

Warwick Village Citizens Association  
1 Ansell Street  
Alexandria, VA 22305

March 12, 2013

Alexandria City Council  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Council Members,

Warwick Village Citizens Association (WVCA) respectfully asks that you not close the Warwick Village pool and pool house. Doing so would be a severe blow to our community.

The pool is obviously important for activities such as learning to swim, improving health and wellness, and enjoying recreation, and it also serves as a safe place for people of all ages to cool off on a hot day. Further, it's a meeting place where residents of all ages gather together. We have our monthly membership meetings at the pool house, and it is the location of many of our events and projects. The simple act of being in the same place at the same time builds community. People have an opportunity to meet and talk with one another in a setting that allows them to cross over generational, racial, and economic barriers.

Moreover, WVCA has consistently funded and supported improvements to the pool and pool house. The Association has repeatedly invested its resources to offset long overdue upkeep by repairing and painting benches and picnic tables, power washing the deck and furniture, clearing dead brush, and disposing of unwanted items from the storage closets. These projects were done with volunteers and at no cost to the city. We are willing to continue to make these investments if the pool stays open. Now that the tall fence is down and a new fence and all-weather pool cover are in place—a substantial investment made just last year by the City—we are planning to contribute funds and volunteers toward landscaping to improve the curb appeal of the pool site.

Please let me know how you will keep the Warwick Pool open. Our neighborhood awaits your response.

Sincerely,

Glenn Christianson

WVCA President

[president@warwickvillage.org](mailto:president@warwickvillage.org)

703-400-6689 (cell)

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** burnskathy@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2013 9:37 AM  
**To:** 'bill euille'; Allison Silberberg; delpepper@aol.com; Justin Wilson; Timothy Lovain; Paul Smedberg; John Chapman; Jackie Henderson  
**Cc:** lilian.thompson@alexandriava.gov; Mark McHugh; LaShawn Timmons; wendy.donohoe@alexandriava.gov; Jane McDonald; Nancy Lavalle; Nancy Lacey  
**Subject:** Budget Hearings

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I cannot attend today's Budget Hearings but I would like my remarks to be entered into the record. They are from my Letter to the Editor that was published in the Alexandria Port Packet on March 21-27, 2013. I would also endorse the comments by Katherine Papp that appeared in a Letter on April 11. It is hard to understand the City cutting funding for major services for the community like libraries and parks, in order to subsidize a private business (Bike Share) with taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Burns, 1036 N. Pelham St., Alexandria, VA 22304

March 19, 2013

Letters to the Editor  
Alexandria Port Packet Gazette

My thanks to Michael Lee Pope for pointing out to readers in the March 14, 2013 issue the troubling ironies as the City of Alexandria again tries to juggle the Budget and Priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. There was the stark listing of proposed cuts, that were deferred, at least temporarily. How can any city that considers the safety of its children seriously recommend cutting \$476, 930 to drop ALL school crossing guards? And, by the same breath, cough up almost \$1 million for the private, profit-generating BikeShare program? This makes no sense.

Similarly, why are we so top-heavy with principals and administrators making from \$117,000 to \$161,000 and a superintendent making \$264,000, that we can claim the dubious distinction of the "highest paid administrators in the region"? Given the summer, winter and spring breaks, plus other holidays, that's an annual salary for 9-10 months of work. And why is such information so "closely guarded" that it requires an FOIA request to pry it loose? So much for transparency for public records and for public employees. Mr. Pope notes that Alexandria's school system "administrators are getting about \$700 in salary for each student." Is that how we now describe "performance based pay"? No wonder the school system is the largest single component of the city's budget.

And, similarly, our City Council and City Manager now claim that in order to pay for our school system and for all our other ongoing needs, we need to rewrite our planning and land use rules to raise the necessary revenues. Thus we are prepared to sell off the Waterfront and the West End to the highest bidders, and the public be damned. Why resort any more to the sham of "public hearings" when the majority of elected officials

turn a deaf ear to the many citizens who spend 5-10 hours at a public hearing and can't even get significant revisions in flawed plans? Maybe we should resort to the tactic now used by the Governor of Michigan who has decided to override governance by duly elected officials in Detroit, and other cities, and he'll appoint a new czar who will be accountable only to him. And imagine how much time and money the state will save, by overturning democracy for autocratic rule. The Virginia Legislative Assembly has recently passed legislation that will allow the state to take over "underperforming schools," with no straightforward criteria, guidelines or enforcement mechanisms spelled out. And we have been told that one of Alexandria's public schools is a prime candidate for this shift.

How did Alexandria, with its proud history of setting the standards for governance 1749 and as a incubator for our national Constitution, wind up in this sorry state?

Without the tenacious digging into arcane records by Mr. Pope each week, we would have no idea what is really happening in the Budget or other layers of local government. As readers, we appreciate his efforts. As taxpayers, we wish he could clone other reporters who share his passion for putting the facts out there. Ignorance is not bliss.

Kathleen M. Burns  
1036 N. Pelham St.  
Alexandria, VA 22304  
PH 703-824-1799

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** ebcmoore@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 10:54 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32229: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please see the attached letter regarding

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Eleanor Moore
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [ebcmoore@gmail.com](mailto:ebcmoore@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please see the attached letter regarding MacArthur Elementary School.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/ce57b880-b0e4-49e6-899e-58d37a134e5a>
- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 19

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April 4, 2013

To: Alexandria City Council  
From: Eleanor Moore, Douglas MacArthur Parent  
Re: Douglas MacArthur – Necessary Improvements

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Alexandria City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of our Douglas MacArthur teachers and their need for your immediate attention.

Our teachers lost their teachers' lounge this year to accommodate an additional homeroom. As a result, our teachers have nowhere to sit down and eat their lunches, nowhere to take the short breaks. They have nowhere to build camaraderie with their co-workers and nowhere to compare notes on how to improve and hone their talents.

While the elimination of a teachers' lounge may seem small to some, it is immeasurably important to our wonderful teachers who work hard every day to make our kids lives brighter and to improve their minds for the future.

That's why the expansion for a classroom at MacArthur is so important. It has been moved up to FY2014 in the School Board's CIP budget. We need the expansion so that we can maintain those 32 homerooms and incorporate a teachers' lounge back into our building. Our teachers deserve that. In addition, we hope to be able to replace the aging adult bathroom in the back of school near the multi-purpose room/gym that is truly falling apart.

I implore you do everything you can to include these improvements in the city's plans so that we have these improvements AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. These are small items monetarily, but very important to our Douglas MacArthur community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eleanor Moore

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** CommunityRelations@alexandriava.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 6:47 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32272: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Lyles Crouch is at maximum capacity. Inc

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
  - Address: No Address Specified
  - Phone Number: No Phone
  - Email: No Email
  - Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
  - Request Description: Lyles Crouch is at maximum capacity. Increasing the capacity puts current students at risk and will have a negative impact on their learning, safety, and well being at that school- do not increase the school size or raise the cap as has been done the last several years! Also, our elevator is broken and severely needs funds to repair so please don't slash the funding.
- From a very concerned Lyles Crouch Parent and City of Alexandria Tax Payer
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 22

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**From:** rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 11:56 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32277: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to let you all know that I

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Rosemarie Wiedemer
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035492551
- Email: [rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com](mailto:rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to let you all know that I strongly support a you raising city taxes to further fund all the needed capital improvements in the ACPS school system. With the increased enrollment, all the schools are busting at the seams. We need to add on to current schools, build more all while maintaining the ones that we have (fixing roofs, maintaining HVAC systems, etc). In order to continue to have a great learning experience for our children, teachers are the #1 concern... but right after that is having conducive learning environments for the kids! I have hear talk of re-districting... that ship has sailed! There are just too many kids all over the city. Honesty it's a great testament to our thriving city that people with children want to move here and stay! But we need to support the infrastructure that will keep that trend going. So please know that I fully support additional taxes as long as they are going to go exclusively to keeping our schools great! Thank you for your time and attention.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 22

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**From:** liz.seccuro@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 1:24 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32279: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As a committed parent of Lyles Crouch Tr

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Liz Seccuro
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712167950
- Email: [liz.seccuro@gmail.com](mailto:liz.seccuro@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As a committed parent of Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy, I am begging you to not cut the funding. All of the other schools are receiving more and more dollars in the last few years and we wish you would help us with our physical plant needs. We have a much larger enrollment than when I moved here 4 years ago and we require funds that match!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 22

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**From:** careybuck@me.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 6:02 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32281: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please allocate the tax increase to our

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Carey Sullivan
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [careybuck@me.com](mailto:careybuck@me.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please allocate the tax increase to our school system. As a former PTA president and parent of 1 current and 1 former ACPS students, I cannot stress to you how important investing in our children's education and future is to the health and future of our city. I know at least a dozen families who have left Alexandria and moved to Arlington to take advantage of their better schools. We need leadership who will be honest, forthcoming and action oriented. We need investments to be made in our facilities that will handle our current and future enrollment. We need oversight to make sure that the money spent is spent wisely. I know that in the attics and storage rooms of all of our school there is tens of thousands of dollars of unaccounted for school supplies, desks, and books. It is criminal. Please don't waste this opportunity.  
Carey Sullivan
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 22

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**From:** melanieaugur@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 6:32 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32282: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please vote in support of a tax increase

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 32282.

### Request Details:

- Name: Melanie Peterson
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-785-5976
- Email: [melanieaugur@yahoo.com](mailto:melanieaugur@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please vote in support of a tax increase to support capital improvements in our schools, especially George Mason Elementary.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 22

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**From:** CommunityRelations@alexandriava.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 7:38 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32283: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I supprt a tax increase for our schools!

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I supprt a tax increase for our schools!!!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 22

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**From:** sarahbillups@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2013 8:47 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32303: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I support a tax increase to support capi

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Sarah Goldstein
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-647-9221
- Email: [sarahbillups@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahbillups@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support a tax increase to support capital improvements in Alexandria City Public Schools!! I am an Alexandria parent with two girls in the public school system at George Mason Elementary. Increasing population at George Mason has made it necessary to build four new classrooms, but the school is OLD and needs improvements in its bathrooms and cafeteria. PLEASE support improvements at this lovely little school. Make Alexandria a city that parents WANT to send to the PUBLIC schools! Our kids are our future!! Thank you!!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 22

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**From:** Elaine.gort@mac.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2013 4:31 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32289: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear City Council and Mayor,I have two

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 32289.

### Request Details:

- Name: Elaine Gort
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703/836-5836
- Email: [Elaine.gort@mac.com](mailto:Elaine.gort@mac.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council and Mayor,  
I have two kids at MacArthur and would like you to NOT approve the addition of a cottage there. I believe it would increase the size of the school which is already in my opinion too big. It locates the teachers outside the central school during their breaks which I believe raises student safety issues. Another huge problem is that it opens the door for future lower grade construction additions which are not only an eyesore in this beautiful city but less safe for the children.

For the sake of the future students at Mac Arthur I ask that you please do not allow this project to go thru. please realize the PTA of our school does not reflect the views of all the parents.

Thank you for all you do to make this city great!

Elaine Gort

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 22

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**From:** CommunityRelations@alexandriava.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2013 7:46 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32291: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The tax increase needs to go to OUR SCHO

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 32291.

### Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The tax increase needs to go to OUR SCHOOLS!!!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 22

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**From:** Kimberlraynorsmith@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2013 8:18 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32296: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As you finalize the budget for the city,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Kimberly Raynor-Smith
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-271-1278
- Email: [Kimberlraynorsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:Kimberlraynorsmith@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As you finalize the budget for the city, please consider a tax increase. With these funds, I would like to see them go toward capital improvements at our schools, specifically George Mason Elementary. Our school has expanded and we need additional funds to increase our cafeteria, update the bathrooms and maintain our building. I realize that any tax increase is tough to consider but I also know, that our schools will not survive and maintain their integrity without updates to their buildings. Our children are worth it.
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**From:** hillarydavis619@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 4:21 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32224: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council April 12, 2013To:  
Alexandria City Co

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Hillary Davis
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-823-0971
- Email: [hillarydavis619@aol.com](mailto:hillarydavis619@aol.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: April 12, 2013

To: Alexandria City Council  
From: Hillary Davis, Douglas MacArthur Parent  
Re: Douglas MacArthur – Necessary Improvements

Alexandria City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of our Douglas MacArthur teachers and their need for your immediate attention.

Our teachers lost their teachers' lounge this year to accommodate an additional homeroom. As a result, our teachers have nowhere to sit down and eat their lunches, nowhere to take the short breaks. They have nowhere to build camaraderie with their co-workers and nowhere to compare notes on how to improve and hone their talents.

While the elimination of a teachers' lounge may seem small to some, it is immeasurably important to our wonderful teachers who work hard every day to make our kids lives brighter and to improve their minds for the future.

That's why the expansion for a classroom at MacArthur is so important. It has been moved up to FY2014 in the School Board's CIP budget. We need the expansion so that we can maintain those 32 homerooms and incorporate a teachers' lounge back into our building. Our teachers deserve that. In addition, we hope to be able to replace the aging adult bathroom in the back of school near the multi-purpose room/gym that is truly falling apart.

I implore you do everything you can to include these improvements in the city's plans so that we have these improvements AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. These are small items monetarily, but very important to our Douglas MacArthur community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hillary Davis

- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 19

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** sal-e@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 4:20 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32223: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council April, 11o: Alexandria City Council

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: S. Eastman
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [sal-e@comcast.net](mailto:sal-e@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: April, 11

o: Alexandria City Council  
From: S. Eastman, Douglas MacArthur Parent  
Re: Douglas MacArthur – Necessary Improvements

Alexandria City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of our Douglas MacArthur teachers and their need for your immediate attention.

Our teachers lost their teachers' lounge this year to accommodate an additional homeroom. As a result, our teachers have nowhere to sit down and eat their lunches, nowhere to take the short breaks. They have nowhere to build camaraderie with their co-workers and nowhere to compare notes on how to improve and hone their talents.

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Thank you for your consideration,  
Sara Eastman

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**From:** brooksbarwell@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 9:38 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32198: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council April 121, 2013To:  
Alexandria City C

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Brooks Barwell
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-212-9494
- Email: [brooksbarwell@gmail.com](mailto:brooksbarwell@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: April 121, 2013

To: Alexandria City Council  
From: Brooks Barwell, Douglas MacArthur PTA President-Elect  
Re: Douglas MacArthur – Necessary Improvements

Alexandria City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of our Douglas MacArthur teachers and their need for your immediate attention.

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I implore you do everything you can to include these improvements in the city's plans so that we have these improvements AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. These are small items monetarily, but very important to our Douglas MacArthur community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brooks Barwell

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**From:** jesshughes51@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 3:55 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32222: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please see attached.Sincerely,Je

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### Request Details:

- Name: Jessica Hughes
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.850.6181
- Email: [jesshughes51@gmail.com](mailto:jesshughes51@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please see attached.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hughes

- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/473f24d5-9c70-47c5-a6fd-f1330ec414f0>
- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 19

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April 12, 2013

To: Alexandria City Council  
From: Jessica Hughes, Douglas MacArthur Parent  
Re: Douglas MacArthur – Necessary Improvements

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Alexandria City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of our Douglas MacArthur teachers and their need for your immediate attention.

Our teachers lost their teachers' lounge this year to accommodate an additional homeroom. As a result, our teachers have nowhere to sit down and eat their lunches, nowhere to take the short breaks. They have nowhere to build camaraderie with their co-workers and nowhere to compare notes on how to improve and hone their talents.

While the elimination of a teachers' lounge may seem small to some, it is immeasurably important to our wonderful teachers who work hard every day to make our kids lives brighter and to improve their minds for the future. I also cannot imagine having to work a full day, in a job that requires you to "be on," without any respite. It is vital for our teachers' morale and mental health that they have a place to recharge during the school day.

That's why the expansion for a classroom at MacArthur is so important. It has been moved up to FY2014 in the School Board's CIP budget. We need the expansion so that we can maintain those 32 homerooms and incorporate a teachers' lounge back into our building. Our teachers deserve that. In addition, we hope to be able to replace the aging adult bathroom in the back of school near the multi-purpose room/gym that is truly falling apart.

I implore you do everything you can to include these improvements in the city's plans so that we have these improvements AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. These are small items monetarily, but very important to our Douglas MacArthur community.

Thank you for your consideration,

/s/  
Jessica Hughes

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** frankenak@gao.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 3:48 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32178: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and Alexandria City Co

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### Request Details:

- Name: Kim Frankena
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-5529
- Email: [frankenak@gao.gov](mailto:frankenak@gao.gov)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and Alexandria City Council Members,

I wanted to first say thank you for listening for the voices of our community in support of keeping Warwick Pool open. I would ask for that to be translated into an affirmative decision to re-open the pool for this summer. I also am counting on you to assure the necessary resources are included in the budget to be considered and approved May 6.

[Please see attached letter.]

- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/96f3d938-3a28-4d54-9004-741c1a84124e>
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 18

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** harrietmcguire@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 2:19 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32173: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council please restore library funding in city b

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### Request Details:

- Name: Harriet McGuire
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.549-8208
- Email: [harrietmcguire@earthlink.net](mailto:harrietmcguire@earthlink.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: please restore library funding in city budget. Alexandria falls way behind Arlington in continuing education and services to the retiree population. If you continue to cut branch library hours and available space for neighborhood meetings, the disparity will be ever more glaring. I specifically expect the Vice Mayor to fight for the library's budget. She was the only candidate to mention library services during the fall debates, and received my vote precisely for this reason.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 18

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Steve Sindiong  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 10:52 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** Marti Reinfeld; Sandra Marks; Jackie Henderson; Rich Baier; Rashad Young; Mark Jinks; Jennifer Mitchell; John Komoroske; John Sawislak; Kerry Donley; Kevin Posey; Louisa Ward; Maria Wasowski; Timothy Lovain; William Euille  
**Subject:** Letter from Transportation Commission regarding FY 2014-23 Budget  
**Attachments:** 2013-04-05\_TC letter to Council re 2014 CIP King St Trolley.pdf

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

Please see the attached letter from the Chair of the Transportation Commission, regarding the FY 2014-23 proposed budget, and in particular, the proposed changes to the King Street Trolley. The Transportation Commission held a public hearing at its April 3, 2013 meeting on the FY2014-23 CIP. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this memo. Thank you.

Steve Sindiong, AICP  
Principal Transportation Planner  
City of Alexandria, Virginia

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**Alexandria Transportation Commission  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314**

April 10, 2013

Mayor William D. Euille and Members of City Council  
City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: FY 2014-23 CIP

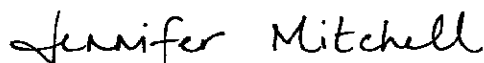
Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

At its April 3, 2013 meeting, the Transportation Commission (Commission), reviewed the City Manager's proposed FY 2014-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and held a public hearing. The Commission moved that the Council include the change to the King Street Trolley headways in the add/delete list for the FY 2014-23 CIP. We request that should more funding become available, the Council reinstate funding to maintain the current 15 minute headways for the trolley.

The members of the Commission agree that the King Street Trolley provides a valuable service to residents, employees and visitors of Old Town. It is a positive economic benefit to the City of Alexandria. Increasing headways to every 20 minutes, as currently suggested in the Proposed FY 2014 budget, will degrade service, minimize transportation choices, and have an overall negative impact to the City and all users of the trolley. It will undoubtedly reduce transit usage in one of the most congested areas of the City at a time when we are actively trying to reduce the use of single-occupant vehicles, especially in Old Town and the waterfront area. Most importantly, we believe that these changes are counter-productive to the City's goals to promote economic growth and maximize the efficiency of our existing transportation infrastructure.

The members of the Transportation Commission recognize that City Council is making many difficult decisions during the development of the FY2014 budget, and we understand that Council is balancing a number of competing priorities for City funds. We appreciate your consideration of the Commission's review of the proposed 2014-23 CIP.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Mitchell  
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria City Council  
Alexandria Transportation Commission

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** lgoeas@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 11:04 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32084: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Alexandria City Council Member,I am

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### Request Details:

- Name: Lisa Goeas
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202 257 4624
- Email: [lgoeas@hotmail.com](mailto:lgoeas@hotmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Alexandria City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of our Douglas MacArthur teachers and their need for your immediate attention.

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I implore you do everything you can to include these improvements in the city's plans so that we have these improvements AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. These are small items monetarily, but very important to our Douglas MacArthur community.

Thank you for your consideration,

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 17

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** szapolsky@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 12:57 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32091: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Thank you for recognizing the importance

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### Request Details:

- Name: Sarah Zapolsky
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-684-5430
- Email: [szapolsky@gmail.com](mailto:szapolsky@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Thank you for recognizing the importance to the community of Warwick Pool. I am pleased you are working with city staff on a solution that will keep the pool open. We are eagerly awaiting your decision, and looking forward to a positive outcome when the budget is finalized on May 6.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 17

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** steven.riegel3@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:44 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32040: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please protect the Alexandria library sy

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### Request Details:

- Name: S Riegel
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [steven.riegel3@gmail.com](mailto:steven.riegel3@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please protect the Alexandria library system from budget cutting proposals, and approve the proposed increases to its budget.  
My family and I live in Alexandria. We seldom draw on city services such as the police, social workers, etc. What we do make good use of is the library, especially the Beatley Central Library. I understand there are two budget proposals to cut library funds, and two to increase them. Protect the library! Increase its funding! It serves citizens from all walks of life, and is a wonderful asset to Alexandria. Thank you for your attention to my request.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 16

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**From:** collelo@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 11:52 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #32006: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council April 9, 2013 Dear Mayor Euille, Vice

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### Request Details:

- Name: Thomas Collelo
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-370-3492
- Email: [collelo@comcast.net](mailto:collelo@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: April 9, 2013

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Council Member Pepper, Council Member Smedberg, Council Member Lovain, Council Member Wilson, and Council Member Chapman:

We are writing to urge you to restore to the FY2013 level funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services. Another decrease in AFHS budget will negatively impact the ability of ALIVE and other charitable organizations to deliver benefits to Alexandria's most needy residents.

Alexandria has always been known as a city that strives to take care of its most vulnerable citizens. However, another budget cut to AFHS will mean reduced services at a time when those in need least afford to lose benefits. Those of us who volunteer have seen first hand what a difference this funding makes in people's lives.

Sincerely,

MaryAnne Beatty  
Thomas Collelo

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 16

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**Jackie Henderson**

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**From:** brendadsylva@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 4:43 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31825: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Good afternoon, please find the attached

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**Request Details:**

- Name: Brenda D'Sylva
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-329-6761
- Email: [brendadsylva@yahoo.com](mailto:brendadsylva@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Good afternoon, please find the attached letter and I hope you get a chance to read it before the Council work session tonight. Sorry about sending it so late, Thank you
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/83928ca7-538d-43bc-83c5-2a85712bab62>
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 11

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DATE: APRIL 4, 2013

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: BRENDA A D'SYLVA, PRESIDENT, ALEXANDRIA GOVERNMENT  
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

SUBJECT: PROPOSALS FOR FY2014 HEALTH CARE CHANGES

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The purpose of this memo is to request Council's consideration and support for putting together several different options in order to lessen the financial burden on the employees. This is a unique opportunity, in the middle of a recession, for the City leaders to stand up and truly recognize the continuing dedication, sacrifice, and professionalism of City staff. The words "Shared Sacrifice" have been used throughout this budget process. Here is an opportunity for all to truly share in the sacrifice.

Here are a few options for your consideration:

- 1) To explore the idea of a tiered health care deductible system for all City employees. The Alexandria School System has a similar plan. It has been working very successfully for them. City employees should be offered the same benefit. All City employees should be treated equally. We respectfully request a calculation and cost break down for the following proposal.
  - Employees making \$50K and below, pay 15% of their premium costs.
  - Employees making \$50 - \$75K, pay 18%;
  - Employees making \$75K to \$100K, pay 20%;
  - Employees making \$100K and above, pay 30% of the premium costs.
- 2) Post-pone the change to Health-care until there is a thorough study of the current plans. The City has not done a formal RFP for health care vendors in close to 15 years. This burden falls on the City and should not be borne by the employees. There are most likely more affordable carriers out there. A review of providers for adjacent counties/cities is recommended.

The Flexible Spending Plan goes into effect in January. Employees will not have an opportunity to increase their tax-deferred allotment prior to the increase in health care. This would be a prudent time to truly vet this plan prior to implementing it.

- 3) At the Town Hall Meetings, the option of simply absorbing the increase to health insurance premiums (an anticipated 9% increase) by the City was shown. In that scenario the increase of 9% is about \$4million. With the deductibles in place, we the employees pay about \$2 million of that \$4 million instead of 20% of the \$4 million (or \$800k via increased premiums). Is the budget being balanced on the backs of the employees? We are told these deductibles were a product of "what's comparable to other jurisdictions and

across the country". The City's own study shows that the comparator jurisdictions are only imposing the deductibles on PPOs plans, not HMO. The employee would have the option to go with the lower cost HMO, or elect to pay for the higher priced PPO. However, the new City's health proposal is charging everyone a deductible regardless of which plan is chosen.

While the need to maintain fiscal strength is valid, so is the need to adequately compensate a work force that regularly exceeds their goals and has earned the confidence of their employers and the public. None of these council actions would place additional burdens on the taxpayer. It is simply giving back to the employees who work so hard for the City. There comes a time when words no longer satisfy. The time for action is now.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** jcs124@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 4:59 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31968: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Attached please find my letter regarding

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Joann Sordellini
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-212-0464
- Email: [jcs124@gmail.com](mailto:jcs124@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Attached please find my letter regarding the proposed budget concerning the City of Alexandria library system.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/287033fb-57dc-4ced-9e44-6bf6977b5c9c>
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 15

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April 8, 2013

Dear Council Members of the City of Alexandria,

As a long-time resident of the City, I know how important the library system is to our community. Libraries are truly democratic entities – they serve so many people and perform many useful functions for the residents of the city. A library is responsible for my life-long love of reading and I can't imagine our community without a thriving, vital library system. The very first thing I did when I moved here in 1985 was to get a library card. If you want the children of our community to succeed in school, a good library is an essential part of that program.

I urge each of you to support funding the custodial contract for the nighttime cleaning services and, more importantly, the proposed allocation of monies from the City's Capital Improvement Program to fix Beatley Central's longstanding infrastructure issues. Since it is my local branch, I am there very frequently. It is inconceivable that you would consider not funding this critical program since delaying these important repairs will result in more expenditures later. If the problems are not resolved now, they won't go away. As every homeowner knows, the damage will only get worse until the only choices are to a) close the branch or b) tear down the building and build a new one. Neither choice is a good one, nor will either one serve our community. In recent years, I know all the local governments have faced budgetary issues and all the local library systems cut hours and budgets. However, last year all the hours were restored and budgets were increased as the economy improved. Therefore, I do not understand how the City of Alexandria is the only library system in our entire metro area (DC, MD, VA) planning on cutting the budget. How can you justify cutting the library budget to the children and families of our City? What kind of statement does that make as to the educational priorities the City Council holds? Not much of one, I can assure you.

As a taxpayer, I know my taxes have increased as real estate values rise. I am happy to pay the extra funds as long as it continues to fund the library system for all its needs.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joann Sordellini". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Joann Sordellini  
5300 Holmes Run Pkwy #318  
Alexandria, VA 22304  
703-212-0464

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** jeannie.b.white@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 7:59 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31975: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council April 9, 2013  
To:  
Alexandria City Cou

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Jeannie White
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038623776
- Email: [jeannie.b.white@comcast.net](mailto:jeannie.b.white@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: April 9, 2013

To: Alexandria City Council  
From: Jeannie Baroody White, Douglas MacArthur Parent  
Re: Douglas MacArthur – Necessary Improvements

Alexandria City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of our Douglas MacArthur teachers and their need for your immediate attention.

Our teachers lost their teachers' lounge this year to accommodate an additional homeroom. As a result, our teachers have nowhere to sit down and eat their lunches, nowhere to take the short breaks. They have nowhere to build camaraderie with their co-workers and nowhere to compare notes on how to improve and hone their talents.

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That's why the expansion for a classroom at MacArthur is so important. It has been moved up to FY2014 in the School Board's CIP budget. We need the expansion so that we can maintain those 32 homerooms and incorporate a teachers' lounge back into our building. Our teachers deserve that. In addition, we hope to be able to replace the aging adult bathroom in the back of school near the multi-purpose room/gym that is truly falling apart.

I implore you do everything you can to include these improvements in the city's plans so that we have these improvements AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. These are small items monetarily, but very important to our Douglas MacArthur community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeannie Baroody White  
Past PTA President  
Douglas MacArthur Elementary

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 16

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** cfgaines@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 10:14 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31931: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As a MacArthur Parent, PTA Board member,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Crystal Gaines
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 963-3566
- Email: [cfgaines@gmail.com](mailto:cfgaines@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As a MacArthur Parent, PTA Board member, active volunteer and wife of Former Councilmember Ludwig Gaines, I am writing the Council to encourage support for funding the learning cottage and adult bathroom renovations at MacArthur Elementary School.

I frequent the school weekly, and the current accommodations we have due to the overcrowding issue is a tiny mail room that is crammed with a microwave, refrigerator, copy supplies, and teacher mailboxes with nowhere for our dedicated teachers to have lunch, have a snack or get away from their classrooms for even a short break to speak with another colleague. This is completely offensive in a school! How can we expect our teachers and students to succeed in an environment where our staff has no access within the school for down time, collaboration time and at a minimum, a place to eat? That's why the expansion for a classroom at MacArthur is so important. It has been moved up to FY2014 in the School Board's CIP budget. We need the expansion so that we can maintain those 32 homerooms and incorporate a teachers' lounge back into our building by September 2014. Our teachers, who we have entrusted our children to, deserve to work in a professional environment!

In addition, we hope to be able to replace the aging adult bathroom in the back of school near the multi-purpose room/gym. It may seem minor but please feel free to come and take a look or try to use this old dilapidated restroom that we are expecting our professional adults to use on a daily basis. This bathroom is another example of our lack of regard for our teachers, which is unacceptable. We encourage the Council to support the CIP budget for the renovations. We are in a 70 year old building that has received additions and expansions several times over the years. We are not requesting a full school renovation at this time, just simply a room for a teacher's lounge and an updated adult bathroom.

As the spouse of a former City Councilmember, I completely understand the Council will have numerous decisions to make during this budget season and the need to hear from the community on issues. Our Parents, Students, Staff and Administrators hope this will remain in the CIP budget. After nearly two decades we will have a new Principal and quite frankly this would be an embarrassment to bring a new Principal into our wonderful school with these outstanding unresolved physical plant issues, which reflect total disregard for our professional staff. Thank you kindly for your support and I personally appreciate all that you all do for our City.

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- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 15

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** hrstouffer@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 9:40 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31921: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To: Alexandria City CouncilFrom: Heath

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### Request Details:

- Name: Heather Stouffer
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 240-426-3235
- Email: [hrstouffer@yahoo.com](mailto:hrstouffer@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To: Alexandria City Council  
From: Heather Stouffer, Douglas MacArthur Parent  
Re: Douglas MacArthur – Necessary Improvements

Alexandria City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of our Douglas MacArthur teachers and their need for your immediate attention.

Our teachers lost their teachers' lounge this year to accommodate an additional homeroom. As a result, our teachers have nowhere to sit down and eat their lunches, nowhere to take the short breaks. They have nowhere to build camaraderie with their co-workers and nowhere to compare notes on how to improve and hone their talents.

While the elimination of a teachers' lounge may seem small to some, it is immeasurably important to our wonderful teachers who work hard every day to make our kids lives brighter and to improve their minds for the future.

That's why the expansion for a classroom at MacArthur is so important. It has been moved up to FY2014 in the School Board's CIP budget. We need the expansion so that we can maintain those 32 homerooms and incorporate a teachers' lounge back into our building. Our teachers deserve that. In addition, we hope to be able to replace the aging adult bathroom in the back of school near the multi-purpose room/gym that is truly falling apart.

I implore you do everything you can to include these improvements in the city's plans so that we have these improvements AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. These are small items monetarily, but very important to our Douglas MacArthur community.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Heather Stouffer

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 15

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** katherine@fsirenovations.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 9:36 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31918: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Alexandria City Council Member,Our t

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Katherine Leon
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [katherine@fsirenovations.com](mailto:katherine@fsirenovations.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Alexandria City Council Member,

Our teachers lost their break room/lounge to accommodate an additional homeroom. As a result, MacArthur teachers have nowhere to sit down and eat their lunches, nowhere to take short breaks. They have nowhere to build camaraderie with their co-workers and nowhere to compare notes on how to improve and hone their talents.

While the elimination of a teachers' lounge may seem small to some, it is immeasurably important to our wonderful teachers, and, a deterrent to attracting additional talented teachers to our school.

That's why the expansion for a classroom at MacArthur is so important. It has been moved up to FY2014 in the School Board's CIP budget. We need the expansion so that we can maintain those 32 homerooms and incorporate a teachers' lounge back into our building. Our teachers deserve that. In addition, we hope to replace the adult bathroom in the back of school near the multi-purpose room/gym that is truly falling apart. It is an embarrassment.

Please do everything you can to include these improvements in the city's plans so that we have these improvements AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. These are small items monetarily, but very important to our Douglas MacArthur community.

Thank you for your service,

Katherine Leon

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 15

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**From:** pamsteelerfan@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 8:50 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31910: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Alexandria City Council Member,I am

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### Request Details:

- Name: Pam Edwards
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-509-9977
- Email: [pamsteelerfan@yahoo.com](mailto:pamsteelerfan@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Alexandria City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of our Douglas MacArthur teachers and their need for your immediate attention.

Our teachers lost their teachers' lounge this year to accommodate an additional homeroom. As a result, our teachers have nowhere to sit down and eat their lunches, nowhere to take the short breaks. They have nowhere to build camaraderie with their co-workers and nowhere to compare notes on how to improve and hone their talents.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Pamela Edwards, MacArthur Parent

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 15

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**From:** helena.dechant@starwoodhotels.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 8:59 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31913: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council MacArthur Projects Funding

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Helena Dechant
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038686214
- Email: [helena.dechant@starwoodhotels.com](mailto:helena.dechant@starwoodhotels.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: MacArthur Projects Funding
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/86f17e76-a070-4500-a7a7-687476620263>
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 15

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April 4, 2013

To: Alexandria City Council  
From: [name], Douglas MacArthur Parent  
Re: Douglas MacArthur – Necessary Improvements

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Alexandria City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of our Douglas MacArthur teachers and their need for your immediate attention.

Our teachers lost their teachers' lounge this year to accommodate an additional homeroom. As a result, our teachers have nowhere to sit down and eat their lunches, nowhere to take the short breaks. They have nowhere to build camaraderie with their co-workers and nowhere to compare notes on how to improve and hone their talents.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Helena Dechant - Parent  
1201 Bayliss Drive  
Alexandria VA

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** cemmetheald@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 8:22 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31906: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the Cit

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### Request Details:

- Name: Caroline Heald
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 683-1053
- Email: [cemmetheald@gmail.com](mailto:cemmetheald@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

I want to let you know that I use and support the Capital Bikeshares program, and I hope you do as well -- both in the city's budget and by actually joining the program and using the bikes.

I am 62 years old and use the bikes a couple of times a week to navigate from the waterfront to the King Street metro station and Amtrak. It is easy to keep a helmet in my backpack. The bikes are easy to use and adjust, and the trip is often faster than driving.

As public figures, you could do a lot to build ridership in this program in Alexandria, by talking it up, using it yourselves, and voting to expand it outside of Old Town. Traffic in Old Town is so congested that anything you can do to get more people out of their cars would be priceless.

Sincerely,

Caroline Heald  
221 Wolfe Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 683-1053

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 15

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April 4, 2013

To: Alexandria City Council  
From: [name], Douglas MacArthur Parent  
Re: Douglas MacArthur – Necessary Improvements

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Thank you for your consideration,

Helena Dechant - Parent  
1201 Bayliss Drive  
Alexandria VA

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** glennrc@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 07, 2013 6:40 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31897: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Members of the City Council T

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### Request Details:

- Name: Glenn Christianson
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-8842
- Email: [glennrc@verizon.net](mailto:glennrc@verizon.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Members of the City Council

Thank you for recognizing the importance to the community of the Warwick Pool and pool house. We are pleased you are working with city staff on a solution that will keep the pool open.

We are eagerly awaiting your decision, and looking forward to a positive outcome when the budget is finalized on May 6.

Sincerely,

Glenn Christianson  
WVCA President

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 15

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** calvert2004@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2013 3:55 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31865: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor Euille,I write to express my c

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: John Calvert
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-1418
- Email: [calvert2004@gmail.com](mailto:calvert2004@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Euille,

I write to express my concern over the advertised closure of Chinguapin Park Recreation Center in early May. I have coached a Masters swim program at Chinguapin for 20 years as a service to the Alexandria Community. The Chinguapin pool is currently the only feasible facility for many of its users, a group comprised of world-class swimmers and triathletes who must train on a daily basis. I am extremely disappointed by the lack of accommodation provided for the pool users of Chinguapin. We have been told that Chinguapin is shutting down in order to have its HVAC equipment replaced and other maintenance completed. We have also been told that there will be no pool available for use until the summer pools open on Memorial Day.

A couple weeks ago I spoke with the facility manager at Chinguapin, and she verified that no plans had been made to create an alternate site for swimmers. I asked if the Old Town pool could be opened early to accommodate the athletes and other users who swim on a daily basis. She said that she would see what could be done but added that even if the pool were opened, the water would be very cold. I suggested that the city could rent a portable heater for use when the evening temperatures were cool. She said that the city could not afford this additional expense to accommodate its citizens.

This uncertainty of pool space has caused many swimmers to start weighing their options with dread. It is imperative that they do not lose valuable training time. Because the Chinguapin pool closure will extend into the fall, the Masters Swim program may even be forced to close its long-term program for lack of a facility, which would deprive the city of an important competitive program for its adult citizens. On Wednesday evening, I found out that there is a question as to the actual dates for closure, since no contract for work has been signed. This could result in the pool closing in May with no work being done and staying closed later than advertised. In the long term, the City of Alexandria's current actions and/or inactions will negatively affect a small business and the people that depend on that business.

As a citizen of Alexandria, a user of Chinguapin, and a coach for the Masters Swim program, I urge you to please look into this matter concerning the only recreation center that offers an indoor swimming facility and see if a viable solution can be found. The many mature, productive, and tax-paying Alexandria residents that belong to the Mastes Swim program need to know what their options are when Chinguapin closes. Your timely action in resolving this issue is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 12

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 9:23 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31834: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear City Council, My name is Rosie W

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Rosie Wiedemer
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035492551
- Email: [rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com](mailto:rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council,

My name is Rosie Wiedemer and I am PTA President for George Mason Elementary School. I understand that the City Council and the School Board are still in discussion about how much money will be allocated to the school budget, specifically with regard to capital improvements. George Mason is on schedule to add 3 classrooms over the summer. We are a school that is already over capacity, but we need the extra classrooms due to all the additional families that keep moving into our wonderful neighborhood. With the additional classrooms, we will have enough room for our local students for the next year or so, but the build out does not address all the shared spaces (cafeteria, gymnasium, bathrooms, library, etc). In that vein, I would like to invite you all to our next PTA meeting. It will be on Monday, April 8th @6PM in our library. One of our speakers will be the architects who are presenting the designs of our classrooms and the proposed build out of our cafeteria (a build out which is still a couple of years out). If you attend our meeting, I think you will get a clearer idea of the space issues that are affecting our school. I hope to see many of you at our meeting on Monday. Thank you in advance for your attention to this and participating in our meeting!

Sincerely,  
Rosie

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 11

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** jrocchio2@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 10:00 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31835: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please support funding for a learning co

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### Request Details:

- Name: Julie Rocchio
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-599-9073
- Email: [jrocchio2@comcast.net](mailto:jrocchio2@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please support funding for a learning cottage and adult bathroom renovations at MacArthur Elementary School which my children attend. These requests meet basic needs which are very important to the daily functioning of our school. A place to eat lunch and take breaks should be a given, not a luxury, for our dedicated and hard-working faculty. Unfortunately, our teachers' lounge was lost this year in order to accommodate an additional homeroom. We also need to replace an aging adult bathroom that is truly falling apart. A properly maintained adult bathroom is also a necessity, not a luxury. Thank you for your consideration of these important requests.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 11

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**From:** CommunityRelations@alexandriava.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 1:03 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31805: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am an Alexandria resident, and am extr

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am an Alexandria resident, and am extremely alarmed by the proposed tax increases in the budget. With tax raises at the federal and state levels, the sequester, and increased property assessments, this is a terrible time to be dipping into residents' pockets. And property tax rates have already been skyrocketing over the past few years! Why do you always need more???

I voted for most of you, but if you continue to insist on tax increases it will be the last time I do so.

Thank you for your time.

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 11

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** cmoran241@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2013 4:43 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31759: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Council Members:I am a

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Craig Moran
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 837 0039
- Email: [cmoran241@yahoo.com](mailto:cmoran241@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Council Members:  
I am a 13 year resident of the City who has used Arlington County swimming pools since 1999. In November, I stopped using Arlington pools and got a one year pass for Chinguapin. I did this after talking to Chinguapin staff who told me that Chinguapin was closing for repairs this summer and that I would be able to use my pass at Warwick Pool, just down the street from where I live.

I was very upset last month when I learned that the City Manager wanted to close Warwick this summer as well. I understand that the Council is re-thinking this advice though I fail to understand why the idea even came up.

That would leave two pools available for Old Town residents with the rest of the city left high & dry. What was our Manager thinking?

Sincerely,  
Craig Moran

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 10

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Mayor and City Council  
301 King St., Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
April 5, 2013

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Council Member Pepper, Council Member Smedberg, Council Member Lovain, Council Member Wilson, and Council Member Chapman:

I am writing as a Board member of ALIVE! (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically) which is a member of the Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations (ACHSO) as well as a member of the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance (NVAHA). Our organization is the largest private safety net in the City of Alexandria, providing food, financial assistance, early childhood education, transitional housing, house wares and furniture for families in need in Alexandria.

On behalf of our clients, we are asking that the funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS) for FY2014 be restored to the FY2013 level, increasing the City Manager's proposed budget by \$122,000. A 6% decrease, following five consecutive years of decreased contribution by the City, will mean that organizations, like ALIVE!, will be forced to deliver fewer services or services to fewer Alexandrians. The Alexandria City Council Strategic Plan (Plan) as revised in 2010 includes the objective of reducing poverty by 10% by the year 2015 by maintaining prevention services, not by reducing City support for those services!

ALIVE! and other members of ACHSO's ability to leverage private resources means our City's residents have even more benefit because of the City's investment. We are employers of nearly 11% of the City's employees; we are good-will ambassadors; we are consumers; we are residents. Not only do we bring funding to the City well in excess of the AFHS budget, we also receive a great deal of in-kind assistance from our community.

For example, at ALIVE! our funding from the City has already been reduced from \$30,000 per year to \$20,000 per year and would probably be reduced further if this 6% decrease is enacted. The City receives an excellent return on this \$20,000 investment as ALIVE! provides over \$240,000 in financial assistance to families in

need of help paying rent, utilities or medical costs. And we spend over \$100,000 per year on food for low-income families. Our congregations and other organizations in Alexandria provide an additional \$400,000 in donated food. All of this support goes to low-income residents of Alexandria.

In addition, ALIVE! urges the City Council to allocate \$3.5 million in the FY2014 budget for affordable housing production and preservation. One of the biggest challenges our clients face is the shortage of decent and safe housing that is affordable to them. With the loss of over 10,000 market affordable units in the last decade, rising rents and redevelopment in areas like the Beauregard Corridor, these families are being priced out of Alexandria. It is the right thing to do from an economic development perspective, a transportation and quality of life standpoint, and a moral imperative that the City Council allocate City funds to support affordable housing opportunities within Alexandria.

ALIVE! and other members of ACSHO are a good investment for Alexandria. Affordable housing is a good investment for Alexandria. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City to ensure that the most effective, efficient and critical services are delivered to our neediest citizens. Thank you for your support to these vital issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Patton Malloy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheryl Patton Malloy  
516 Fontaine Street  
Alexandria, VA 22302

Cc: Jackie Henderson

**Mr. & Mrs. Cedric S. Cato**  
**Parents of Harper Cato, Hopkins House Academy**  
**4672 Strathblane Place**  
**Alexandria, Virginia 22304-2363**

April 2, 2013

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

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg, Councilman Lovain, Councilman Wilson, and Councilman Chapman:

I am writing as a parent of a child who attends the Hopkins House Helen Day Academy. Hopkins House provides high-quality educational programs and opportunities to children, youths, and their families, including our 20-month old daughter, Harper, regardless of income.

It is my understanding that the City Manager has proposed that fiscal 2014 funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS) be reduced by \$122,000. If approved, this 6% cut would be the fifth consecutive year of decreased AFHS funding. It would also mean that City of Alexandria nonprofits receiving AFHS funding, including Hopkins House, might be obliged to cut employees or their hours, reduce services and/or the number of needy City of Alexandria residents served.

Nonprofits are a crucial component of the City's economic base. They employ 11% of the City of Alexandria's workforce, contribute millions of dollars to the City of Alexandria's economy, and provide vitally needed services to City of Alexandria residents. I understand that these are tough economic times and you face very difficult choices in drafting the City of Alexandria's fiscal 2014 budget. As you make these choices, I urge you to retain AFHS funding at the current (fiscal 2013) level.

Thank you for your previous and continuing support to the City of Alexandria's nonprofits and those they serve.

Sincerely,



Mr. & Mrs. Cedric S. Cato

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** archaeology@alexandriava.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2013 10:38 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31729: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am sending this letter at the request

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Vince LaPointe
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.549.0531
- Email: [archaeology@alexandriava.gov](mailto:archaeology@alexandriava.gov)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am sending this letter at the request of the Alexandria Archaeological Commission's (AAC) Chair, Vince LaPointe. This is being sent from Alexandria Archaeology's email address in order to keep a record for the AAC. Please note that I have marked this as sent from Mr. LaPointe and have used his home phone number in case someone would like to call and discuss this email with him.

Jennifer Barker  
Admin Assistant III  
OHA/Archaeology

Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

The Alexandria Archaeological Commission urges City Council to appropriate \$75,000 in the FY2014 budget for Fort Ward Archaeological Study. This funding does not appear in the proposed budget and is needed to augment the planning and management processes that are currently underway for Fort Ward Park.

This additional funding for Fort Ward archaeology will continue to further Goal 7 of the City's strategic plan, which includes an objective to highlight the history and culture of Alexandria's diverse population. The African American community at "The Fort" was established around the time of the Civil War, and descendants from this nineteenth-century neighborhood still live nearby. The unmarked ancestral graves and home sites of these community members must be identified, marked, protected and honored. This \$75,000 provides funding for the next step in this process.

Previous funding for Fort Ward historical and archaeological work has provided enough information to allow for the development of a management plan, which is currently in process; however, there are still a number of pressing questions that remain unanswered. The boundaries of some of the cemetery areas still need to be explored and delineated. Other possible cemetery locations were only minimally tested, and some need further investigation. Expansion of work in areas of the African American households can provide additional information about life in The Fort community. In addition, excavations are needed to identify areas where it may be possible to expand the museum facility.

The continuation of funding for the Fort Ward project will also provide the City with a visible, tangible, and lasting project as part of the civil War Sesquicentennial. Fifty years ago, the City commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the Civil War by purchasing and reconstructing Fort Ward. Today, the City has the opportunity to commemorate the 150th anniversary by returning to Fort Ward to expand our understanding of the Fort's African American community and to protect significant cultural resources in the park.

The Archaeological Commission appreciates your consideration of our request to add \$75,000 to the FY2014

budget for the purposes discussed above.

Sincerely,

Vincent LaPointe, Chair  
Alexandria Archaeological Commission

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 10

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The Honorable Mayor  
And Members of City Council  
City of Alexandria  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg, Councilman Lovain, Councilman Wilson, and Councilman Chapman:

I am writing as a parent of a child who attends the Hopkins House Helen Day Academy. Hopkins House provides high-quality educational programs and opportunities to children, youths, and their families, including our own, regardless of income.

It is my understanding that the City Manager has proposed that fiscal 2014 funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS) be reduced by \$122,000. If approved, this 6% cut would be the fifth consecutive year of decreased AFHS funding. It would also mean that City nonprofits receiving AFHS funding, including Hopkins House, might be obliged to cut employees or their hours, reduce services and/or the number of needy City residents served.

Nonprofits are a crucial component of the City's economic base. They employ 11% of the City's workforce, contribute millions of dollars to the City's economy, and provide vitally needed services to City residents. I understand that these are tough economic times and you face very difficult choices in drafting the City's fiscal 2014 budget. As you make these choices, I urge you to retain AFHS funding at the current (fiscal 2013) level.

Thank you for your previous and continuing support to the City's nonprofits and those they serve.

Sincerely,  
Allen and Purvi Irwin

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 4

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**From:** WilliamsJB2@state.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 9:57 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31653: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council My name is James Williams.  
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- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [WilliamsJB2@state.gov](mailto:WilliamsJB2@state.gov)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: My name is James Williams. I have known Crystal Vanison for several years. Since this time, I have determined that Ms. Vanison is a person of integrity and standard. She believes that all human behavior should be in line with this philosophy. She has a purpose in life and she uses the highest level of constancy to obtain her goals. Her mind set is to constantly improve and to set an example for others to follow. Therefore, Ms. Vanison stops at nothing to improve herself and as well as others. Based on this line of thinking, she is very active in the Community of Alexandria, especially as it relates to working with our youth who live in the City. Ms. Vanison works hard at influencing youth to take pride in themselves, and to work to achieve their own goals. She teaches our youth to be productive and to make positive contributions to the communities, in which they live. She works to ensure that youth build confidence in themselves, as well as to see their own potential and personal value.

One of Ms. Vanison's strongest characteristics, is that she is a catalyst for cooperation. She has the ability to quickly establish rapport with people regardless, of their social economic, or political backgrounds. This become very clear to me when in 2012, she volunteered to serves as a member of the group, which organized the September 9, 2012, Ethiopian New Year celebration, which was held on the Mall in Washington, DC. More than 25,000, people attended this event. This event turned out to be one of DC's best event of year 2012.

In addition, due to Ms. Vanison's constancy of purpose, in March 2013, Ms. Vanison was voted into office for a two year term, to serve as the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP's, Third Vice President for this period. In this capacity, she is tasked to directly support the efforts and goals of the Branch's President and the NAACP as a whole. Ms. Vanison will certainly be a natural at fulfilling this task.

As the current president of the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP, I look forward to working with Ms. Vanison for the next two years.

In short, Ms. Vanison's contribution to the community of Alexandria, reflects greatly on all of the organizations that she is associated, which includes the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP, and most of all, the City of Alexandria, VA.

Thank you  
James Williams  
President, Alexandria Branch of the NAACP.

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 9

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** maureen.schweers@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2013 9:44 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31534: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am extremely upset that the Library Bo

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- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [maureen.schweers@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.schweers@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am extremely upset that the Library Board and the City Manager have proposed cutting Duncan Library's operating hours. This is a short-sighted and unreasonable cut, particularly considering that, during an economic downturn, library resources are in greater demand. Further, this is particularly upsetting, as the City Library leadership has assured Friends of Library groups that their long-range planning included gradually RESTORING the hours that were so drastically cut in the FY11 budget. For reference, before the FY11 cuts, our branch was open daily at 9am (it was cut to a 10am opening time -- affecting our children's programming), and was open every weeknight until 9pm (now cut to open two nights a week until 9pm, drastically affecting our evening programming).

For working families, the reduced evening hours would make the library virtually inaccessible during the week. For adults, evening programs -- such as book clubs and author talks -- would likely be eliminated, and the meeting rooms would be inaccessible for community groups and library events, as all these typically begin at or after 7pm.

If you've never visited Duncan Library, I encourage you to do so. It's a true neighborhood library; many patrons live within walking distance, and the staff knows practically every child by name. It is, without a doubt, a central part of the Del Ray community and an invaluable City service.

Please keep the library open in the evening. The impact of the reduced hours is extremely disproportionate to the amount of the budget cut achieved. As Walter Cronkite said, "Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Budget.

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 4

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Warwick Village Citizens Association  
1 Ansell Street  
Alexandria, VA 22305

March 12, 2013

Alexandria City Council  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Council Members,

Warwick Village Citizens Association (WVCA) respectfully asks that you not close the Warwick Village pool and pool house. Doing so would be a severe blow to our community.

The pool is obviously important for activities such as learning to swim, improving health and wellness, and enjoying recreation, and it also serves as a safe place for people of all ages to cool off on a hot day. Further, it's a meeting place where residents of all ages gather together. We have our monthly membership meetings at the pool house, and it is the location of many of our events and projects. The simple act of being in the same place at the same time builds community. People have an opportunity to meet and talk with one another in a setting that allows them to cross over generational, racial, and economic barriers.

Moreover, WVCA has consistently funded and supported improvements to the pool and pool house. The Association has repeatedly invested its resources to offset long overdue upkeep by repairing and painting benches and picnic tables, power washing the deck and furniture, clearing dead brush, and disposing of unwanted items from the storage closets. These projects were done with volunteers and at no cost to the city. We are willing to continue to make these investments if the pool stays open. Now that the tall fence is down and a new fence and all-weather pool cover are in place—a substantial investment made just last year by the City—we are planning to contribute funds and volunteers toward landscaping to improve the curb appeal of the pool site.

Please let me know how you will keep the Warwick Pool open. Our neighborhood awaits your response.

Sincerely,

Glenn Christianson

WVCA President  
[president@warwickvillage.org](mailto:president@warwickvillage.org)  
703-400-6689 (cell)

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Brandi Galloway  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2013 1:08 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Allison Silberberg; John Chapman; Timothy Lovain; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Justin Wilson; Jackie Henderson  
**Cc:** glennrc@verizon.net  
**Subject:** FW: Do not close Warwick Pool  
**Attachments:** WVCA Pool Closing Letter.pdf

Good afternoon everyone, this email that I am forwarding to you all is from a citizen of Alexandria regarding the Warwick Village Pool. Please see below. Thanks☺

**From:** Glenn Christianson [<mailto:glennrc@verizon.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2013 1:04 PM  
**To:** Brandi Galloway  
**Subject:** FW: Do not close Warwick Pool

**From:** Glenn Christianson [<mailto:glennrc@verizon.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2013 5:01 PM  
**To:** "jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov"  
**Subject:** FW: Do not close Warwick Pool

**From:** Glenn Christianson [<mailto:glennrc@verizon.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 8:53 AM  
**To:** 'jackiehenderson@alexandriava.gov'  
**Subject:** Do not close Warwick Pool

Hello Ms. Henderson,

Please for this email and attached document on to all members of City Council.

Thank you.

Glenn Christianson

President, WVCA

To City Council:

Please do not close Warwick Pool.

Thank you all for your attention last night at the budget hearing. I have a new appreciation for you and your commitment to the City of Alexandria. If you need anything from me to help you make your decision, please to not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Glenn Christianson  
WVCA President

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** empartoyan@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2013 5:12 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31567: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please find attached my letter to the Ma

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- Email: [empartoyan@gmail.com](mailto:empartoyan@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please find attached my letter to the Mayor and City Council.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/4a967b05-76eb-4cac-9bcb-23ad7d353eda>
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**ELIZABETH M. PARTOYAN  
1316 DEWITT AVENUE  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22301**

March 29, 2013

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

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg, Councilman Lovain, Councilman Wilson, and Councilman Chapman:

I write to you as a resident of the City of Alexandria and a Trustee of Hopkins House. It is my understanding that the City Manager has proposed that fiscal 2014 funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS) be reduced by \$122,000.

If approved, this six percent cut would represent the fifth consecutive year of decreased AFHS funding. It would also mean that City nonprofit organizations, including Hopkins House, receiving AFHS funding might be obliged to terminate or reduce the hours of employees, or limit necessary services to needy City residents.

Nonprofit organizations are an essential component of the City's economic base. Collectively, they employ 11 percent of the City's workforce, contribute millions of dollars to the City's economy, and provide vitally needed services to City residents.

I understand we are in difficult economic times and that you face very tough choices in drafting the City's fiscal 2014 budget. As you make those choices, I strongly urge you to retain AFHS funding at the current (fiscal 2013) level.

Thank you for your previous and continuing support to the City's nonprofit organizations and those they serve.

Sincerely,

/sig/

Elizabeth Partoyan

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** mpeter2008@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2013 8:14 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31636: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg

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- Phone Number: 703-217-5815
- Email: [mpeter2008@hotmail.com](mailto:mpeter2008@hotmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and Members of Council:

Attached you will find a letter from the leadership of the Hume Springs Citizens Association. This letter details our opposition to the planned closure of the Warwick Village community pool, as outlined in the City Manager's Proposed FY 2014 budget. Please contact us if there are any questions.

Sincerely,  
Michael R. Peter, MPA  
Treasurer

- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/7cf8c358-1399-4c86-b22d-9228f5a735e7>
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 8

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March 23, 2013

Mayor William Euille  
Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg  
Members of City Council  
301 King St., Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and Members of Council:

We are writing to you today on behalf of the members of the Hume Springs Citizens Association to express our concerns related to the proposed closing of the Warwick Village pool, as reflected in the City Manager's Proposed FY 2014 Budget. We understand budget constraints and support the increase in residential property tax rates to address the city's fiscal situation. In addition, we support an increase in user fees for the pool. We cannot support the closure of this vital community resource.

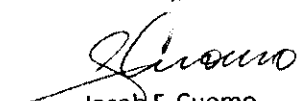
As you know, Hume Springs is a thriving and changing neighborhood bordered by Four Mile Run Park, Mount Vernon Avenue, West Reed Avenue, and Cora Kelly School. This neighborhood consists of 148 townhomes with wide diversity. We take great pride in our neighborhood as we have worked to clean it up, take it back, and we have partnered with the city on a variety of initiatives to show that we are active and willing to do our part. We ask that the city remember this when deliberating on issues that affect all of us in this neighborhood.


Hume Springs' demographics are changing in that more new and growing families are moving here to take advantage of the proximity to so much in the metro area and to enjoy family-focused amenities such as the Warwick Village Pool. By closing this pool, you are turning your back on our neighborhood and so many other neighborhoods in the north end of Alexandria. You seem to be saying that this area does not matter and that we do not need walkable amenities.

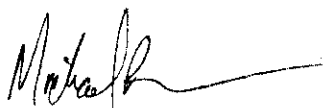
By closing this pool and further centering all amenities for the city in Old Town, our citizens are beginning to feel that we live in the land that the city would rather forget. We are willing to pay our fair share for all that Alexandria has to offer and we are willing to pay additional user fees for a pool that so many of us use. Please consider these thoughts as you work on the city budget. Saving \$92,000 in a budget that had a gap of several million dollars is a drop in the bucket. If this short-term, short-sighted goal is adopted, then our neighborhood will remember this when the next election comes around.

We are committed to a safe, livable, vibrant, and fiscally responsible community. We hope that you are as well and that you will consider alternatives to closing this pool and saving less than 1% of the total budget gap.

Sincerely,

  
Jacob F. Cuomo  
President

  
James Greenall  
Vice President

  
Michael R. Peter  
Treasurer

P.O. BOX 2880 • ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22305

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** cynwebster29@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 10:20 AM  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31657: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to voice my opinion of the

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- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-1782
- Email: [cynwebster29@gmail.com](mailto:cynwebster29@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to voice my opinion of the proposed closing of Warwick Pool. I am firmly opposed to the pool's closure and feel that the idea is to the detriment of both the families it serves and the health of the community. Many families, citing the city's own numbers in excess of 56,000 people, use the pools each summer. Closing even one pool has the potential to create significant crowding and safety hazards. I've been at the Old Town pool on at least two occasions when it's been very crowded and seen two children pulled from the pool by lifeguards. The crowded conditions make it difficult for parents and guards to monitor children effectively. If the city's residents are forced to crowd into one pool (Old Town), the risks for injury increases exponentially. In addition, much like the schools, the pools are located in the communities they serve. By closing Warwick Pool, you create an under-served population for a positive, family-oriented activity that is an alternative to sitting at home. Residents using the Warwick Pool for the most part walk to this pool and don't have the means to travel to an alternate pool. In these times of rising childhood and adult obesity, we need to continue to provide outlets for recreation that create opportunities for exercise and fun. I recognize the concern of budget shortfalls--a solution is to charge a higher fee to enter the pool. Surely, we can consider increasing the rates to help off-set the cost of running/maintaining the Warwick Pool. Thanks for your consideration of my concerns.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 9

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** smcgowan@sspba.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 10:33 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31662: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please see attached document

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- Phone Number: 800 233 3506
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please see attached document
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/doc/b60df4b2-657a-4653-ab45-a44405a59ce6>
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 9

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Dear Alexandria Citizen,

I am Sean McGowan, Executive Director of the Virginia Police Benevolent Association. I am a retired Alexandria Police Officer, having served twenty five years on the department. While a Police Officer for Alexandria, I served as the President of the Alexandria Chapter of the Police Benevolent Association.

Members of the Alexandria Chapter have expressed deep concerns over the City Manager's proposed changes to the City's health insurance program and the police and fire pension. Both of these changes will have a major impact on the lives of police officers and their families. While our officers have long lagged behind our comparator jurisdictions in salary, they have always been able to point to their benefits as something that helped maintain their compensation level; this is no longer the case.

Our law enforcement professionals understand that the cost of healthcare is rising, not only here in the City, but nationwide. Over the past several years, the city has increased the portion of health insurance premiums that they pay to 20%, which has not been easy, but it is understandable given the trends that are outside the City's control. Our Police Department and public safety employee members are greatly concerned about the proposed changes to deductibles and the co-pay system that will not only directly impact family budgets, but may put employees in a situation where they think twice about obtaining medical care. Under the new deductible plan, a family must meet a deductible of \$800 each year before benefits apply. As anyone with young children can attest, there are reoccurring trips to doctor's offices, urgent care, and even the emergency room. Before each of these trips, parents will now have to weigh whether or not they will be able to pay the hundreds of dollars in medical bills they are about to incur. This is a choice that no parent should have to make. Dealing with a sick or injured child in the middle of the night is stressful enough without having to factor in the hundreds of dollars of out of pocket costs.

There are also members of our police family who are battling cancer and other chronic diseases. Rest assured, they will reach their yearly deductible. God forbid they face complications in their treatment that results in an inpatient hospitalization; they will also face a \$500 co-pay.

The facts of the matter is that - police officers and their families will be required to pay \$800 more a year for their health insurance on top of any premium increases that may come along. Family financial concerns will now be factored into the decision to obtain medical care. By adopting this proposal, this is the difficult financial road our officers will be on.

On top of the changes to the health insurance program, the City Manager's Proposed Budget also calls for an additional 2% annual contribution to the Police & Fire pension plan. It goes without saying that these directly affect officers' gross and take home pay. Our police officers already contribute 8% of their salary to the plan and have for nearly 10 years. Now police officers are being asked to pay more and receive the same benefit, all the while being told that the plan is on sound footing. When the plan was enacted in 2004, they were told that the design of the plan allowed the City, rather than the participating police officers, to absorb the ups and downs of the markets and investments, but now they are being told that we must contribute more to compensate for underperforming investments. Something isn't adding up.

I cannot understate the impact of these proposals on police officers and their families. The Alexandria Human Resources Department has provided a calculator for employees to determine the impact on their paychecks. I have had the opportunity to run some figures in the calculator and found them to be troubling. A brand new police officer, with a family, who was hired this past January, is estimated to receive an \$11 increase in salary for fiscal year 2014. That's not \$11 a week, or \$11 a paycheck, that's \$11 for the ENTIRE YEAR. It gets worse for those who have served their City honorably for years. A police detective, with a wife and child, who has been with the City for nine years, will actually see a \$383 deduction in his gross pay. A 16 year veteran police officer suffers a \$923 loss. This is real. These are real people who will make LESS money in the future. It's hard to convince a new, bright young police officer to stay with our department when they know that they will make less money - year after year. Not only will you lose the future of this department when these young officers leave, but they walk out the door with the training and know how we have given them. These police officers then go to work for another jurisdiction. The City of Alexandria has invested thousands of dollars in training in them and has nothing to show for it.

The City Manager's budget includes an average 3.1% merit increase for employees. For this they are thankful, because without it, the 2% pension increase and the rise in insurance premiums would make these losses even greater. Keep in mind that these numbers do not include the \$800 deductible that I discussed earlier or the Federal Reserve's 1.5 - 2% increase in inflation predicted for 2014. That makes the officer's family budget picture even bleaker.

There is not a police officer in this city who took their job to become rich. All that they ask is that they do not fall further behind, and that their families be taken care of. There are police officers who will see a gross pay deduction of over one thousand dollars if these proposals go into effect - that is no small amount in a police officer's family budget.

Our city law enforcement professionals are public servants and they understand all that goes along with that title. Recent events remind us exactly why they are here and the risks that they undertake each day. They continue to embrace that challenge and are humbled by the trust the public has placed in their hands.

We all know that budgets are about making choices and often those choices are difficult. All I ask is that you consider this city's dedicated police officers and their families as you make your choices and the impact your choices will have on them.

We ask that you contact your Alexandria City Council member and ask them to uphold the promises that they have made to our law enforcement professionals. The Alexandria City Council repeatedly professes that the employees of Alexandria are their most important asset. We ask now that they show their support and place these critical employee issues as priorities when considering the budget.

Thank you for your attention and concern,

Sean McGowan  
Executive Director  
Virginia Division

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Jacquesandi@comcast.net  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31505: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council JACQUELINE S. WALKER1301 Princess Stre

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
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March 29, 2013

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

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg, Councilman Lovain, Councilman Wilson, and Councilman Chapman:

I write to you as a resident of the City of Alexandria and a Committee Member of Hopkins House. It is my understanding that the City Manager has proposed that fiscal 2014 funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS) be reduced by \$122,000. If approved, the resulting 6% cut would represent the fifth such cut for five consecutive years of decreased AFHS funding. It would also mean that City nonprofits receiving AFHS funding, including Hopkins House, might be obliged to cut employees or their hours, reduce services and/or the number of needy City residents currently served.

Nonprofits are a crucial component of our City's economic base. Not only do they employ 11% of the City's workforce, and contribute millions of dollars to the City's economy, but they also provide vitally needed services to our City residents.

I recognize these are tough economic times, and that you are faced with very difficult choices in drafting the City's fiscal 2014 budget. However, it is critical for you to reflect on the dire needs of our citizens for healthcare services and child care and academic preparation for our children who are the future of Alexandria. As you make these choices, I urge you to retain AFHS funding at the current (fiscal 2013) level.

Thank you for your previous and continuing support to the City's nonprofits and those they serve.

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline S. Walker  
Alexandria Virginia Resident &

Programs and Assessment Committee Member: Hopkins House

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 4

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31514: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing in opposition to the propos

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### Request Details:

- Name: Kenneth Carlisle
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7036234978
- Email: [kgcvt2000@gmail.com](mailto:kgcvt2000@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing in opposition to the proposed closing of the Warwick Pool.

I have been a resident of Alexandria Since 1983, first living in Warwick Village, then moving to Del Ray in 1989. For all these years, Warwick Pool as been a constant and appreciated respite for me and my family from the hot summers we experience here in Alexandria.

While there is the small pool on Mt. Vernon Avenue, that pool is only for children and has limited hours. Warwick Pool is the only adult/family accessible pool in the northern section of Alexandria.

The Warwick pool closing would be a hardship for many living in the area who do not have access to private outdoor pools.

If the city council is to increase my real estate taxes significantly as proposed, I strongly request that some of that tax money be used to keep Warwick Pool Open.

If additional funds are needed, I would not be opposed to a moderate increase in the daily access fee to cover the costs and keep the pool open.

I believe keeping the pool open is necessary to maintain the high quality of life we in northern section of Alexandria expect from our City government.

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**From:** jamesaaronrowland@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2013 6:43 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31473: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am sure you are all busy, so this I wi

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### Request Details:

- Name: Aaron Rowland
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [jamesaaronrowland@gmail.com](mailto:jamesaaronrowland@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am sure you are all busy, so this I will keep this short. I noticed that the budgeted money for the pools, and your plans for Alexandrias aquatics in general do not line up very well with a needs assessment done by the city. This is strange. I am sure money is tight, but, based on your current plan, the pools that will exist will fall short of what the people of this city need. I lived a quarter mile from Old Town pool for a year and never once got in due to massive overcrowding. Your plan isn't going to fix that, particularly with the planned closing of Warwick. A spray ground strikes me as a cheap, half effort. My wife and I are looking for a way to use Alexandria's pools, but it looks more and more like we're going to head down to Fairfax, which is upsetting to us both, and hopefully to you all as well. I know the schools are hurting, and I know there are lots of projects out there that need money. However, the aquatic situation here needs a serious review. I am glad that you are budgeting money, even if it is through a tax increase. However, I hope you are working with the citizens of this city to truly assess what they want and how to provide it for them. As of yet, I have not noticed council or the mayor asking citizens for input. I hope that changes. I hope you all have a good day.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 3

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**From:** ekrafsur@gmail.com  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31366: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I read that you want to raise real estat

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- Name: Ed Krafsur
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [ekrafsur@gmail.com](mailto:ekrafsur@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I read that you want to raise real estate taxes 4% and the car tax 5%. Please don't. Neither my wife or I have had an automatic raise in years - but every year, the city gives itself one. At what point do you stop raising taxes? Every additional dollar you take from me is one less dollar I spend locally.

How can your highly priced city manager propose INCREASING the city budget 6.6% while insisting he still has a \$31 million shortfall? That isn't a budget, its a train-wreck! How much money did you give away on a tax holiday to Mirant?

Here is a little idea; instead of raising the car tax, how about enforcing Virginia registration? There are half a dozen cars within a couple of blocks belonging to full-time residents, registered out of state.

Make some tough decisions, and stop spending so much money. Just like all the people you represent.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 1

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31355: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The Concerned Citizens Network of Alexan

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### Request Details:

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- Phone Number: 571-527-0399
- Email: [gblewis425@comcast.net](mailto:gblewis425@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria (CCNA) is urging you and the Members of the City Council to fully fund the grant funding for the Office of Children, Youth and Family (CYF) to the previous FY2013 level. In the City Manager's FY2014 Proposed General Fund Budget, there is a \$121,996 reduction in grant funding available to community organizations serving families and individuals from birth to old age. This proposed reduction will have a tremendous impact on the level of services provided to Alexandria's most vulnerable population.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/f49d5d58-d073-459f-894a-9530abc89865>
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 1

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Honorable William Euille,  
Office of the Mayor  
City of Alexandria,  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille:

The Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria (CCNA) is urging you and the Members of the City Council to fully fund the grant funding for the Office of Children, Youth and Family (CYF) to the previous FY2013 level. In the City Manager's FY2014 Proposed General Fund Budget, there is a \$121,996 reduction in grant funding available to community organizations serving families and individuals from birth to old age. This proposed reduction will have a tremendous impact on the level of services provided to Alexandria's most vulnerable population.

Through the work of the City and these grant funded programs, there has been progress in reducing the City's high school dropout rates and teenage pregnancy rates. We feel that we have played an active part of that progress. The Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) reported that the 2012 high school dropout rate was down to 11.9% compared to 15% in 2011. Also, the Alexandria Health Department reported a 20% decline in the 2011 teenage pregnancy rate of 33.4 per 1000 from the 2010 rate of 41.6 per 1000. **While these gains are impressive, there is still much progress to be made with our African American and Hispanic youth.** The 2012 high school graduation rate for African American youth was 81.7% and Hispanic youth was 69.6% and continues to lag when compared to White youth at 92.5% and Asian youth at 98.3%. Also, the 2011 teenage pregnancy rate among African American girls was 36.5% and Hispanic girls were 54.3% compared to white girls at 26.9%. Alexandria's teen pregnancy rate remains higher than Arlington and Fairfax County and ranks the third highest in Northern Virginia. Our mentoring program continues to have an impact in all of these areas. We can't afford to go back.

Please make grant funding for the Office of Children, Youth and Family a priority. The City's investment in providing grant funding to community based organizations and partners serving our children, youth and families must be sustained in order to continue the accomplishments made in FY 2011-2012 and address the ongoing challenges facing our minority students. Many of the achieved gains and continued progress are at risk if the funding is decreased.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Hubbard Lewis  
Executive Director

Cc: CCNA Board of Directors and Advisory Panel

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** mikeschauer@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2013 11:56 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31331: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hi - As a resident of Old Town, I use th

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### Request Details:

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- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-8331
- Email: [mikeschauer@hotmail.com](mailto:mikeschauer@hotmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hi - As a resident of Old Town, I use the Chinquapin Pool other than in the summer and the Old Town Pool during the summer. I hear the Chinquapin Pool will be closing before the outdoor pools open. Is it possible to wait until the outdoor pools open before closing Chinquapin? Thanks. Francis Schauer, 121 Prince Street, 703-836-8331.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 1

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**From:** michellekrocker@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2013 5:57 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31284: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Honorable Mayor and City Council members

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- Name: Michelle Krocker
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-919-0049
- Email: [michellekrocker@gmail.com](mailto:michellekrocker@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Honorable Mayor and City Council members, We request that you consider the attached recommendations as you deliberate the proposed FY14 budget. Thank you for your time and service to the City and all of its citizens.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/cf10506e-555c-40c0-b9d8-d4c2ff4cb727>
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March 23, 2013

The Honorable Mayor and City Council of Alexandria  
301 King Street, Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

As you continue deliberation of the FY 2014 budget proposal, we urge you to pay particular attention to the complex and growing needs of the city's most vulnerable residents. One of the biggest challenges low-income households face is the shortage of decent and safe housing that is affordable to them. With the loss of over 10,000 market affordable units in the last decade, rising rents and redevelopment in areas like the Beauregard Corridor; these families are being priced out of the City of Alexandria.

On February 11 we provided comments to the Office of Housing on the City's draft Housing Master Plan. We emphasized the need for setting specific goals and targets for the units that will be developed, as well as an annual review to assess whether established goals are being met. **Now, we are writing to urge you to take action on a companion recommendation essential for the Housing Master Plan implementation: to approve financing strategies that will provide revenue for housing production and preservation in the FY 2014 budget. Specifically, we propose an allocation of \$3.5 million in the upcoming budget to address the City's unmet housing needs.** Most affordable housing development contains several sources of financing, and public sector dollars are critical to both demonstrate local government commitment to the project and leverage private sector financing.

Currently, there are no dedicated *local* funds for new production or preservation of affordable housing. We support the range of revenue-related recommendations in the Housing Master Plan, specifically the plan to increase developer impact fee contributions. The analysis of unmet housing needs detailed in the Housing Master Plan highlights the increasing housing pressures in the City, creating a sense of urgency and opportunity to recommit a regular local public funding source to these efforts.

**We also urge you to restore \$120,000 to the Alexandria Fund for Human Services, a resource that provides funding to the supportive services organizations in our community that work with those who are homeless and other extremely low-income individuals and households to stabilize them in housing, health, and employment.** This Fund has lost \$400,000 through budget cuts since 2009, and the FY 2014 budget proposal cuts this fund by 6.4 percent (approximately \$120,000).

We appreciate the tough choices that you will have to make during budget deliberations. At the same time, we know that securing and maintaining safe, affordable housing is the greatest

challenge facing many of the families we serve. We look forward to working with the City to implement solutions that address these issues in a thoughtful, comprehensive way. We hope part of that solution will be the allocation of revenue dedicated to these efforts in the FY 2014 budget.

Sincerely,

AHC, Inc.

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** jeromeapaulsonmd@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2013 5:06 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31288: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council JEROME A. PAULSON, MD, FAAP1113 NORTH

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- Email: [jeromeapaulsonmd@comcast.net](mailto:jeromeapaulsonmd@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: JEROME A. PAULSON, MD, FAAP  
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23 March 2013

To: Members of the Alexandria City Council  
Re: Evidence-Based tobacco use prevention and cessation programs

I am a pediatrician who lives in Alexandria. Although I am writing as a private citizen, I am also the director of the Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health & the Environment (MACCHE), one of 10 pediatric environmental health specialty units in the US. MACCHE is based at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. In addition, I chair the executive committee of the Council on Environmental Health of the American Academy of Pediatrics. In the past, I have served on the Alexandria Public Health Commission. I strongly support all of their efforts of the last several years related to tobacco-use prevention and cessation activities in Alexandria.

As a pediatrician, I am particularly concerned about children's exposure to second-hand smoke, third-hand smoke, and the initiation of smoking by children. Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the U.S., accounting for almost half a million deaths each year. All too often, tobacco utilization begins in childhood. Second- and third-hand smoke has also been documented to harm children and to lead to the development of health problems in adults as the result of exposure in childhood. Children exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to experience ear infections, allergies, pneumonia and other pulmonary problems. While it is not yet clear that there are demonstrable, long-term adverse health problems in those exposed to third-hand smoke as children, it is clear that children in homes, cars and other places with third-hand smoke are heavily exposed. And, it is certainly now very clear that the initiation of tobacco smoke in children often leads to a lifetime of addiction and a lifetime of health problems – lung cancer, heart disease, peripheral vascular disease and others.

For these reasons, I agree with the Alexandria Public Health Commission that the Alexandria City Council should fund a comprehensive tobacco cessation and prevention program for the City. The essential elements of such a comprehensive plan are:

- A collaborative effort with the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) on a new model for increasing smoking cessation among low-income uninsured members of the community. It envisions a pilot project to examine a new model for making smoking cessation services more accessible and affordable to adult low-income, uninsured smokers.

- An evidence-based education and awareness campaign for ARHA residents on the negative consequences of smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke and the positive benefits of quitting.
- A community education and technical resource capacity to work with tenants, landlords, owners interested in pursuing voluntary comprehensive smoke-free policies for their buildings.
- An education and outreach effort to expand the number of primary care providers, especially those who serve a significant number of low-income and uninsured individuals, who are willing to screen for tobacco use and counsel and refer (and prescribe medications when appropriate) all patients
- The establishment of a proactive respiratory health function within the Alexandria Health Department. A major component of this initiative provides for proactive and free assessments of low-income households to identify and address a range of environmental triggers, including but not limited to secondhand smoke, that cause significant respiratory health problems in young children and adolescents.

I hope that the City Council will rapidly move forward to protect Alexandrians from exposure to tobacco smoke in all of its forms.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jerome A. Paulson, MD, FAAP

Jerome A. Paulson, MD, FAAP  
Professor of Pediatrics and Environmental & Occupational Health  
George Washington University Schools of Medicine and Public Health.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 1

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31289: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I see where you folks are getting ready

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- Phone Number: 5712169424
- Email: [stephenjamgochian@gmail.com](mailto:stephenjamgochian@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I see where you folks are getting ready to jack up the retirees co-pays and add a deductible in order to avoid further increases in healthcare premium costs. You know very well that you are getting ready to increase both. This is what you do for your retirees? Why don't you grow up and start reducing your costs by putting on a hiring freeze. Particularly in the "law enforcement" arena. Do you all have any idea how the police, sheriff and commonwealth attorneys office have increased over the last ten years? For crying out load, this is not Chicago. Don't want to to seen as soft on crime? Yes, I know it's easier to go after the retirees, the silent majority. Well you do this and I will make it my mission in life to unseat every last one of you. Want to try me?

Stephen Z. Jamgochian

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**From:** dj\_scorched\_earth@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2013 9:47 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31290: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Council, I am a resid

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- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [dj\\_scorched\\_earth@yahoo.com](mailto:dj_scorched_earth@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Council,

I am a resident of Alexandria and I am writing to support the Bicycle and Pedestrian elements in the proposed budget. I am particularly concerned that:

- Capital Bikeshare is a great program that moves people less expensively than any other public transit system, but it has only eight stations in Alexandria. We need to build it up to reach potential customers outside of Old Town. Bikeshare has proven that it can operate at no net operating cost if it is built up properly.

- Getting people out of cars and into bike lanes frees up space on the road for people who wish to drive and gets bicycles out of the way of cars. This is a good idea.

- Compared with Arlington and DC, Alexandria has very few bike lanes. I have friends who tell me they simply won't ride in Alexandria until we have safer bikeways. This is not a big expense, but it will make a big difference.

- I ride often in Alexandria and am healthier as a result. We need to make healthy exercise easier and more accessible for more of our citizens.

- I support transit and know that it is quicker to get to my transit stop on a bicycle. Other Alexandrians know it too. In fact, WMATA has stated that Braddock Road is the Metro station with the most parked bicycles.

- I am concerned that new developments, such as Potomac Yard, are being built without bike lanes. That the bike lanes on Potomac Avenue end on the Arlington side of the border does not speak well to our commitment to quality of life.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** erikjohnston64@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2013 6:12 AM  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31293: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 3023 MOSBY ST Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council

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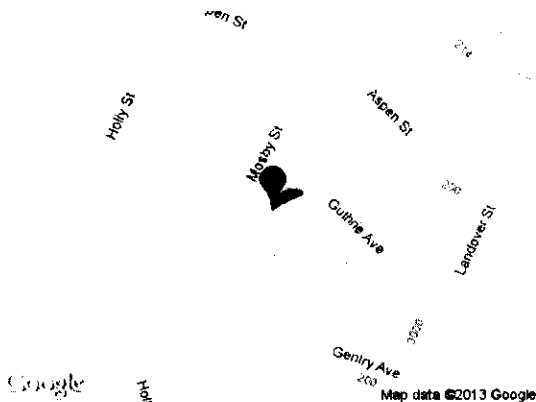
- Name: Erik Johnston
- Address: 3023 MOSBY ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-549-2021
- Email: [erikjohnston64@hotmail.com](mailto:erikjohnston64@hotmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members:

We are writing to urge you to keep Warwick Pool open. This pool is an important part of the Del Ray and Arlandria neighborhoods. It provides many low income children with an affordable place to play during the summer. It is where our three children play during the summer. It also brings people together and creates a sense of community. We understand the long term capital challenges facing the pool, but urge you to keep the pool open as long as possible and seek solutions to turn the pool into a splash park or some other community asset for the long term so that we do not lose this important space. We know that our neighborhood is organized and willing to work together with the city to come up with solutions.

Sincerely,

Erik and Megan Johnston  
3023 Mosby Street  
Alexandria, VA 22305

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 1



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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** monishablair@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2013 11:45 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31234: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please keep Warwick pool open. As a resi

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### Request Details:

- Name: Monisha Blair
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [monishablair@gmail.com](mailto:monishablair@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please keep Warwick pool open. As a resident of Warwick Village, I see so many kids and families rely on this city pool during the summer as an inexpensive activity. Not only is it helpful to beat the heat, but it provides these kids with a wholesome activity so they aren't getting into trouble.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 29

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** dana\_ebay@mac.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 8:29 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31197: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Council,I am a reside

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### Request Details:

- Name: Dana Howe
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-483-1694
- Email: [dana\\_ebay@mac.com](mailto:dana_ebay@mac.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Council,

I am a resident of Alexandria and I am writing to support the Bicycle and Pedestrian elements in the proposed budget.

Getting people out of cars and into bike lanes frees up space on the road for people who wish to drive and gets bicycles out of the way of cars. This is a good idea.

Compared with Arlington and DC, Alexandria has very few bike lanes. I have friends who tell me they simply won't ride in Alexandria until we have safer bikeways. This is not a big expense, but it will make a big difference.

I ride often in Alexandria and am healthier as a result. We need to make healthy exercise easier and more accessible for more of our citizens.

I support transit and know that it is quicker to get to my transit stop on a bicycle. Other Alexandrians know it too. In fact, WMATA has stated that Braddock Road is the Metro station with the most parked bicycles.

I am concerned that new developments, such as Potomac Yard, are being built without bike lanes. That the bike lanes on Potomac Avenue end on the Arlington side of the border does not speak well to our commitment to quality of life.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Dana Howe  
1620 Boyle St  
Alexandria VA 22314

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 28

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** amaccubbin@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 11:25 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31204: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to request that you keep Wa

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### Request Details:

- Name: AnnMarie Maccubbin
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-684-2026, 703-606-3919 (cell)
- Email: [amaccubbin@yahoo.com](mailto:amaccubbin@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to request that you keep Warwick Pool open this summer. My family (including our 5 year old daughter and 7 year old son) have loved swimming at this pool every year. With Chinquapin closing over the summer, if Warwick Pool is closed- that will leave only 1 large and 1 small public pool for the entire city. And I know that the City invested good money on improvements to the pool last year- would that not be a waste of funds to close it now?

Our family lives in Warwick Village and have loved having the pool right here in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood association uses the poolhouse for monthly meetings, parties and family events. Its loss will do real harm.

Please consider keeping Warwick Pool open this summer.

Thank you,  
Annie Maccubbin

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 28

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Judyliz@Comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 9:18 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31158: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to express my concern with

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### Request Details:

- Name: Judy Carter
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7034751136
- Email: Judyliz@Comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to express my concern with the City Manager's recommendation to include a new deductible provision for health insurance plans for retirees. On March 20 I received a letter from Penny Prue, benefits manager for the City. I am glad that the City sent a letter explaining the City Manager's recommendation. However I adamantly oppose this recommendation.

I retired from the City after 30 years and am very grateful for the pension. My husband and I currently pay a \$700 MONTHLY premium for Kaiser plus one health insurance. We are healthy and rarely go to the doctor. I would be hard pressed to add up all of our health care expenses to come up to \$800.

Having to pay an additional \$800 before we are able to access our health care benefits after we are already paying \$700 a month doesn't seem fair.

Why are we being penalized?

Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Carter  
City Retiree and current resident.

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 28

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** maryank406@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:12 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31143: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please include additional Bikeshare loca

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### Request Details:

- Name: Mary Ann Kirkpatrick
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [maryank406@gmail.com](mailto:maryank406@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please include additional Bikeshare locations in Alexandria. Del Ray is in desperate need of a Bikeshare station. Thanks for your consideration.

Mary Ann Kirkpatrick

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 27

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** jonathan@jonathankrall.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:57 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31144: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council,I

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Jonathan Krall
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 477 4186
- Email: [jonathan@jonathankrall.net](mailto:jonathan@jonathankrall.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council,

I am writing on behalf of BPAC to respond to recent public opposition to the Capital Bikeshare (CaBi) program. Based on recent public debate, we feel that there are a number of myths about this program that need to be cleared up.

Myth: New York has a bikeshare system that needs no public funding. Fact: The only reason New York does not plan to pay for their Citibike bikeshare system is because they have a major sponsor (they may also be using federal money just like us--that part isn't clear from the press reports). However, New York's DOT struggled to find a major sponsor and was able to find one in Citibank only because CaBi has been a resounding success. Further, Citibike will not roll out until later this year. If New York's Citibike proves to be a success, CaBi may indeed go looking for corporate sponsorship money.

Myth: CaBi is only for white people. Fact: While cyclists in the DC area are indeed mostly white and mostly guys, CaBi users are less so (more diverse) than the general population of cyclists on both counts. This comes from a VA Tech study conducted by students of Ralph Buehler. Personally, I have noticed that, at Mt Vernon and Commonwealth Avenues, non Hispanics ride mostly in the street and Hispanics ride mostly on sidewalks. To me this speaks to a need for empowerment, education and accessibility—a need that has more to do with bike lanes and outreach than with CaBi.

Myth: CaBi is a luxury for tourists and rich people. Fact: That same VA Tech study shows that CaBi users are more highly educated and younger than the general population of cyclists (think interns). And last year several news outlets reported on a survey of 5600 CaBi members that showed that the average CaBi member reduced her driving by 523 miles and saved \$900 (think young, thrifty interns). That CaBi appeals to young go-getters and tourists tells us that CaBi is a good investment for Alexandria.

We hope this information helps with your deliberations on the Alexandria budget. We thank you for your time and attention.

Best Regards,

Jonathan Krall

Secretary, Alexandria BPAC

<http://sites.google.com/site/alexandriabpac/>

<http://groups.google.com/group/alexandriabpac>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alexandria-Bicycle-and-Pedestrian-Advisory-Committee/112205025523158>

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**From:** angelic8doctor@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 7:26 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31141: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Don't Close Warwick Pool!\*  
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### Request Details:

- Name: Anthony Granado
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 503-349-6541
- Email: [angelic8doctor@yahoo.com](mailto:angelic8doctor@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Don't Close Warwick Pool!

\* Warwick pool is an affordable recreation spot for people of all ages during our long, hot summers. Warwick pool attendance has been rising! People want the pool.

\*The city's main indoor pool, at Chinquapin Rec Center, is closing for repairs this summer.

\*If Warwick closes, Alexandria would have just One public pool for a city of 100,000 people. Even if you're not a swimmer, you can agree that this is outrageous.

\*As Warwick residents, we use the Poolhouse monthly for meetings, family events, parties, and a central community resource. Its loss would do real harm.

\*The City invested good money on site improvements at Warwick Pool last year, including a new fence, lap lanes, and an all-seasons pool cover. Closing now puts things in reverse.

\*We don't want an abandoned city property in the heart of our neighborhood!!

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** AileenSec@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:47 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Message to Council Members re Warwick Pool

Dear City Council Members,

I moved into Warwick Village with my kids last spring and was so thrilled to find a beautiful outdoor pool right in our neighborhood. We swam there many times during the summer. We can't afford to join a country club or a community pool like the one at Episcopal and we love to swim for exercise and relaxation. It is wonderful to have such a beautiful place for all Alexandrians to have family fun.

Please don't close the pool. It is a real joy for my family and for many others.

Aileen Secrest

Anne Gray Haynes  
204 Elm Street  
Alexandria, VA 22301

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March 14, 2013

Alexandria Mayor and City Council:

I am a resident of Alexandria and I am writing to support the Bicycle and Pedestrian elements in the proposed budget. I am particularly concerned that:

Capital Bikeshare is a great program that moves people less expensively than any other public transit system, but it has only eight stations in Alexandria. We need to build it up to reach potential customers outside of Old Town. Bikeshare has proven that it can operate at no net operating cost if it is built up properly.

- Getting people out of cars and into bike lanes frees up space on the road for people who wish to drive and gets bicycles out of the way of cars. This is a good idea.
- Compared with Arlington and DC, Alexandria has very few bike lanes. I have friends who tell me they simply won't ride in Alexandria until we have safer bikeways. This is not a big expense, but it will make a big difference.
- I ride my bike in Alexandria and am healthier as a result. We need to make healthy exercise easier and more accessible for more of our citizens.
- I support transit and know that it is quicker to get to my transit stop on a bicycle. Other Alexandrians know it too. In fact, WMATA has stated that Braddock Road is the Metro station with the most parked bicycles.
- I am concerned that new developments, such as Potomac Yard, are being built without bike lanes. That the bike lane on Potomac Avenue end on the Arlington side of the border does not speak well to our commitment to quality of life.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,



Anne Gray Haynes

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Josh Sawislak <[jsawislak@gmail.com](mailto:jsawislak@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 8:28 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson  
**Cc:** Rashad Young; Rich Baier  
**Subject:** EPC Comments on FY14 Budget  
**Attachments:** EPC FY14 City Budget Comments.pdf

Jackie,

Please share the attached letter submitted on behalf of the EPC to the Mayor and Council. Thank you.

Josh

Josh Sawislak, AICP  
Chair  
City of Alexandria  
Environmental Policy Commission  
[jsawislak@gmail.com](mailto:jsawislak@gmail.com)

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*Environmental Policy Commission*

March 18, 2013

Honorable William Eulle and Members of the City Council  
City of Alexandria  
Suite 2300, City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

**FY 2014 City Budget**

Dear Mayor Eulle and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Environmental Policy Commission (EPC), I am writing to provide our comments on the draft budget proposal for the City of Alexandria for fiscal year 2014, as released recently by City Manager Rashad Young.

We applaud City Manager Young for highlighting initiatives related to Alexandria's Eco-City initiative within the proposed Capital Improvement Program. To our knowledge, this is the first time that the Eco-City initiative has been so explicitly highlighted and discussed in the City's budget documents. More importantly, the budget and CIP proposals don't merely talk about environmental sustainability, they actually include provisions and funding to move us closer to becoming a truly sustainable community. Alexandria has staked a claim to environmental leadership with our award-winning Eco-City effort.

We strongly support the budget's funding for projects in the area of transportation, including updating the Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Plan, expanding the Capital Bikeshare program, expansion of DASH bus service, initiation of Route 1 Bus Rapid Transit, and increased funding for Metrorail service, including the continued pursuit of a Potomac Yard Metrorail Station. These investments in making non-motorized and public transportation more accessible and attractive will pay multiple, if often hard to quantify, dividends for many years to come, in productivity, liveability, and health. Some of these investments--such as "Complete Streets" projects--are proposed within a package of additional Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funded by an additional \$0.03 real estate tax rate.

While we support these initiatives, we are concerned about the proposed deep cut in funding for the King Street Trolley. The trolley is extremely well used, and is frequently standing room only. With this high level of use, and with the trolley providing an integral connection between the Metro and waterfront businesses and activities, we ask Council to maintain funding for the King Street Trolley at its current level of service - to at least maintain headways - and not cut this needed and well-used service.

In addition to supporting the additional \$0.03 real estate tax rate to help subsidize transportation improvements, we believe the assessment is needed to begin paying for federally

mandated improvements in Alexandria's combined sewer system, storm water management projects and permit compliance, and related water quality improvements. This includes funding the additional staff resources needed to meet these responsibilities. This is one of the most serious environmental issues facing Alexandria; as the budget notes, the City will be confronted with high compliance and mitigation costs in the years ahead. The funding generated with the \$0.03 additional real estate tax rate is an important initial step toward meeting our obligations, as is the addition of staff to focus on these issues. We urge Council to adopt these proposed increases in funding levels outlined in the draft budget for Transportation & Environmental Services.

The proposed budget includes an increase in the motor vehicle personal property tax of 25 cents per \$100 of assessed value, the first increase of this type in many years. We strongly support this increase, as it pays for most of the transportation improvements mentioned above. In the 24 years since the tax was last raised we have learned much about the serious long-term impacts of fossil-fuel powered vehicles on our environment.

We appreciate and support the increases in the capital budget supporting energy efficiency projects within City government. We also believe it is important for the City to undertake several important climate-related initiatives consistent with the Eco-City charter but not currently in the budget: including the hiring of a climate change or sustainability officer to facilitate reductions greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the community; the planning and initiation of a green revolving loan or property-assessed clean energy program, to support energy efficiency and sustainable energy activities for local businesses; and the initiation of a climate resiliency study, recommended by ICLEI as the first milestone for climate adaptation work by cities. As an example, recent progress in projecting sea-level and climate-related impacts suggests that City, resident, and commercial risk exposure to severe weather damage losses is greater than previously understood and should be analyzed and updated. These recommendations are consistent with our belief that we need to jump-starting energy efficiency and alternative energy use by Alexandria businesses.

Within the area of Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Activities, we strongly support the funding allocated for Open Space Acquisition in the proposed Capital Improvement Program made possible through the proposed \$0.03 increase in real estate tax rate. We also appreciate the budget proposal's inclusion of an increase in funding for park operations and capital development. As described in the budget, the increase will allow the addition of four full-time staff for park operations and facility maintenance.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with City Manager Young, the rest of City staff, and Council on realizing this vision.

Respectfully submitted,

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY COMMISSION



Josh Sawislak, AICP  
Chair

Copies: Rashad M. Young, City Manager

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** ouibike@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 10:45 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31038: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to support the bicycle and

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### Request Details:

- Name: Bruce Dwyer
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-3263
- Email: [ouibike@gmail.com](mailto:ouibike@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to support the bicycle and pedestrian funding items as viable transportation solutions in the proposed budget.  
I have been a resident of Alexandria for 47 years and I bike a lot, over 3,000 miles a year for getting around town, for recreation, and for vacation. Why? because it is good for my health, it is good for the environment, and it is good for the community. Twenty years ago, a small group of cyclists banded together to advocate for bicycle accommodation as a transportation mode in Alexandria, which at the time considered bicycling only as recreation. Our citizen group produced the City's first Bicycle Transportation Plan approved by City Council in 1998. It was not taken very seriously, but it was the start in the direction of showing that bicycling could be a viable transportation mode in Alexandria. Since then much has been done in Alexandria to become a Bicycle Friendly City, and more needs to be done. I urge you to fully support all the bicycling and pedestrian funding items to continue Alexandria on the path to achieving cost-effective, environmental friendly, healthful solutions to our transportation futures.  
Thank you for your consideration.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 26

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** jill@cheesetique.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 10:24 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31036: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Co

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### Request Details:

- Name: Jill Erber
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-549-0985
- Email: [jill@cheesetique.com](mailto:jill@cheesetique.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council,

Please find attached a letter outlining my concerns over the current budget proposal. I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration.

All the best,

Jill Erber  
Del Ray resident and Owner of Cheesetique

- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/0ecb8b8f-5a0c-4f06-857f-903fdcf52942>
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 26

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Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and Members of City Council,

Just last week, I participated in an interview about why business owners love Alexandria. This was easy to do because Alexandria has generally been a great place to do business and I am proud to call it my home. At the same time, I have concerns about the business-friendliness of the new City budget proposal.

In the face of rising State taxes and sequestration, this is an opportunity for our City to set an example by encouraging business growth and attracting new businesses. Instead, the new budget proposes the opposite.

Rather than raising tax rates and fees, our local leaders should be proposing pro-growth policies - lowering taxes while streamlining the regulatory process. Specifically, I recommend the following for the 2014 Budget:

1. Do not increase real estate tax rates. Revenues will automatically increase due to higher assessments.
2. Do not increase permit and inspection fees, which hit business owners at the vital startup phase. Increases are not connected to enhanced services, so the justification is simply "because we can."
3. Eliminate the Business Personal Property tax, as it is not only burdensome, but redundant. When a business purchases equipment, it pays sales tax. The business uses that equipment to generate sales, leading to more tax revenue. Why should it then pay additional taxes every year just to own the same equipment? This punishes businesses for growing and increasing productivity. Owning equipment does not impact local government, so the justification for this tax is simply "because we can."
4. Make the annual Business License renewal a small flat fee for all businesses instead of a percentage of total sales. Higher grossing businesses already generate more tax revenue for the City. Why should they also contribute a larger annual amount just because their sales are higher? This tax punishes businesses for thriving. Renewing a business license should require very little administrative work, so the justification for such large fees is simply "because we can."

The *more* money businesses spend on taxes, the fewer people they hire and/or the more they must raise prices, hurting Alexandria consumers who are already themselves burdened by higher personal tax obligations. The *less* money businesses spend on taxes, the more they invest in growth. That growth naturally leads to higher business, sales, income, and property tax receipts. This is a virtuous cycle. The alternative is to further burden businesses and risk additional slow-down, which could negate the revenues gained from increased tax rates.

Alexandria should not try to be more like other communities – we should provide a hyper-competitive environment which sets us apart, shout that from the rooftops, and the businesses will come. Then, our revenue goals will be met in a healthy way, based on growth, not on increased tax burden.

Even for a thriving business, every month requires constant prioritization of projects. Often, desirable projects must be postponed due to lack of funds. Likewise, government needs to operate within its means, even if it must postpone or eliminate projects. It must provide some services, but it cannot provide ALL services, as it simply cannot afford to do so. When expenses exceed revenues, we should not resort to raising taxes in order to generate more cash. Instead, we must limit those expenses and make existing operations more efficient.

Sincerely,

Jill Erber  
Del Ray resident and owner of Cheesetique

Cc: Val Hawkins, Bill Reagan, Patricia Washington, John Long

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** jimandcarey48@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 9:11 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #31087: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to support the proposed FY1

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### Request Details:

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- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-519-0762
- Email: [jimandcarey48@comcast.net](mailto:jimandcarey48@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to support the proposed FY14 Capital Bikeshare investment as an important element in the Non-Motorized Transportation portion of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget. I have been a resident of Alexandria since 1996. My thoughts on this topic are contained in a Letter-to-the-Editor, submitted today to the Alexandria Gazette as follows:  
To the Editor,  
In the March 14 Gazette, we read "...once again Alexandria's libraries are on the hit list" in a letter about a proposed 4% cut in operating hours for 3 of 5 of the City's libraries. As a resident with five grandchildren in Alexandria, I am attentive to issues that impact young family members and their ability to learn. I applaud the City Manager and his staff for their efforts to reduce operating costs in a manner that will have the smallest possible impact on services provided.  
The letter also discussed Capital Bikeshare (CaBi) in a way that I feel is misleading, for example,
  - A recent Virginia Tech Study noted that while cycling in the U.S. is predominantly white, CaBi users were more racially diverse than the general population of cyclists. Similarly, the gender ratio was more balanced than in the general population for cyclists, with just over 50% of casual users being women.
  - More to the point, who benefits from CaBi? More than just CaBi users: all Alexandria residents benefit. Every car-mile eliminated reduces congestion, wear and tear on our roads, and pollution in our environment. Every dollar spent by a rider who stays local to eat and shop benefits all of us through the tax receipts that fund City services (56% of riders surveyed had used CaBi to visit a restaurant or other eating location).
  - The City's proposed FY14 capital investments in CaBi are only 75% of what was stated in the 14 March letter; Federal and other funds are planned for the remaining investment. Approved Federal funding for the CaBi program is \$670,000 (FY14-23).
  - The CaBi capital investment is just that - a capital investment aimed at making Alexandria more livable. CaBi is a public transit system. When evaluated on that basis and compared to other systems (Metro, DASH) it shines in terms of people moved per capital expenditure and people moved per operating dollar. In a recent conversation with city staff, I was told that Alexandria's CaBi program is exceeding expectations both financially and in ridership.  
The issue is about balance. I applaud the City Manager and staff for the balanced approach of constraining cost, while minimizing reductions in services while also making the capital investments that will help benefits all Alexandrians in the future. I ask that the City Council continue that balanced approach in their decision-making.  
James L. Durham  
622 Fort Williams Pkwy
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 26

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- Request Description: I am writing to support the Bicycle and Pedestrian elements in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget. I am an advocate for capital investments that help ensure the Alexandrians, present and future (including my 5 grandchildren that live in Alexandria) can enjoy a health, safe and economically vibrant city for a long time to come. My concerns as a resident, father and grandfather include the following
  - Continue investment in multi-modal transit options, particularly cycling infrastructure.
  - Get people out of cars and into bike lanes; safer for all concerned and it helps the environment.
  - My bike commute to Arlington has been enabled by safe routes and destination facilities (secure bike parking, etc). Arlington's bike infrastructure (bike lanes and connected paths) is significantly better than ours! Go faster!
  - Two of the top 5 bicycle traffic locations in 2012 in Alexandria were "on-street" locations, suggesting that in addition to filling the gaps in our "green crescent" trail network, we need more bike lanes and protected bike lanes to connect residences to jobs, shopping, schools and other destinations.
  - Capital Bikeshare is an important part of the investment in multi-modal transit in Alexandria. It moves people less expensively than any other public transit system. I'll provide more detail separately on this topic from a Letter to the Editor I submitted today to address concerns you may have heard from other citizens about this important program.

Thank you for your time and attention. I very much appreciate your continued support for the capital investments TODAY, necessary for our City's long term vitality.

Sincerely,

James L. Durham  
622 Fort Williams Pkwy

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- Request Description: Greetings!

I live and work in the City of Alexandria and am writing to express my support for the City Budget provisions that support travel by walking, biking, and transit in our community. I also support increased parking fees and vehicle fees to support these other modes, because automobiles impose numerous negative externalities on the rest of the community.

In particular, I am strongly supportive of expansion of the network of bike lanes and trails. I ride a bike nearly every day in our City, and seek out routes that are lower-stress and lower-conflict with other travelers. I also support the pedestrianization of the King St and Union St intersection, where I was recently nearly struck in the crosswalk by an aggressive SUV driver impatient with the large volume of pedestrian traffic.

I am also a Capital Bikeshare member and support the expansion of this service to more parts of the City. When I use Capital Bikeshare, I usually walk .8 miles to a station across the border in Arlington because there is no nearby station in Alexandria.

I live near Potomac Yard and appreciate all that the City is doing to reduce automobile traffic and encourage more walking, biking, and transit in this corridor and throughout our community. I commend the City for bravely supporting a parking fee at the coming AHC development at Reed and Route 1.

Infrastructure to make walking and cycling safe and convenient is much less expensive than accommodations for automobiles. When individuals choose to walk, cycle, or take transit, they are doing themselves and the rest of our community a favor. We should encourage and reward these choices by making their travel as convenient, safe, affordable, and enjoyable as possible.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Hamre  
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to urge you to reject the real estate property tax increase in the City Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget plan. While I congratulate Mr. Young for proposing a budget that reduces some City spending, I cannot accept the perpetual discussion of tax increases. Alexandria is a strong and growing city and as a result its financial troubles can be remedied without raising taxes.

The simple truth is that the City spends more than it takes in. The City's own financial reports abundantly illustrate this issue. According to the January 2013 Financial Report, the end of January 2013 saw revenues 10 percent higher than those collected by the City at the same time last year. The Report from January 2012 also identified a four percent increase in revenues over those collected in 2011.

Interestingly, both Reports also identify increases in expenditures of 18 and five percent respectively. This trend of increased revenues outpaced by increased spending is unsustainable. It also demonstrates that a tax increase is not the solution. While the City continues to grow its revenue collection it cannot contain its expenditures. The City Manager's proposed budget plan continues that unfortunate trend.

The City Manager's proposed plan does include budget reductions but we as a City must come together and recognize that greater reductions are necessary. As a member of the City's Commission on Employment I am very aware of what reductions in spending mean for services the City provides and even to City employees. But the growth of the City's budget is unsustainable; no tax increase will mitigate continued expenditures. That is why it is crucial that the City staff examine every program to find inefficiencies and determine if budgets are truly supporting requirements or just desires. This is especially true in our school system where administrators have higher than average pay and still some of our schools are unquestionably failing. As a parent of child scheduled to attend Jefferson-Houston Elementary School I have to think about that relationship every day.

I truly understand the hard decisions you as members of the City Council must make, and I am grateful for the time and effort you dedicate to improving Alexandria. I urge you to consider the rationale behind using increased real estate property taxes to solve the City's financial concerns. If we cannot make serious decisions about slowing the growth of, or better yet reducing, the City's budget than tax payers are only paying higher taxes for the sake of paying higher taxes. The City already has continued increases in revenue. It is now time to stop the increases in expenditures.

Regards,

Carl A. Glad

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