are appreciated, as is your willingness to represent and advocate for your fellow employees by serving on the Alexandria Government Employees Association. Thank you for taking the time to offer options for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark B. Jinks', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark B. Jinks
City Manager

cc: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council



April 12, 2017

Position Paper

Re: Changes to the Supplemental Retirement Plan - lump sum option

Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council:

The members of AGEA request that you delay making changes to the City supplemental retirement plan-lump sum option until the next fiscal year. Between now and the next fiscal year, we would request that the Council add provisions to grandfather those employees who are closest to retirement into the supplemental retirement plan as it currently stands.

While each of us has a vested interest in the longevity of the supplemental retirement plan, the proposed changes to the lump sum option are financially drastic, devastating and demoralizing for those employees closest to retirement. Unfortunately, these are also the employee groups (general salary employees and Deputy Sheriffs) who have not had a pay scale increases for a decade, only increased costs. Of those employees surveyed so far, most employees suffer 30% to 47% decreases in their retirement benefit if they wanted to choose the lump sum option. Without an option to grandfather those who are closest to retirement into the current plan, it is impossible to recover such losses on such short notice.

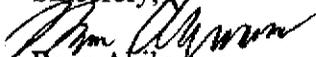
As represented to us by the City's Pension team, the current supplemental retirement plan is healthy. There was no "failure by" date presented to us. When queried about arriving at such a date, we were told that doing so would be "planning on failure." Our logical conclusion is that the plan is in no immediate danger and could sustain itself for some time. Therefore there is no reason to pull the rug out from under those employees who have made retirement plans based on the current plan calculations.

There are numerous ways to protect those employees closest to retirement:

1. Add a grandfathering option for those employees with 25 years of service and within five years of retirement
2. Add a grandfathering option for those employees with 20 years of service and within 10 years of services
3. Add a grandfathering option for those employees hired on or after 2009 (like VRS).

Again, AGEA is not opposed to making changes to the supplemental retirement plan to ensure its viability into the future but we are opposed to deliberately harming employees without cause.

Sincerely,


Rose Abilmona
AGEA President

Jackie Henderson

From: Sally Price
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 7:10 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Supplemental Retirement

Dear City Council

I am reaching out to each one of you in regards to the supplemental proposal for 2018. My name is Sally Price; I am a long-term employee here with the city for 26 years. I have seen several changes through the years: pay freeze, pay scale changes, which has affected me. I have often felt that tenure employees are over looked and the focus is made more on hiring new employees throughout the city.

When I applied to work for the city the incentive for the supplemental retirement was a deciding factor in seeking employment. I realize this has a financial impact on the city. However, I feel those that have given their time and sacrifice to the city for years should not be penalized for the shortcomings. I would like to plea that you consider the possibility of grandfathering those long-term employees who are not quite ready to retire. That these employees still get the option of the cash out at full benefit and not at a reduced percentage.

Please consider this proposal or at least extend the chance for further discussion.

Thank you for your time in this matter.



Sally Price
PSCO Supervisor
Department of Emergency Communications
703-746-4444

Jackie Henderson

From: Jennifer Atkins <jennifer.atkins@cloudigylaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:50 PM
To: Allison Silberberg; Justin Wilson; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; John Chapman; Timothy Lovain; Willie Bailey
Cc: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Pools, Schools, and Public Spaces

Mayor and city council:

As you might expect, I spend a fair amount of time thinking about public spaces. Public spaces where all members of the community can gather and engage in shared experiences are necessary for a thriving community. For too long, Alexandria has viewed public spaces: schools, pools, recreation centers, and parks not as the necessities they are but as either annoyances or window dressing. This view continues to redound to our extreme detriment. We must stop it now.

Dismissive attitudes toward public spaces - or worse, suggestions that families of means simply join private pools and leave our schools for private ones - reflect a view that we are not one unified community but are divided into those deserving of good facilities and those who deserve third rate facilities or no facilities at all. There may be those who hold those unfortunate views, but I do not. Nor, I suspect, do the families of the more than 14,000 students in our public schools or the thousands of families and individuals who rely on our recreation programs (or hope to get off waiting lists for them), and the thousands who contribute their hard-earned dollars to private fundraising efforts to make even the most minor public improvements to our playgrounds, parks, and other facilities. We understand that only when we have public spaces that all both want to and can use will we truly be a unified community. We understand that the best way to break down barriers is to occupy the same public spaces together.

I am disheartened yet again today to be reminded by a recent blog post and a recent news article just how appalling the situation is with our pools and how far behind neighboring jurisdictions we are. I commend to your attention the following blog post about the broken promise of the 50 meter pool: <https://portcitynotebook.com/2017/04/26/broken-promises/> and this article regarding Arlington moving ahead with an aquatics facility containing multiple pools, including a 50 meter pool. http://www.bizjournals.com/washington/news/2017/04/26/arlington-goes-design-build-to-make-64mlong-bridge.html?ana=e_me_setl&s=newsletter&ed=2017-04-26&u=GvWDvwMgr3hi1qddUFR49g02194c95&t=1493217042&j=78029711 That will bring the total of indoor public pools in Arlington to 5. Arlington will draw revenue that could have been ours, and we will continue to have to pay Fairfax County or Arlington County for our swimmers to swim in their facilities. It is beyond my comprehension that we who have only one high school cannot provide a home pool for our competitive swimmers or swim instruction for our students while Arlington can provide its multiple high schools with their own pools and provides swim instruction to all third and fourth graders. The failure to build a 50 meter pool in our city will haunt us for years to come.

And of course, it is not just in the area of pools and parks where we lag behind our neighbors: the same is true for our schools. Our facilities are overcrowded and crumbling, creating poor learning environments where students and teachers alike are distracted by basic facility failures. For too long our city has been willing to sell short our public school children and has failed to realize that excellent schools are part of a robust economic

development plan. Good schools attract good companies. Good companies create good jobs. Our neighbors figured this out long ago.

But comparisons to our neighbors, although helpful to illustrate the consequences of our long tradition of inaction, are not really the point. We must decide for ourselves who we are as a city. Public spaces: pools, schools, recreation centers, and parks should not be afterthoughts. They should be the first thought. They are not window dressing nor are they annoyances. They are necessities. They are vital to a thriving, healthy, and unified community. We must be willing to bear the cost of the best public spaces we can create. I know I am willing to do so. I support raising taxes to the full advertised rate to bring our school facilities up to date and urge you to build the 50 meter pool. We have ignored our public spaces for too long. Now is the time to give them the attention they deserve.

Jennifer Atkins

Jackie Henderson

From: Margo Williams via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 11:32 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119644: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
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- Name: Margo Williams
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: mjw1021@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Regarding the budget, and I don't know what was discussed in the add/delete session last night, but two things:
 - 1) CIP and schools - Minnie Howard and TC are bursting at the seams. Minnie Howard needs to be replaced sooner than later. Start NOW on the planning and start next year on building. Plan for fitting 2 grades and build programs such that students either don't need to move, or move in both directions. Make TC one great school with 2 campuses that hold all the students and programs comfortably.
 - 2) Raise taxes to fund schools and affordable housing, such as the proposal next to Resurrection. People who need affordable housing generally rent and don't own, so don't pay property taxes. It's money well spent. Affordable housing keeps us diverse. Good schools have many benefits, including attracting diverse people to our city.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 3

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Jackie Henderson

From: Betsy Faga via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 11:07 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119640: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson

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- Name: Betsy Faga
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.407.8889
- Email: bfaga10@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and Council Members Bailey, Chapman, Lorain, Pepper and Smedberg,

It appears my attached letter of yesterday didn't convey. Therefore, I'm trying again.

Attached is a letter from the congregation of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection requesting that Council fund the \$4.3 million needed to allow our vision for an affordable housing residence and church in the Beauregard Corridor to move forward.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and the information provided.

Kindest regards,

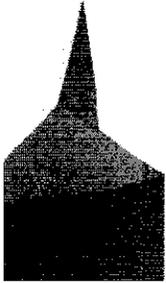
Betsy Faga
Chair, Redevelopment Committee
Church of the Resurrection
703.407.8889

- Attachment: [Resurrection Ltr to City Council 20170424.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 3

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Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

April 24, 2017

Mayor Allison Silberberg and City Council Members
City of Alexandria
301 King Street,
Alexandria, VA

Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, and Council Members Bailey, Chapman,
Lovain, Pepper and Smedberg,

We, the parishioners of Church of the Resurrection, are writing to ask for your help in realizing a bold vision to provide affordable housing for those in our community who need assistance so they can work and live in the West End of Alexandria. This vision was just a gleam in our eye when we started conversations in 2011, and we have continually moved forward since then. The next step is dependent on the Council funding the \$4.3 million affordable housing line item currently in the Supplemental CIP that will help develop 113 units of affordable housing in the Beauregard Corridor.

We are very appreciative of the meetings and communications you've had with us to discuss our project and for your many compliments of the mission we are pursuing. A special thanks to Councilman Bailey and his co-sponsors who made it part of the preliminary add-delete list.

We were pleased to be able to present our remarks at the Council's public hearing on April 22. Due to the time constraints, those remarks were abbreviated. We urge you to read the full text on pages 3 and 4 of this letter.

Together we have a one-time opportunity to make a strong, lasting impact to help alleviate the shortage of affordable housing in our city. We need your help now. We believe this is one of Resurrection's finest hours. We hope you will make it one of the city's as well.

Yours in Christ,

Joe Bolser

Caroline Overman

William J. Meek

Carol / Cheryl

Ann Marie Speer
Beatrice E. English
Maureen Bryant
Allen Federman

Rona Daniel

Florence Dennis Huxton
 Lawrence Huxton
 Peggy Tiedemann
 Linda Goff
 Allen Tiedemann
 Edna Huxton
 Kay Menden + family
 Jennifer
 Edna
 Robert Koon
 Lenora Rankin
 Sam A. West
 Tom
 Elizabeth K. Raymond
 Lisa

May O'Connor
 Lydia DeMeester
 Sam Jones
 Louise Bennett
 The Rev. J. B. Belsai
 Barbara Penney
 David Evans
 + family
 Judy Waco
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 Anna Helgeau
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 Elizabeth W. Keen
 Frances Barnett
 Vicki DeMuster
 Kathleen S. Pusner
 Maureen Bryant
 Catherine Gubins
 Bernadine Jaworski

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The Vestry and Congregation of Church of the Resurrection

[Signature]

**Church of the Resurrection Remarks
at the
Alexandria City Council Public Hearing
April 22, 2017**

Good Morning Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, and Council Members Bailey, Chapman, Lovain, Pepper and Smedberg. I'm Betsy Faga. As a parishioner at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, I serve as chair of our Redevelopment Committee that is tasked with leading our effort to build affordable housing on our property.

We look forward to being a part of the broader discussion that needs to take place on affordable housing becoming a part of the city's infrastructure plans. However, I am here to speak on our immediate request that the Council fund the \$4.3 million affordable housing line item currently in the Supplemental CIP, in the FY2018 budget so our project to develop 113 units of affordable housing in the Beauregard Corridor can move forward. Housing that will meet the needs of our teachers and school employees, police officers, firefighters, health care workers for nearby senior living residences, retail workers, as well as many families currently struggling with housing costs in the Beauregard area. We believe you are the best judge of where those funds might be found – within the maximum proposed tax rate, within adjustments to the current proposed budget, through bonds, a combination of these, or even some new source.

I would like to share a bit of background as you make your decision:

Although Resurrection began thinking about where we wanted to head as a church in late 2011, it wasn't until a lot of work and conversation took place internally, with our Bishop, and with community leaders that we embarked on a bold vision to rebuild our church with a smaller footprint and to build an affordable housing residence. We interviewed eleven non-profit and for-profit developers leading us to partner with AHC in 2015. It was certainly a milestone when this Council approved our pre-development loan of \$400,000. That money is well invested in design, engineering, and legal work. We filed our Concept 2 plans yesterday. We are enthusiastic about the progress we've made and motivated by the potential benefit this joint project can create and sustain.

As you might imagine, we've gone through many iterations of design plans in order to align housing affordability and construction costs, along with private financing, and a reasonable amount of city investment to enable us to submit an application for low income tax credits that we think will be successful. That submission was delayed a year to allow us to redesign to include more units responsive to housing needs of Beauregard households and to meet the requests of our closest neighbor, Goodwin House. As a result, the church has reduced the amount it will receive for the ground lease by several million dollars, AHC has deferred their developer fee and has put additional funds into the project so the financial numbers work with the results that ninety-four of the 113 units will be multi-bedroom units and more than one-third of the units can be affordable for families earning below 50% AMI.

While the timeline for the redevelopment of Beauregard isn't clear, the current sale of the JBG Mark Center properties will certainly result in less affordable housing in the Beauregard Corridor than was anticipated. Our plan provides an opportunity to build new, perpetually affordable housing.

Our project is a good investment for the City, too, as your loan, which will be repaid over time, will support a \$44 million project that will result in new annual real estate tax revenue of approximately \$200,000. And your funds won't be spent until you review the final plans for the project, and we are awarded tax credits and have a building permit.

Residents in our new building will also be the same ones who will use the BRT mass transit infrastructure that the City plans in the Beauregard sector plan.

If funding is not forthcoming, we will be unable to realize our affordable housing vision and this opportunity for new affordable housing units will be lost.

We know you have a most difficult task in front of you as you work to prepare a balanced budget. And we appreciate the meetings and communications you've had with us to discuss our project.

Resurrection is already a partner with the City in helping to meet the needs of our community. We are the long-standing site in the West End of a monthly ALIVE! food distribution program. More recently we have begun a weekly food pantry and a weekly emergency financial assistance program. We also relish our connection with nearby schools and the TC Williams International Academy to which we provide backpacks and supplies every year. These outreach ministries will only be enhanced when AHC Resident Services determine what services are needed by the residents and community need and carry them out in the residential building.

During your April 19 work session, several times Council members talked about "opportunities before us." Well, we all have a mutually beneficial opportunity with the Resurrection project. Let's pursue it together. The people standing with me today and I thank you.

Jackie Henderson

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119605: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please
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- Name: Dave Levy
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-5289
- Email: bentbiking@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please Raise my taxes, Raise my taxes, Raise my taxes!
You all have made Complete Streets a policy. We need safe crosswalks for children walking to school as well as adult pedestrians and fewer hazards for drivers and bicyclists. Why endorse Vision Zero and then not appropriate the money needed to make it a reality?
I would like for you to fully fund Complete streets and Vision Zero projects or repeal your policy statements.
Sincerely,
Dave Levy
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 2

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- Name: Michael Doyle
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 946-8401
- Email: mednovahill@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns last Saturday about the dramatic budget cuts in the Vision Zero and Complete Streets programs. More importantly, the 70 unknown pedestrians and their family members who might otherwise get run down by a car or truck (some of whom will probably be killed) will also thank you. please see the attached letter. Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Mike Doyle
124 Princess

- Attachment: [Ltr Complete Streets budget cuts.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 2

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*Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Doyle
124 Princess Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: 571 312-4480
e-mail: mednovahill@gmail.com*

April 25, 2017

City of Alexandria, Virginia
301 King Street, suite 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Attn: Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and City Council Members:

I am writing to follow up on the speech I made this past Saturday to Alexandria's City Council Members and reiterate my concern about the significant cut in Alexandria's Complete Streets program for FY 2018's proposed budget. It is my understanding that in **FY17**, the City allocated \$1,560,000 for this safety-oriented program, **of which \$1,287,000** was planned for safety projects (and \$273,000 for staff) and that **the FY17-26** budget allocated \$830,000 for the program (**\$557,000 for projects**) in **FY18**. In the opinion of the undersigned funding allocated to this safety program in FY18, should have been increased, above the planned \$830,000, **yet the proposed budget reduced the amount of funds for projects by \$100,000**, or a reduction of nearly 20% compared to the planned project funding of \$557,000 and **a reduction of 65% compared to the amount allocated in 2017**. The undersigned is victim of car crashes in the City of Alexandria within the past year.

In early December I was crashed into by a car while I was in the middle of a cross walk at Pendleton and N. Fairfax. The driver who hit me received a ticket citation for "failing to yield". The first few months after the crash were very difficult for me and I continue to experience negative side effects from the crash. My family still feels the repercussions of this nightmare.

Unfortunately, I am not the only person to be a victim of a pedestrian car crash in Alexandria over the recent past. One gentleman was crashed into by a car on Duke while he was crossing the street in the cross walk and the "walk" sign was in his favor. The driver of the car ran through the red light, hit the man and threw him 50 feet into the air. It has been almost 12 months since that crash and he is still having to undergo multiple surgeries and continues to take rehab sessions three times a week. The toll on this gentleman and his family has been devastating.

Alexandria had four pedestrian deaths because of car crashes in 2016 and approximately 6 pedestrians per month were victims of car crashes last year. The history of pedestrian safety in Alexandria is deteriorating and in direct contradiction to our citizens safely

living in this “walkable” community. On a national scale, pedestrian fatalities due to car crashes increased by 11% from 2015 to 2016. Another disheartening statistic. A number of educational as well as street safety improvements need to be made in Alexandria as well as other communities.

Vision Zero funding, if it is to have any serious chance of being implemented in the near future, is part of the funding for the Complete Streets program and thus this program is at risk of being delayed or cancelled even before it gets started. Vision Zero is a laudable goal but its major weakness is the time in which it takes to effectively implement (2028 no less) and cutting funding for Complete Streets just exasperates the problem. That is why we, as families who have experienced the devastation of what a car does when crashing into a human, are so dismayed to learn that the proposed City budget for FY 2018 **decreases funding for street safety by 65%!**

I urge the City Council to increase or at least keep the Complete Streets funding at last year’s spending level but certainly not decrease the funding for safe streets in the Complete Streets program. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Michael E. Doyle