

Jackie Henderson

From: kendralm@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 4:03 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30411: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Keep Warwick Pool Open!
am sending

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A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 30411.

Request Details:

- Name: Kendra Janevski
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-812-4478
- Email: kendralm@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Keep Warwick Pool Open!

I am sending this in support of keeping Warwick pool open this summer. WE use this pool regularly as Del Ray residents with small children and it would be a mistake to close this pool while other city pools are renovating, etc.

Please reconsider - even raise the admission price if you must but don't close the pool.

Thank you.

Concerned resident,

Kendra Janevski - Auburn Village Condo Owner

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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From: tomandmeredithsawyer@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 4:08 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30412: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing concerning the proposed clo

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Request Details:

- Name: Thomas Sawyer
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-438-4298
- Email: tomandmeredithsawyer@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing concerning the proposed closing of Warwick Pool - My family (wife and two boys under 3) just moved to 405 Argyle Dr (22305), which is less than a mile from Warwick pool and were anticipating a summer of being able to stroll to the pool. We pay a substantial amount of property tax to live in the area and one of the main reasons we moved to Alexandria is so that we do not have to drive everywhere on the weekend and the closing of Warwick would cause us to have to drive to Old Town Pool or Fairfax County. I also understand that this pool will be extra crowded due to the closure of Chinguapin this summer for repairs. It does not seem reasonable for a county with as many people as Alexandria to only have a single pool open for the summer (Excluding Houston Pool too small).

Some of my fondest memories from childhood are spending the summers at the pool with my family and friends and while I understand budget constraints it does not seem that the budget of Warwick Pool would be substantial compared to other items such as roads, education, etc and that monies could be found elsewhere in the budget to help keep the pool open. I would even support an additional \$1/day vs the closure of the pool.

The public pools are a great asset and allow many families to enjoy the outdoors, learn how to swim and get exercise in the summer the closure of this pool would be a shame and a disservice to the people of Alexandria.

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From: mjbuening@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 4:19 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30414: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Warwick Pool Support
I write in support of the Warwick Pool remaining open. I understand that the pool's long-term viability is poor and that the city is reassessing its aquatics program. However, the abrupt closing of this neighborhood resource does not seem in-step with a more thoughtful approach to the issues.

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Request Details:

- Name: Michael Buening
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-330-1393
- Email: mjbuening@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Warwick Pool Support

I write in support of the Warwick Pool remaining open. I understand that the pool's long-term viability is poor and that the city is reassessing its aquatics program. However, the abrupt closing of this neighborhood resource does not seem in-step with a more thoughtful approach to the issues.

Please consider keeping the pool open until the city is prepared to commit to its long-term aquatics program.

Thank you.
Michael Buening
34 Kennedy St

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From: lovecatz69@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 4:52 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30425: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please keep Warwick Pool Open for the su

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Request Details:

- Name: Eliza Engle
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-887-7649
- Email: lovecatz69@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please keep Warwick Pool Open for the summer!!

We live in Del Ray and I take my son there to swim every summer. Chinquapin will be closed this summer and that will leave only one major pool, Old Town, for the entire City. This will increase the crowds in a pool that is usually overcrowded already.

The City has spent a lot of money repairing Warwick pool, if you close it now all of those investments will go to waste.

Please, Please, Please don't do this to the citizens, like us, that LOVE the water. Choose to keep Warwick Open for the summer.

Thanks,
Eliza Beth Engle
PLTI Class of 2013

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30426: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Keep Warwick Pool Open
I am writing t

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Audra Mrini
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-7434
- Email: markaudra@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Keep Warwick Pool Open

I am writing to appeal to you all to keep Warwick pool open. We are a family of four living in Del Ray. We regularly visit Warwick pool throughout the summer and enjoy it immensely. We have been reading the news over the years about the possibility of Warwick pool closing and this greatly saddens us. We have tried the Old Town pool and have been very disappointed with our experiences there. We have found that Warwick staff are much more dedicated to making it a safe and enjoyable experience whereas at Old Town we have found the staff there to be lackadaisical about safety. This is concerning when you are supervising young children in a crowded pool. The management at Warwick is much more diligent about safety particularly when the pool is crowded, which is almost every day of the week!

Another reason we enjoy Warwick is that it is very affordable. Chinquapin, the YMCA, and of course private pools are way outside our budget and thus not an option for our family. My understanding is that the city pools are in high demand. With Chinquapin closing for repairs this summer the pool demands would most certainly be unmet. I fear that if we were to go to Old Town pool as our only option it would be even more unsafe than it already is.

I know that much time and funding has already been invested in Warwick. It would be wasteful to close it now. Additionally, it is my understanding that keeping Warwick open allows us more time to see if we can more private funding sources to help the city out.

We beg of you, please keep Warwick pool open. We have lived in places where there are not public pools and it is very disheartening and limits outdoor opportunities for the summer.

Thank you so much for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Audra Mrini

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From: rebeccapocahonta@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 7:51 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30478: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberburg

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Rebecca Anderson
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5719700383
- Email: rebeccapocahonta@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberburg and City Council Members,
I am writing to you to ask you to save our Warwick Pool. We moved to Warwick Village a few years ago with our children for the nice neighborhood feeling, for the walkability of Del Ray and especially for the accessibility of the Warwick pool. It was such a selling point for us. My husband and I grew up walking to our neighborhood pool and have so many fond memories of that. We want the same for our three children. Having Old Town Pool as our only outdoor pool in the whole city is unacceptable. Warwick Pool is so popular with the people of our city. There are not many choices of outdoor pools that are not private. Both my husband and I are local school teachers and we cannot afford to join a private pool especially if Old Town Pool gets crowded-which it already does even without the closing of Warwick. Please keep the pool open, our children need to have a place to keep cool, that is outside and where they can learn to swim.
Thank you,
Rebecca Anderson 49 Kennedy St.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 19

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From: medavis535@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 6:43 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30472: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Council:Please keep Warwick Pool

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Request Details:

- Name: Martha Davis
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-441-4601
- Email: medavis535@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Council:

Please keep Warwick Pool open through this summer. There are not enough pools in Alexandria as it is. Most of our neighbors travel to Fairfax or Arlington Counties to swim at private clubs. We want to spend our money in the City of Alexandria and our time among the people in our great, diverse community. That is getting harder and harder to do due to overcrowded pools.

Swimming is a great way to bring a community together, tackle the obesity epidemic and provide at-risk youth with alternatives to illegal behavior.

I am the mother of two young children and live in Del Ray. Warwick Pool allows us to be outside and remain active during the sweltering summer months. We don't even need to use our car to get there!

Martha Davis

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From: momcnultyrn@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 9:59 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30463: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please keep Warwick pool open this summe

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Request Details:

- Name: Maureen McNulty
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-535-5886
- Email: momcnultyrn@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please keep Warwick pool open this summer! We live on Holly Street and don't belong to a private club, so Warwick Pool is our summer hang-out. And we're not alone! It is a widely used pool!

It makes no sense to close the pool down when Chinquapin will be closed for renovation. Please consider increasing user fees for those who can afford it.

Thank you,
Maureen McNulty

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From: Sasm509@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 9:56 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30462: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 228 TENNESSEE AV I am terribly disappointed and concerned

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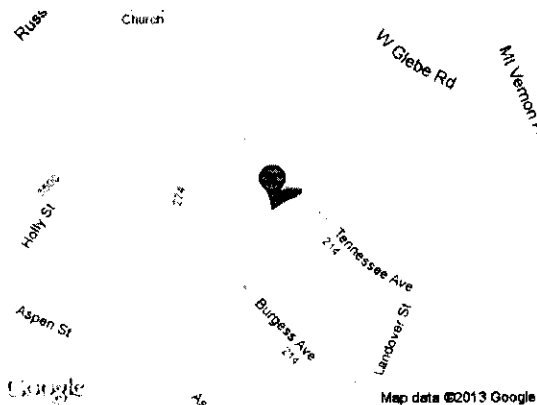
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Request Details:

- Name: Sarah Pierce
- Address: 228 TENNESSEE AV (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: Sasm509@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am terribly disappointed and concerned over the possible closing of Warwick Village Pool. My family and I frequent the pool daily through the summer months and we would miss our neighborhood pool dearly if it were to close. The Warwick pool and adjacent property are a wonderful addition to our city, many children celebrate their birthday's outdoors on the property and our neighborhood association uses the pool house for our monthly meetings. If you close the pool, the property would just be empty and deserted; a complete waste of space. In addition, what was the point of wasting our tax dollars on the new fence just to turn around and close down the pool?

Please reconsider the closing of Warwick Village pool!!!!!!

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From: Kirsten.winters@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 9:16 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30457: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please make every effort to keep Warwick

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Kirsten Winters
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.608.2288
- Email: Kirsten.winters@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please make every effort to keep Warwick Pool open! Affordable recreational resources are already severely limited in the City. With Chinquapin closed this Summer, the Old Town Pool remains the only option for Summer Aquatics and recreation. Last Summer, both pools were frequently crowded to capacity. This should indicate a desire among residents to access and utilize Public pools. The move to close a valuable resource like Warwick Pool is short sighted.
Most citizens cannot afford to join a private pool, and want to utilize local resources. Please find a way to keep our limited resources available, and to plan for improvements in the City Aquatics programs, and recreational offerings in general.
Thank you
Kirsten Winters
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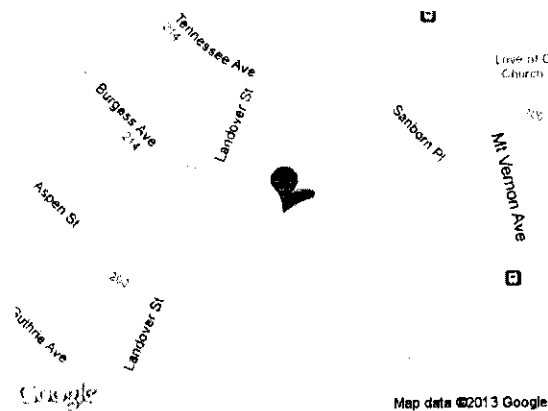
From: amgreenleaf@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 9:07 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30456: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 3301 LANDOVER ST
Please keep Warwick pool open! It is a

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Request Details:

- Name: Allison Greenleaf
- Address: 3301 LANDOVER ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: amgreenleaf@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please keep Warwick pool open! It is a vital part of this community with tons of minority kids every day who have a safe and fun place to go. Money was recently invested in some renovations there, one of which is reportedly FINALLY inserting a lap lane. That pool was a major factor in my decision to move to Warwick Village and to close it would be a crime. And, with Chinquapin Rec closing this summer, we will need all the pools we can get. PLEASE keep it open this summer!!!!
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From: baumgartnerk@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 8:38 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30454: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Keep Warwick Pool OpenHello,I'm

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Kelly Baumgartner
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2023606841
- Email: baumgartnerk@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Keep Warwick Pool Open

Hello,

I'm a new homeowner in Del Ray and am writing to encourage you to keep the Warwick Pool open. The pool was one of the features that attracted me to Alexandria and specifically this neighborhood. I understand that the City invested a fair amount of resources into site improvement last years and closing the pool would among other things undermine this investment. I fully understand the harsh economic reality municipalities are facing. Closure would also send an unfortunate signal to potential home buyers, affecting property tax revenues.

Thanks for your consideration.

Kelly Baumgartner

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From: jchdaniels@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 8:37 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30453: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As someone in the midst of buying a home

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Jonathan Daniels
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7032013507
- Email: jchdaniels@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As someone in the midst of buying a home in Warwick Village I was extremely dismayed to learn about the potential closing of the Warwick pool. The proximity to the pool was one of the factors which attracted us to that neighborhood and we would be unhappy if the pool closes.

Please consider keeping the Warwick Pool open. The following points which were brought to my attention seem to be appropriate.

Points for keeping Warwick Pool Open:

- Per a recent City study, there are 16,806 users of Warwick during three months of usage. Primarily from neighborhood residents in the Warwick and Del Ray communities – two very active locations in the City - and City camps. Where do they go if the pool is closed?
- Chinquapin will be closed for repairs this summer. If Warwick is closed also, that leaves only the Old Town pool as the one major pool in the entire City (the Houston pool is too small to affect the total numbers).
 - o Warwick attendance was 16,806 for the summer per the City's own study. Chinquapin's was 23,000 for the same time period (factoring in only the months that it will be closed for repairs). Old Town had 16,302 for the summer. Closing Warwick at the same time as Chinquapin means that 56,108 people – by the City's own numbers - would be forced into one location that already experiences long lines at times during the summer – a recipe for disaster.
 - o In addition to the regular attendance, there are approximately 300 campers each week using Warwick. Closing Warwick means that those campers either add to the numbers at Old Town or do not get any aquatic experience. Many of these campers are lower income residents who have limited opportunities to learn to swim or play in the water.
- The City also conducted a Needs assessment recently. Unmet pool demand is one of the highest complaints from citizens. Closing Warwick at the same time as closing Chinquapin is exactly the opposite of what the City should be doing. They can't meet the current demand, so they are going to force people into a vastly overcrowded situation that will just increase the public dissatisfaction with the pools. Not exactly a sound management strategy.

- The City has invested in several improvements at Warwick over the past few years. Closing Warwick at this time means that those investments go to waste. While we understand that any more significant investments in the Warwick pool may not be practical in future years, using the pool for another year or two would mean that the existing improvements are utilized.

Solution:

- Extending the use of the Warwick pool for another year allows the Warwick Village Citizens Association and the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics to meet with the Virginia Theological Seminary (owners of the pool land) to see if private sector funds can be available to help the City out. It will allow for a planned transition to a City recommended spray ground there.

- Extending the use of the Warwick pool also helps alleviate, to an extent, the crunch created by the closure of Chinguapin this summer.

- The decision to keep Warwick open needs to be made soon so facility preparations can be done by opening day. Chinguapin closes as of May.

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30452: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As a homeowner in Warwick Village, I str

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Request Details:

- Name: Kristy Daniels
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-568-6450
- Email: kristyh@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As a homeowner in Warwick Village, I strongly support the efforts to keep the pool open. 1) There is a demand for it, especially with Chinquapin closing for repairs. 2) The city recently invested in repairs for the pool, which would go to waste if it were to close.

Please extend the use of the pool, even if it means increasing the cost of admission. PLEASE!

As in aside, I think it would be a shame to turn the pool into a sprayground. There is one playground next door to the pool, and there is a second playground just a block away. A third space within one block that serves a very small percentage of our demographics is overkill (I say this as someone with young children). That would be 3 dedicated spaces mainly used by children 8 and under. The pool serves all ages.

Kristy D.
232 Tennessee Ave.

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30451: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please keep Warwick Pool open. We love i

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Request Details:

- Name: Craig LaChance
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-370-1915
- Email: craig_lachance@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please keep Warwick Pool open. We love it - we take our son throughout the summer and all of our neighbors go. Here are some other reasons we believe it must remain open.
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- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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Jackie Henderson

From: lejjones@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 8:28 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30450: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Keep Warwick Pool Open!
We live on Holly

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Lindsay Jones
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-370-1915
- Email: lejjones@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Keep Warwick Pool Open! We live on Holly Street and we love it. We go all summer long and we take lessons there. Please come up with a better solution than those presented. Additionally, Per a recent City study, there are 16,806 users of Warwick during three months of usage. Primarily from neighborhood residents in the Warwick and De! Ray communities – two very active locations in the City - and City camps. Where do they go if the pool is closed?
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Jackie Henderson

From: jenny@friendsofwarwickpool.org
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 8:20 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30449: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council From: Jenny Malseed3204 Landover St

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Jenny Malseed
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-312-5270
- Email: jenny@friendsofwarwickpool.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: From:
Jenny Malseed
3204 Landover St
Alexandria, VA 22305

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

I was deeply saddened to learn of the city budget manager's proposal to close the pool this summer. I urge you to reconsider.

Have you ever visited the pool in the summer? My family uses Warwick Pool several times a week, and nearly every time we go, it is crowded with people of all ages, sizes and shapes. Really! It is! Please believe me. It is such a wonderful testament to our active and diverse community.

I have read the studies and I do support the recommendation to convert Warwick to a spray park over time. However, I beg you to keep it open for at least one more year for two reasons: 1) Chinquapin will be closed all summer, and 2) Extending the use of the Warwick pool for another year allows the Warwick Village Citizens Association and the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics to meet with the Virginia Theological Seminary (owners of the pool land) to see if private sector funds can be available to help the City out. It will allow for a planned transition to a City recommended spray ground there.

Please – I beg you – please keep the pool open for one more year.

Sincerely,

Jenny Malseed
Alexandria Citizen and Mom to two active boys
Member of Warwick Village Citizens Association
Member of Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics (AAA): <http://alexandriaaquatics.com/>
Member of Friends of Warwick Pool: <http://www.friendsofwarwickpool.org/>

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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Jackie Henderson

From: sheilahoben@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 8:16 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30448: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council PLEASE KEEP WARWICK POOL OPEN!! IT IS A

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: SHEILA HOBEN
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-0949
- Email: sheilahoben@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: PLEASE KEEP WARWICK POOL OPEN!! IT IS A WONDERFUL ASSET FOR A DIVERSE GROUP OF KIDS AND ADULTS IN OUR CITY. WE HAVE SO FEW PUBLIC OUTDOOR POOLS, IT WOULD BE A REAL LOSS TO CLOSE DOWN THIS POOL.

SHEILA AND JAMES HOBEN
CIRCLE HILL ROAD
ALEXANDRIA

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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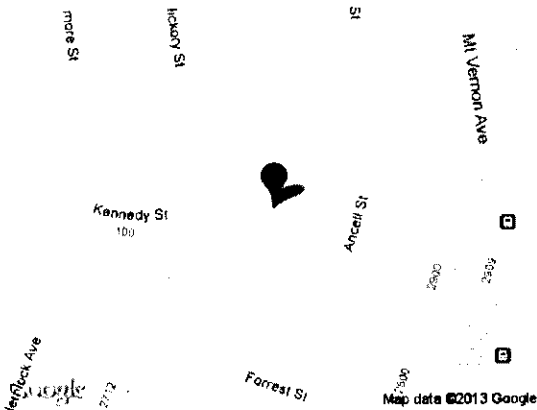
From: treborjremlap@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 7:41 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30445: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 62 KENNEDY ST Don't close Warwick Pool! Don't let the

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Request Details:

- Name: Bob Palmer
- Address: 62 KENNEDY ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: treborjremlap@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Don't close Warwick Pool! Don't let the money that Alexandria invested in Warwick Pool last year go to waste. Don't take away the last remaining public pool in Alexandria. Don't deprive Warwick Village of the focal point of its community! Don't close Warwick Pool! Don't let Warwick Pool become a blighted area. Leave a place for children and adults to find hours of enjoyment during the hot summer days. Don't close Warwick Pool!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18



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From: vagrrl@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 7:33 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30444: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council This is a request for the city council t

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Request Details:

- Name: Holly Kenney
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-6815
- Email: vagrrl@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: This is a request for the city council to NOT close Warwick Pool this summer. This is the only pool we use! Please find another place to make budget cuts.
The Kenney Family
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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From: dsmalley48@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 7:31 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30443: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please keep Warwick Pool open this summe

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Diane Smalley
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038367090
- Email: dsmalley48@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please keep Warwick Pool open this summer and consider reopening the pool by the library on Mt. Vernon Ave. These neighborhood pools are vital to the community.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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From: Jmhudec@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 6:43 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30437: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I've read that Warwick pool might be clo

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Request Details:

- Name: Jonathan Hudec
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (712767765
- Email: Jmhudec@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I've read that Warwick pool might be closed. My family regularly uses the pool during the summer and I implore you to reconsider closing one of the cities few pools.

>Points for keeping Warwick Pool Open:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Hudec

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From: gianna622@frontiernet.net
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 6:02 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30431: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Council members,I am writing to

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Rachel Ronnow
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: gianna622@frontiernet.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Council members,

I am writing to petition that Warwick pool be kept open this summer. It's very hard to find something to do with little ones in the heat, and I was planning to take my toddler and friends every week this summer when I received the unfortunate news of the pool's scheduled closing. This pool is a wonderful addition to our community, and all of my friends, their families, and I would greatly appreciate it if the council opted to keep it open.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Rachel Ronnow

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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Jackie Henderson

From: peanutdugan@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 5:08 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30427: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please keep open the Warwick pool. My c

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Request Details:

- Name: Charlotte Dugan
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: peanutdugan@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please keep open the Warwick pool. My children use the rec camps and have used Warwick for years. With Chinguapin being closed for repairs, I am sure this will already limit potential swimming time. The closure of Warwick would make it non-existent. Please reconsider.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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From: dawncfoley@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 8:51 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30482: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please don't close the Warwick pool this

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Dawn Loper
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: dawncfoley@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please don't close the Warwick pool this summer! The pool is popular and always crowded when we go. With Chinquapin undergoing renovations, I hate to think how awfully crowded the Old Town pool will be this summer. I understand the pool may need to close in the long term, but closing it this summer seems like a recipe for a lot of hot, angry citizens this summer!
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 19

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From: claretekim@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 8:58 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30490: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and City Council,I am a Del

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Request Details:

- Name: Clarette Cain
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: claretekim@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and City Council,
I am a Del Ray resident who is counting on you to keep Warwick Pool Open! Please consider the following options:
 - Extending the use of the Warwick pool for another year allows the Warwick Village Citizens Association and the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics to meet with the Virginia Theological Seminary (owners of the pool land) to see if private sector funds can be available to help the City out. It will allow for a planned transition to a City recommended spray ground there.
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From: CommunityRelations@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 9:07 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30493: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Don't close down the Warwick pool! My e

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: Don't close down the Warwick pool! My entire neighborhood uses it all summer and loves it. We have a new baby girl whom we can't wait to introduce to the pool come summertime.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 19

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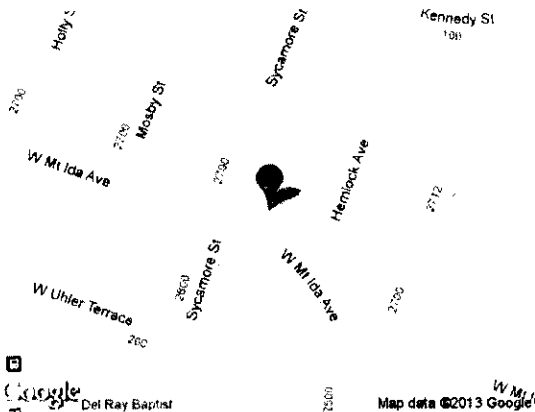
From: leslie.wilder@wap.org
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 3:45 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30408: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 111 W MOUNT IDA AV Asking to have Warwick pool remain open.

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 30408.

Request Details:

- Name: Leslie Wilder
- Address: 111 W MOUNT IDA AV (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-549-1896
- Email: leslie.wilder@wap.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Asking to have Warwick pool remain open. In good weather, swimming outdoors strikes me as so much healthier than using an indoor pool, as we must do all winter.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18



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Jackie Henderson

From: melinda.venus@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 3:33 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30406: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please keep the WARWICK VILLAGE POOL Ope

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Request Details:

- Name: Melinda Venus
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 838 2881
- Email: melinda.venus@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please keep the WARWICK VILLAGE POOL Open! The pool is very important to the neighborhood. As we have encouraged many times, increasing the fees to the pool would be fine, but Please DO NOT shut it down.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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Jackie Henderson

From: mmrini@delrayumc.org
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 3:22 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30402: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear City Council Members,I am writing

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Request Details:

- Name: Mark Mrini
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-7434
- Email: mmrini@delrayumc.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council Members,
I am writing to request that Warwick Pool be kept open. The closing of this pool would be crushing to neighborhood children and their families. Thank you for your consideration.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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Jackie Henderson

From: evans.davida@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 3:22 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30401: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 405 MONTICELLO BV
City Council,Keep Warwick Pool Open!

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: David Evans
- Address: 405 MONTICELLO BV (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 301-455-3602
- Email: evans.davida@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: City Council,

Keep Warwick Pool Open!!!

I can't believe that a resource with such heavy use is under consideration for closure by the City Council, especially with Chinquapin closing this summer. The other pools will be jammed. Equally important, few of the City's recreational resources serve this area.

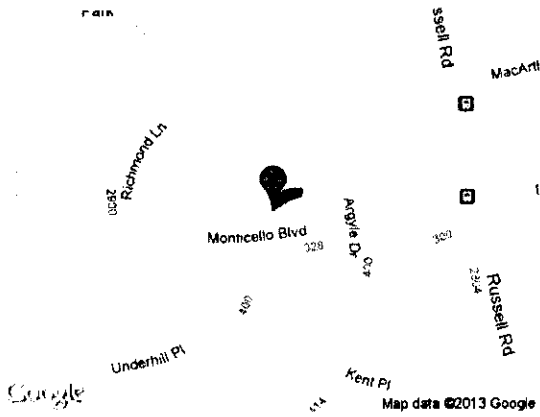
Every time I have gone to the pool there have been a large number of people there. In fact, so high that the congestion might actually work against maximizing attendance and raising revenue. If necessary, raise the already very low price for entry! Especially on weekends when it is most crowded, in order to both cover the additional staff and to raise revenue. It will still be worth it for most to attend. We have little kids, and they should be paying an entry fee.

Furthermore, I'd also recommend experimenting with longer hours when the days are longer. You get no morning or after dinner traffic with the hours during the days of long daylight that Warrick pool has had over the past few years. Close at 6 when the sun sets at 8? Open at 11am when it is cooler in the morning? That makes little sense to me.

And, while a minor cost difference, you don't need a trained life guard staffing the entry. I have to imagine that costs more than necessary.

Finally, it is a lot more EcoCity to not have to drive to Old Town to use a city pool.

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Jackie Henderson

From: jtseabolt@cox.net
Sent: Sunday, March 03, 2013 3:55 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #29900: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please don't close the Warwick pool this

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Request Details:

- Name: John Seabolt
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: jtseabolt@cox.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please don't close the Warwick pool this Summer. With the Chinquapin Pool already closed this Summer for HVAC renovations closure of the Warwick pool will surely overwhelm the Old Town Pool (the only major pool in the city to remain open). This the wrong decision at the wrong time!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 11

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From: Imfries@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 03, 2013 3:41 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #29899: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Closing Warwick Pool this summer is a ba

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Laura Fries
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-3092
- Email: Imfries@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Closing Warwick Pool this summer is a bad idea!

At this point, we might as well put up a sign that says, "Welcome to Alexandria, please go to Fairfax or Arlington County for your pool needs."

•This is the wrong decision at the wrong time.

In 2008 there 10,557 students enrolled in ACPS and 7 outdoor pools to serve families in the summer.

The proposal for this summer is to have 2 outdoors pools open (while simultaneously closing Chinguapin).

September 2013 projections are for 13,707 students enrolled in ACPS, accounting for 88 percent of the city's children.

That means 30% more children and 70% fewer pools.

It's shameful.

Last summer, there were long lines at Old Town pool. Imagine the mess you will have created with Chinguapin closed AND the closure of Warwick! Why would you make the situation worse?

It's also a waste of tax payer money that was already used to make improvements to Warwick. Lack of planning by the City and a poor management decisions by the City have created this problem – not the citizens.

•16,806 people use Warwick each summer. Neighborhood residents and City campers comprise most of that number.

56,000 swimmers will be required to share space that normally supports 16,000 swimmers.

Unmet pool needs is one of the largest citizen complaints in the City. Prepare yourselves for more complaints!!!!

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 11

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Jackie Henderson

From: rjsullivan8@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 3:33 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #29947: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Roger Sullivan
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-820-3788
- Email: rjsullivan8@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members –

I have just heard that the new City budget calls for closing Warwick Pool this summer. I must strongly disagree with this planned action.

Swimming is one of the best forms of recreation and exercise. It is imperative that Alexandria provide excellent aquatic facilities for its citizens. I currently swim several times per month at Chinguapin.

Current aquatic facilities are not adequate; waiting lists are long. Neighboring jurisdictions have "learn-to-swim" programs for all elementary students; Alexandria does not have the aquatic facilities for this.

As you know, it is necessary to close Chinguapin this summer, to replace the HVAC system. If Warwick is also closed, that would leave Old Town Pool as the only option for serious swimmers, and it would become hopelessly overcrowded. Whatever the long-range decision about Warwick Pool, please do not close it the SAME summer that Chinguapin will be closed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Roger Sullivan
President, Chinguapin Advisory Council
Board Member, Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 11

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Jackie Henderson

From: pattyreilly@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 2:00 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30005: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please do not close the Warwick pool. T

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Request Details:

- Name: Patty REILLY
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: pattyreilly@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please do not close the Warwick pool. This summer the indoor pool at Chinguapin is closed, limiting swimming opportunities. I am the Mom of 2 teen aged boys who need recreational activities for the summer and the Warwick poo has been a part of their summers.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 12

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From: ron4520@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 2:16 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30015: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council save the warwick village pool for the ki

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Request Details:

- Name: ronald gochenour
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-312-8911
- Email: ron4520@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: save the warwick village pool for the kids pay more don't close

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 12

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Jackie Henderson

From: germaineschaefer@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 4:55 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30035: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Warwick Village Pool - proposed closure.

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 30035.

Request Details:

- Name: Germaine Schaefer
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703/535-8864
- Email: germaineschaefer@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Warwick Village Pool - proposed closure.

To: Mayor, Vice Mayor & City Council Members

I am unable to fully express to you how disappointed I was to read that once again services for city children are on the chopping block in order to balance the budget. First, the pool at Colosanto Park was closed to save \$30,000 a year. Now, the pool at Warwick - a pool the city just spent money last summer repairing - is on the chopping block for permanent closure - and you are again recommending cutting library hours - which were already trimmed a few years ago.

The children who use Warwick, and who used to frequent Colosanto; are kids who's parents can't drive them to Old Town to use that pool. They walk or bike to their neighborhood pool. It offers a place to cool down, a safe place to be with their friends, an outlet. Swimming is a very healthy exercise requiring no equipment, so it's an accessible sport for those with limited funds.

The library offers a world of ideas in an air-conditioned and comfortable space. I remember spending my summers at the neighborhood library - a magical place where I was able to escape and learn so many things that were beyond my reach as the child of two immigrants who struggled financially.

You **MUST** find other places to cut the budget - or you must find new sources of revenue. You cannot continue to chip away at the few resources we offer to children.

Here are a few suggestions for cutting the budget: Require any papers sent home from school to be printed on both sides - this would cut the paper expenses in half. No longer mail the quarterly newsletter "Commuter Connections" (the name may be wrong - but it's a newsletter about commuting in the City of Alexandria).

How about raising revenue? Start assessing fines for individuals who break the city rules on posting signage - there are so many "We buy cars \$300" signs on the city that you could make a bundle. Install meters in more of the busy areas in the city. (Go all the way down Washington to the 800 block; install them on Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray & Arlandria). Make sure the people collecting meter money aren't embezzling the funds. Install meters at the city parks such as Ben Brenman, Simpson, etc. Charge a \$1 fee for the Free DASH in Old Town. Raise the rates at the City Pools by \$1 or .50.

I hope that you all make the right choice and **DON'T** close yet another pool. The spray parks that have been recommended may work for smaller children - but they won't address the needs of the growing number of teens and pre-teens in the city. You must find a way to provide these future voting citizens with services they need.

Sincerely,

Germaine Schaefer

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 12

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Jackie Henderson

From: tls52001@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 8:24 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30298: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am very concerned to hear that the cou

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Request Details:

- Name: Tara Cordle
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-203-6767
- Email: tls52001@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am very concerned to hear that the council is considering closing the Warwick Village pool. As a resident of Warwick Village I am disheartened that the council would consider putting my neighborhood at risk by abandoning this property. To have an abandoned property in the middle of our neighborhood would invite crimes such as loitering, vandalism, and possibly more severe crimes such as drug use. I can't understand why the council would abandon the pool after just spending money to improve the facility. Our neighborhood values this pool and I know it is used by others beyond our neighborhood as public pools are becoming a rarity in Alexandria. That is also a shame. Not only have we seen the use of the pool increase with the improvements, but our neighborhood association conducts a great deal of business in the pool house year round and the loss of this building will have a great impact. Please don't leave our city's youth and families without the simple enjoyment of having a safe and clean neighborhood pool. I know you have to make some tough financial decisions, but I believe closing the pool would create more problems than it might solve. Thank you for listening.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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From: mjobaxter@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 8:09 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30297: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I have been a homeowner in Warwick Villa

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Maryjo Baxter
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-522-2431
- Email: mjobaxter@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I have been a homeowner in Warwick Village for over 20 years, and an active member of the Warwick Village Citizens Association for most of that time (including secretary from 2008 – 2012). I was sad and puzzled to learn that our swimming pool may not open this summer – or perhaps ever again?

Our pool serves not just the residents of Warwick Village but thousands of other residents throughout the city, particularly in Arlandria and Del Ray. It is the only way for many young people (and adults, too, I am sure) to learn to swim or simply cool off during our hot summers.

With the closure of Chinguapin at the same time, closing Warwick Pool is pretty poor timing in an effort to save a few dollars. The city made a significant, very welcome investment just last year to improve the general area around the pool. That is why I'm puzzled. Why should those dollars go to waste?

Please add my voice to others who wish to see this vital city amenity kept open for as long as possible.

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From: cabellwilkes@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 8:46 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30294: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please keep the Warwick Pool open. T

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Cabell Wilkes
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.203.2938
- Email: cabellwilkes@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please keep the Warwick Pool open.

The 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 pools.

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, this is outrageous.

As Warwick Village residents, we use the Poolhouse monthly for meetings, family events, parties, and as 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 all-seasons pool cover. Closing it now puts things in reverse.

We don't want an abandoned city property in the heart of our neighborhood.

Please keep the Warwick Pool open!

Respectfully yours,

Cabell Wilkes and family (including a 2 year old who loves to swim)

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Jackie Henderson

From: Sbakka@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 6:06 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30288: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council KEEP WARWICK POOL OPEN!! I live in Warwi

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Sarah Breithaupt
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: Sbakka@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: KEEP WARWICK POOL OPEN!

I live in Warwick Village in Del Ray, and I was very disappointed to hear that you may be closing our community pool. I have lived in the neighborhood for 4 years and enjoy the pool every summer. I recently had a baby, and I was very much looking forward to having her first swimming experience at our pool. We as a community rely on the space to hold meetings thoroughly the year and because it's next to the park, the pool is a popular summer spot for more than our community. I can't imagine that there is any good reason to take our pool. Please keep our pool open. You invested money in it already, let us enjoy it.

Sincerely,
Sarah Breithaupt

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Jackie Henderson

From: leahwojda@hotmail.com
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 3:45 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30279: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 215 TENNESSEE AV
Please keep Warwick Pool open! I am a

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Leah Wojda
- Address: 215 TENNESSEE AV (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-895-5561
- Email: leahwojda@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please keep Warwick Pool open!

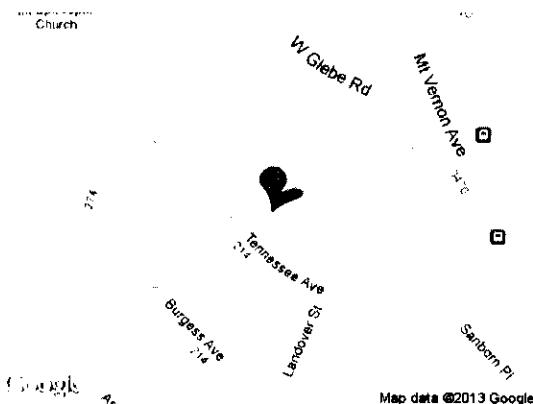
I am a resident of Warwick Village and I always look forward to the opening of Warwick pool every summer. As money was spent last year on improvements, I thought we were heading in a good direction. It just seems crazy to have 1 outdoor public pool for the entirety of Alexandria if Warwick closes.

Please help keep the pool open and prevent it from becoming an abandoned property in the heart of Warwick Village.

What can I do to keep it open?

Sincerely,
Leah Wojda

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18



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Jackie Henderson

From: swotom@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 1:17 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30270: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and Council Members, I

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 30270.

Request Details:

- Name: Tom Williamson
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-966-0503
- Email: swotom@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and Council Members, I was very disturbed to hear that the proposed budget cuts funding for the Warwick Pool. As you work through the admittedly difficult process of approving next year's budget, I implore you to find a way to keep the pool open for the next few years AND support the city-wide plan being promoted by the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics. The pool and the pool house are one of the things that make Warwick Village a great neighborhood and closing them without a plan for future use of the land will have a negative impact on everyone, even those who don't use the pool.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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Jackie Henderson

From: cara_morrow@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, March 09, 2013 4:46 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30248: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Alexandria City Council, Please

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Cara Morrow
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-919-4550
- Email: cara_morrow@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Alexandria City Council,

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We don't want an abandoned city property in the heart of our neighborhood.

Please keep the Warwick Pool open!

Respectfully yours,

Cara Morrow and family (including a 2 year old who loves to swim)

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Jackie Henderson

From: susievancura@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 2:57 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30398: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council This is a request to please keep our nei

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Request Details:

- Name: Susie Klein
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: susievancura@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: This is a request to please keep our neighborhood pool--the Warwick Pool--open this summer. With Chinquapin closed for renovations, it is even more important that this pool remain open. Old Town Pool alone will not sufficiently meet our community's needs.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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Jackie Henderson

From: tarakilfoyle@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 9:40 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30494: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please consider keeping Warwick Pool ope

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Tara Kilfoyle
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 299-5172
- Email: tarakilfoyle@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please consider keeping Warwick Pool open for at least another year! There will be real capacity problems if the pool is closed and Old Town pool is the only large outdoor pool that remains open, especially with Chinquapin undergoing renovations this summer.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 19

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Park and Recreation Commission

March 11, 2013

Mayor William Eulle
Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg
Councilman John Taylor Chapman
Councilman Timoth B. Lovain
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg
Councilman Justin M. Wilson

Re: City's FY 2014 Budget

Dear Mayor Eulle and City Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Park and Recreation Commission regarding the FY 2014 budget related to parks, recreation and open space. We appreciate that the City Council has been supportive in the past for critical recreational projects as a part of the C.I.P. Of recent note is the support for the inclusion of artificial turf as a part of the Jefferson Houston School project. While artificial turf was not included in the ACPS budget for the project, we all know there will be a great benefit to the school itself and the broader community from this investment.

The budget focus for the Park & Recreation Commission is generally around the C.I.P. but there are also operational issues that we support. Among those items this fiscal cycle we include:

1. Operational Increase: On the operations side, the RCPA Department requested an increase in maintenance funding for the ten new facilities and parks that are coming on line this fiscal year, of which Potomac Yard Park is the largest. That increase of just over \$600,000 is now reflected in the base budget and we support that fully.

2. Fee Increases: This budget includes a number of fee increases for recreational services, something that is not always welcomed but is certainly necessary. The Commission has worked with staff over time to address fee increases. Staff is now finalizing a study and cost allocation program called Green Play which should give the RCPA and the City a strong tool to move forward with equitable annual increase for recreational services. City Council will be receiving that report and recommendation quite soon. We are supportive of the fee increases in this budget.

On the Capital Improvement side we would like to highlight and lend our support to the following:

- 1. Cooperative planning and funding of recreation facilities to be co-located with all anticipated new or substantially renovated ACPS schools over the next ten out-years of the budget.** The schools now planned to meet increased student population have a correlation to the increase in the general population that will require more recreational services. Co-locating school and community recreational services - both indoor facilities and outdoor field and play spaces - will save both land and money in the long-term and is likely to provide more flexibility for all users. A reflection in the C.I.P. for new co-located recreational facilities in the same timeframe as the new schools are planned will be required as we move forward.

2. **Athletic Field Conversions:** In the past few years the City has made an investment in the conversion of a number of our athletic fields to artificial turf, thereby increasing enormously the total annual hours our limited number of fields can be used. Converting fields is the single biggest tool we have to meet the ever increasing demand for these recreational resources. There are no more dollars identified in the C.I.P for field conversions until FY 2017, though there certainly is a great need. We would note that there are still several existing artificial turf fields in the City which could serve many more residents if they had lights. We urge City Council to consider accommodating funding for lights at some of these locations between now and FY 2017.
3. **Open Space Funding:** We are pleased to see additional funding for open space acquisitions now as a line item in the C.I.P, ramping up in FY 2016. Ten years ago the Open Space Plan set goal of 100 acres of additional open space protected through either purchase, donation or easement to keep us flat at the number of acres per 1000 people. That ten years is about up and we have about reached that goal. However the challenge will be even greater over the next ten years. Recent estimates indicate that to keep the same level of open space we will need to acquire or protect just over 180 acres in the next ten years. In addition to money in the out-years of this budget, we will need to be very creative in addressing the coming challenge. While \$23 million over the next ten years sounds like a lot, that might buy 6 acres of land in total. We need to explore and develop additional funding tools in the coming years besides this recurring line item in the C.I.P.
4. **Aquatic Facilities and Swimming Pools:** For more than a decade the Park & Recreation Commission has testified at these budget hearings that the City was in critical need of more aquatic facilities. In that time no plans have been made for new facilities and our existing facilities have suffered decline from age. Much as with athletic fields 10 year ago, we have reached a crossroads with aquatics facilities.

The Park & Recreation Commission fully supports the budget request of \$25 million to address aquatics at a number of locations in the City. Our support is for the following priorities:

- A. **Chinquapin:** Our recommended highest priority, as soon as possible, is a new competition length indoor pool co-located with the existing Chinquapin Pool. Concept plans for this additional pool were developed at the same time the new TC Williams was planned, but other critical CIP facilities pushed back the necessary funding to expand the offering at Chinquapin. Under this scenario, the existing pool would remain for the long-term as a warm water recreational pool for lessons, children, aerobics, etc. The second new pool would be a cool water pool for swim teams, swim meets, diving, and lap swimming. The Commission in general sees this new pool being designed as a 25 meter x 25 yard body of water.

However, the Commission believes that a study of the Chinquapin site should be conducted to address whether a 50 meter pool at this location is feasible. This conceptual study should also address the additional parking requirements that would come with a 50 meter pool and the additional funding of what would then likely be a parking garage. If locating a 50 meter pool and a parking facility here is feasible and outside funding is available to cover the cost differential, then consideration should be given to a larger pool. We would also add that consideration of a larger pool must not hold up getting a competition pool of any size in place. We need to get a second facility here as soon as is practicable. Funding for the design services to get started at this location should be included in the FY 2014 budget.

- B. Lee Center Therapeutic Pool:** The Commission endorses a new enclosed therapeutic pool located at Lee Center. Along with the adult day care program, the soft play room and the Miracle Field the addition of such a pool will make Lee Center a place where our less-abled citizens can be fully served. It makes sense and the aquatic community has pledged to raise funds for much of this project, in the same kind of partnership we saw with the Miracle Field. It will be successful
- C. Old Town Pool:** The existing pool in Old Town near Jefferson Houston School should be replaced with a 25 meter pool on the existing site.
- D. Spray Parks:** The staff is recommending, and we support, the development of a few spray parks around the City. The first of these could be designed to go at the current Warwick pool location. Such facilities are less expensive to install, have no drowning risk and while they need staff supervision they do not need hard to find life guards. They can increase the summer aquatics offerings the City provides in a very creative way with limited funding.
- E. West End:** The Commission would like to mention here that the proposed new pools all lie in the Eastern half of the City. We would like to draw attention to the West End of the City, knowing that more growth will come to that area over time. As plans continue to develop in the coming years across this part of the City, we would advise that a site be identified for a new competition length pool to serve the increasing population that might not be served by the private sector.

We know that this fiscal year will be challenging, as have the past several. We also know the recreational and open space needs continue to grow, along with our wonderful City. As always, we stand ready help in these matters.

With kind regard,

Judy R. Guse-Noritake, Chair
Park and Recreation Commission

Cc: Park and Recreation Commission
Rashad Young, City Manager
James Spengler, Director RCPA

THE CITY MANAGER’S PROPOSED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY2014
AND PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) FOR FY 2014-2023

Good afternoon Mr. Mayor and members of Council. My name is Anthony Barone and I am an active Citizen Member on the City of Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council. Despite my affiliation with this Council, I am here in representation of myself, a Resident of the City of Alexandria, to express my support of the City Manager’s Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year Two-Thousand-Fourteen, and the Proposed Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year Two-Thousand-Fourteen through Two-Thousand-Twenty-Three. I would like to highlight specific elements of these proposals with the intent to earn your utmost consideration and support.

1. The City Manager has proposed changes to the city employee compensation and benefit programs to include: proposals to fund a full merit increase; top-of-grade merit-based payment; General Schedule career ladders; pay grade alignment for Fire to align with the market; and increased employer contributions to the Police and Fire pension plan. These proposals are well deserved for those who risk everything, life and limb, to ensure the citizens and visitors of the City of Alexandria remain safe and secure. I respectfully request your utmost consideration and support for these proposed elements, without reservation.
2. The City Manager has proposed additional funding for vehicles that were approved as part of the City’s 10-year fleet replacement plan. The Fiscal Year Two-thousand-Fourteen purchases include three (3) fire engines, two (2) medic units, two (2) duty

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vehicles, as an addition to the nine (9) engines already arriving, one (1) new tower ladder under construction, four (4) medic units being built, fifteen (15) duty vehicles on order, and the new tiller truck recently placed in-service at Station Two-hundred-four (204). These vehicles are critical resources that enable our professional fire and emergency medical services personnel to perform essential life saving emergency operations and services to the citizens and visitors of the City of Alexandria. I respectfully request your utmost consideration and support for these proposed elements, without reservation.

3. The City Manager's Proposed Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year Two-Thousand-Fourteen through Two-Thousand-Twenty-Three provides funding for Alexandria Fire Department facilities. This proposal includes funding for maintenance of fire department facilities; demolition of the smokestack adjacent to the burn building; and the replacement of Fire Stations Two-Hundred-Three (203), Two-Hundred-Five (205), Two-Hundred-Six (206), and Two-Hundred-Seven (207). Important to this plan is the recognized need for larger sites for the replacement Fire Stations Two-Hundred-Five (205) and Two-Hundred-Seven (207), and the proposed funding for these sites, in the absence of City owned site availability. Improvement to fire station facilities is very important to the management and sustainment of the City's fire and emergency medical services operations. I respectfully request your utmost consideration and support for these proposed elements, without reservation.
4. The City Manager has proposed funding for the enhancement of the City of Alexandria Public Safety Center (an added benefit for the soon-to-be constructed Emergency Operations Center), funding for the new Computer Aided Dispatch system, funding for new radios, as well as funding for the replacement of all Self-Contained-Breath-

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Apparatus required for National Fire Protection Association Two-Thousand-Thirteen (2013) compliance. These identified enhancements ensure the safety of not only the citizens and visitors of the City of Alexandria, but the safety of those who protect us, the safety of our fire and emergency services providers. I respectfully request your utmost consideration and support for these proposed elements, without reservation.

Whereas we find ourselves in the midst of challenging economic and budgetary climates, tough decisions have been made on where to propose funding. I want to publically recognize and thank City Manager Rashad M. Young, those who contributed to the proposed budget, and the Alexandria Fire Department's Fiscal Team, for diligently and responsibly recognizing the critical needs and requirements of our City's fire and emergency medical services. Approval of these budgetary proposals will ultimately ensure the continued health, safety, and security of our wonderful community. As a resident of the City of Alexandria, this is my voice. Mr. Mayor and members of Council, your time, consideration, and support is much appreciated. Thank you.

Statement by Richard E. Merritt, Chairman
Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission
at the
March 11, 2013 Public Hearing on
the City Manager's Proposed FY 2014 Budget

My name is Richard Merritt and I am the chairman of the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission. The Advisory Commission, for the new members of City Council, was established in 1981 by Council to serve as the evaluating and advising commission to City Council regarding any and all health matters in the City of Alexandria. The Commission is also empowered to investigate specific health problems on its own initiative and at the request of City Council.

I want to begin by acknowledging the extremely helpful input and expertise the Advisory Commission received from the Alexandria Coalition on Clean and Smoke Free Air with respect to our recommendations to City Council.

I appear before you on behalf of the Commission in support of an increase in the local cigarette tax for the purpose of generating additional revenues that would go toward evidence-based tobacco cessation, prevention and education programs in the City.

In thinking about this request, it is important to remember two indisputable facts:

- Tobacco use is still the leading cause of preventable death and disease in America, accounting for more than 400,000 deaths each year.
- Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (otherwise known as secondhand smoke) is the third leading cause of preventable death and disease, accounting for approximately 50,000 excess deaths annually in the U.S., including sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

Indicators for adult and teen smoking in Alexandria are fairly good, especially when compared to statewide and national norms. There are a few troubling underlying indicators, however, that bear scrutiny and attention. For example, while the adult smoking rate is 13%, just below the national rate of 14% and way below the state average of 19%, research shows that the prevalence is likely higher among low-income and less-educated members of our community. Our teen smoking rates, mostly below national norms as well, nevertheless reveal a few pockets of concern, e.g., heavy smoking (>10 or more cigarettes a day) among White high school students (8.5%) was about a 20% increase over the 6.8% rate in 2007 and, heavy smoking among Black middle schools students experienced a significant increase over 2007 (from 3.4% to 17%).

So, while the teen and adult smoking rates could certainly be better, the Commission strongly believes that the most significant public health threat to the Alexandria

community from tobacco use is the exposure of our children and youth to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke (and thirdhand smoke as well.)

This focus is consistent with what City Council called for in its 2010 Strategic Plan. Under Goal #2's Objective of *Supporting healthy lifestyles and disease prevention*, the Plan's first Initiative calls for the establishment of ***a proactive health program to reduce respiratory illness by reducing exposures to second-hand smoke and indoor air contaminants.***

We know what the short-and-long term health consequences of such exposures can be. The Surgeon General of the U.S. reminds us constantly **“there is no risk free exposure to secondhand smoke. Even a brief exposure to secondhand smoke can be harmful. And more frequent exposure causes disease and premature death in nonsmoking adults and children.”**

Research has only recently begun to understand and expose a new phenomenon called “thirdhand smoke”. It is the invisible yet toxic brew of gases and particles clinging to smoker's hair and clothing, to their carpeting, drapes, cushions, etc. that lingers long after secondhand smoke has cleared from a room. The American Academy of Pediatrics warns that small children might be particularly exposed and more susceptible to toxicants in thirdhand smoke. “Infants crawl over, touch, and mouth contaminated surfaces and are known to consume up to a quarter gram per day of dust – twice as much as do adults,” says Jonathan Winickoff, M.D. an assistant professor of Pediatrics at the Harvard Medical School. “They could be getting much higher doses of thirdhand smoke toxicants than older children and adults.”

Because a child's body is still growing and their lungs still developing, the chemicals and toxins in secondhand smoke are especially dangerous to their health. Multiple studies have confirmed that children who breathe secondhand smoke are more likely to develop ear infections, allergies, bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma. A recent study found that children who live with smokers miss more school days due to illnesses, including ear infections (a major cause of hospitalization for children) and chest colds, compared with those who live in smoke-free homes.

The American Academy of Pediatrics estimates that 18% of children ages 3-11 and 17% of those ages 12-19 are regularly exposed to secondhand smoke in their home.

Unfortunately, there are no local data on the extent of exposure to secondhand smoke; however, national studies have shown that exposure tends to be higher among low-income, minority adults and children than among others with incomes above the poverty line. [During the month of March 2013, at the invitation of the CEO of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA), the Coalition for Clean and Smoke Free Air and the Alexandria Health Department will be conducting a survey of smoking prevalence, and knowledge and attitudes about secondhand smoke and smoke-free polices of ARHA residents. Analysis of the results are expected in early May 2013.]

In a major study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control, of the approximately 2 million people who reside in a multiunit residential facility (property containing 2 or more units with one or more shared walls, floors, ceilings, or ventilation systems) in the Commonwealth, about 1.66 million do not permit smoking in their apartment or unit. But of those 1.66 million with “smoke-free” policies, researchers estimate that between 44% (773,000) and 47% (777,000) Virginians have experienced secondhand smoke infiltration in their home.

In an earlier CDC study, between 2009-2010, 46% of adults in Virginia reported being exposed to secondhand smoke within the past 7 days. More alarmingly, the percentage of homes in Virginia without smoke-free home rules with children living in them was 37%, ranking Virginia fourth from the bottom of all states.

Data from public housing authorities in several cities indicate that smoking prevalence and tobacco-related health disparities are higher in public housing compared to the non-subsidized sector.

Exposure to secondhand smoke in low-income, public housing is especially troubling because it afflicts disadvantaged and vulnerable populations. According to HUD, on average, 32% of households in public housing included elderly persons, 35% include disabled persons and 41% include children.

It is well documented that public housing tenants suffer higher rates of asthma and other chronic diseases, making them more susceptible to secondhand smoke exposure in their home. Furthermore, national data indicate that minority and low-income populations suffer a higher prevalence of tobacco-related illnesses. Studies show that African American adults and children are disproportionately affected by secondhand smoke exposure. Other studies have shown that adolescents in public housing are at high risk for experimentation with cigarettes and other tobacco products.

All of this adds up to a reasonable conclusion that there are likely hundreds to possibly a few thousand young children and adolescents in the City of Alexandria who are needlessly exposed to secondhand smoke on a fairly regular basis -- either because a parent or guardian or other relative or visitor smokes in the home (and most likely in the car as well), or because they live in a multiunit residential facility without smoke-free policy and secondhand smoke drifts into the apartment through the walls, under the doors, via the windows and through shared ventilation systems.

We know what the problem is, we know something about the extent of the problem and certainly about the consequences of inaction, we have the evidence-based knowledge and tools to address it. All that's needed is the political will to make the investment.

The Alexandria City Council took a significant step over a year ago in protecting children and nonsmoking adults from the harmful effects of exposure to secondhand smoke. The placement of signs in all City-owned parks, playgrounds and bus shelters that read, *For everyone's health, thank you for not smoking in our parks and playgrounds*, is still the

most far-reaching action of its kind on behalf of reducing secondhand smoke in public spaces in the Commonwealth.

Nevertheless, we know that the problem of secondhand smoke exposure is far more pernicious and pervasive within our homes, especially within multiunit residential facilities. That is why the Commission is recommending the City Council take the following steps.

We urge the City Council to make a serious financial investment toward the foundation of 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.

In addition, we urge that the City Council issue a resolution:

- declaring that all residents deserve to breathe clean air and live in a smoke-free environment;
- declaring secondhand smoke a “public health risk” and calling on landlords and owners to adopt voluntarily a comprehensive smoke free policy for their building;
- declaring a “preference” for smoke-free residential buildings and require that all applicants for construction permits be informed of the economic, social and public health benefits of smoke-free buildings;
- declaring that all low-income, uninsured residents shall have access to affordable and effective comprehensive smoking cessation services.

Of course, we cannot guarantee what will happen if Council follows these recommendations, however, we can pretty much guarantee what will happen if it does nothing.

- More than 50 percent of tobacco users in Alexandria will try to quit each year, but without access to a comprehensive and affordable cessation benefit, the vast majority will fail.
- At least one of every three current smokers in Alexandria will die prematurely of a disease caused by their dependence on tobacco, shortening their lives on average by 13-14 years.
- School days will continue be lost by students due to their continued exposure to secondhand smoke.
- Tobacco-related health disparities will likely grow even more pronounced among public housing residents.

In conclusion, the Commission believes we should not remain satisfied with the general downward trends in both adult and teen smoking over the past few years; however, we believe there is a much greater public health threat at our doorsteps – the exposure of our young children and youth to secondhand smoke in their homes.

This can be addressed in part with education but for those without adequate health insurance coverage, an effective and comprehensive program of cessation treatment is key to helping smokers, especially low-income residents in multiunit residences, to quit.

The Commission looks forward to working with the City Council over the next couple of years and beyond on a series of interventions that will address the seriousness of the public health threat we have described. The dividends in public health benefits should be significant. The financial costs are relatively modest and can be fully paid for by increases in the existing tobacco excise tax.

BFAAC Remarks to City Council
March 11, 2013

I'm John Renner,
Chair of the City's Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee, or (BFAAC).

BFAAC's purpose is to advise and support you (the City Council)
By examining the City's budget procedures and processes,
And recommending ways to improve that process.

We represent the citizens,
And we are made up of:

- seven Council representatives,
- Two business representatives, appointed by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce,
- One school Board representative, and
- Three at-large representatives.

We're just beginning our evaluation of the 2014 budget.

Our initial reaction to the **new budget process** is that it is **good**.

It promotes quality performance management and accountability,
which are part of our City's guiding principles.

It's based on data and analysis,
stated, measurable goals, and
outcome-driven decisions,
to help promote efficiency in the delivery of services, and
to help efficiently and effectively allocate the City's resources.

We've already observed this in the CIP budget this year.

We hope to see the same priority-setting process
in the operating budget in the future.

The City is still faced with hard decisions,
The economy in Alexandria is still flat, leaving a shortage of tax revenue.
At the same time, expenses and debt service continue to grow.
Expenses will need to be reduced, but
any cuts should be based on our City's goals and priorities.

In these challenging times,
it would be a mistake to add three cents to the real estate tax rate
in order to fund that supplemental budget.

We must continue to be patient.
We're concerned about the financing of the Metro station
And its impact on our debt ceiling and other projects in the City.

We hope the new budget process will help set priorities based on needs and
goals.

The City continues to need to look at ways to expand its revenue base.
As we've discussed in the past,
Our City demands more than it did ten or eleven years ago,
and we must figure out how to pay for it.

Cost cutting can only go so far without cutting needed services and eroding the
value of our tax base.
Cost containment alone will not give us the dynamic, vibrant and caring
community we want to live in.

If we want to fund the city Alexandrians want to live in,
revenue growth must be part of the equation.

From 2002 to the present, during the time our City's expense budget went from
the size of a golf ball to the size of a baseball,
commercial activity was flat.

When the baseball grows to a softball, where is the money going to come from?

- More real estate taxes on residents?
- More residents?
- More fees?

Growth must be part of our solution
and business growth offers the most bang for the buck.

Right now, less than a third of our tax base is made up of true commercial property.

Adding more commercial property to the mix
would produce the most tax revenue for the least amount of cost.

The City's Economic Sustainability Task Force
recommended restoring the proportion of commercial property to 50%.

We urge the City to recognize that we must grow business in Alexandria to fund
our future,

We must agree on what type of business growth is best to accomplish our goals,
and

We must actively promote the right business growth
as a significant component of future revenue.

**Public Hearing on the City Budget
March 11, 2013
Bernie Schulz, Chairman Historic Alexandria Resources Commission**

**Priorities and Key Issues for City Budget Related to
Goal 7 of the City Council Strategic Plan**

Good Evening Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

I am Bernie Schulz, Chairman of the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission. I have come today to speak on behalf of HARC regarding the City Manager's budget and in particular to advocate for those items that were not funded.

While HARC and my colleagues in the historic preservation community are keenly aware of the tight economic times facing the city, not funding the Historic Preservation Management Plan, not funding the continuation of the important archeological work at Ft Ward Park, not funding the City's Research Historian position, and not funding the Art & History Plan that is part of the Waterfront Plan sends a clear message that this City Council and City Manager take for granted the historic nature of our City. These same items have been previously requested and advocated for and each time denied.

Thanks to the work of Al Cox of the Planning Department and Lance Mallamo of the Office of Historic Alexandria last year, state funds were identified as a small funding source (\$25,000) to accomplish the first phase of the Alexandria Historic Preservation Management Plan. But this left \$100,000 needed to support the remaining aspects of the plan. HARC supports this effort and encourages City Council to fund this effort. There are several factors that are noteworthy that the Historic Preservation Management Plan would address if funded:

1. Identify and formalize existing cultural and historic resources as Alexandria Cultural and Historic Resource Inventory (ACHRI).
2. Establish themes of significance and interpretation relative to Alexandria's heritage.
3. Research and document potential cultural and historic resources for which significance has not yet been established.
4. Develop historic preservation goals and values for integration into planning, land use and economic sustainability programs.
5. Establish team of preservation professionals and interdepartmental staff as Preservation Coordinating Committee to evaluate current preservation "toolkit", including archaeological and historic preservation ordinances, regulations and legal mechanisms that currently protect Alexandria's resources.
6. Evaluate current BAR processes, zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations and City building codes that support or discourage preservation in Alexandria.
7. Examine new strategies for preservation in Alexandria
8. Establish interpretive structure for educational purposes, heritage tourism
9. Identify Opportunities for Funding & Support

With a significant portion of this current City Council ~~members~~ being new and the returning members previously have supported historic preservation, there is a tremendous opportunity to take a fresh look and approach to historic preservation. The funding of these items is critical to maintaining the very essence of our City's historic fabric. The Historic Preservation Management Plan in particular will allow for the development of a clear plan that will guide future actions that retain the City's historic structures, districts, and character. The other funding requests are also important investments in our future. Furthermore, City Council's approval of a preservation management plan in 2008 implements the recommendation of the City Council in 1992, when the Historic Preservation chapter of the City Master Plan was adopted. We now need City Council to fund this important priority.

Mayor, members of city council, and city manager I come before you as the Vice President of the Alexandria Committee of Police, local five, which is an employee group representing the majority of rank and file sworn members of the Alexandria Police Department. I am also speaking today as a career law enforcement officer with the City of Alexandria. I began working in the City nearly 23 years ago in August of 1990.

ACOP Local 5, police and fire employees feel they are losing ground in terms of total compensation for the sacrifices we make daily in the service of our community. Not only are we compensated less in the 2014 proposed budget, many employees will be taking home less in 2014 than they did in 2013. This is AFTER they receive a merit increase.

While it is proposed that employees will receive merit increases if warranted, there will be no market rate adjustment. Healthcare costs continue to rise for employees and their families. The employee's pension costs are set to rise as a result of the City never addressing the unfunded liability. Those costs are passed on to us.

I stand before you to illustrate how the most precious resources the city has, it's employees, who deliver the services to the citizens, will be adversely affected by the 2014 proposed budget if it is passed.

Healthcare:

The proposed changes to our healthcare benefits for fiscal year 2014 will result in greater money taken out of every worker's pocket. In addition to co-pays going up for both, medication and office visits, employees on an individual plan will pay a \$400 deductible and families will pay an \$800 deductible before coverage begins. ER costs will go up to \$150 and if you are admitted, the copay is \$500. ~~Granted, the \$150 ER copay is waived if a covered employee or family member is admitted to the hospital. However, this copay is replaced with a \$500 hospital admission copay.~~

Plans that are listed as Employee +1 will also face the \$800 deductible. There is no difference between Employee +1 and a family plan with two adults and 6 children. ~~However, the covered person only has to~~

come up with ~~\$400 in a single visit to the ER to cover his copay. The other \$400 is covered by other family members.~~ ~~\$5~~, if you go to the ER in the middle of the night for a child with an ear infection, and you have not yet met your copay, the minimum you will pay is \$550. If you are admitted, you will pay \$900. This is before you get any medication.

Let me give you an example:

* The entry level police officer with Alexandria starts with a salary of approximately \$43,700. After taxes, assuming 30%, the average paycheck is reduced to \$1,117. After pension costs of now 10% and deductions for medical and dental, the check is reduced to less than \$1000.

Now if you had a family of 4 go in to the ER after a car accident it would be as follows:

Mom... \$400 deductible... If admitted an additional \$500 = \$900
 Dad.....\$400 deductible.. not admitted ... \$150 = \$550

*2 Admitted
 2 Just ER
 \$2,100
 All 4
 \$2,800*

Kid 1..... No deductible because it is already met....Admitted = \$500

Kid 2...No deductible because it is already met..
.not admitted= \$150 ER fee

TOTAL= \$2100 That cost would go up to \$2800 if all four were admitted.

WOW..... That is before any physical therapy or medication

As a parent, I can remember almost monthly visits to the ER because my child would get ear infections in the middle of the night. ~~This condition required that I take action and get my child to medical care immediately. If I were to wait, the risk of further harm would be great.~~ Failure to get medical attention would reflect neglect as a parent. This made an ER visit absolutely necessary. These costs even after the deductible are, at minimum, \$150 each visit. Again, this doesn't address medication costs. I couldn't afford to do that anymore with the new healthcare proposal.

Most parents with young children are themselves young and as such have not been in the work force long. They don't have the resources to deal with the medical costs incurred if this plan goes into effect.

The proposed 2014 budget will adversely affect the work force in several ways. Staff will be less likely to seek medical treatment when needed and will result in more illnesses and loss of work/pay. It could lead to employees and families choosing to risk their health further by not seeking treatment because they can't afford it. In the long run, this will cost the health care system more money. One trip to the ER will take the majority of a new officer's paycheck as illustrated earlier. People with chronic illnesses such as cancer or other issues will come out of pocket with a greater amount of money each time they go to the doctor.

City staff has been informed, through the City Council Budget proposal session, that the proposed healthcare insurance requirements are commensurate with how most other entities handle their healthcare benefits. While this may be true, it is also true, and has been proven through studies with our five

comparator jurisdictions, that our pay is not likewise commensurate with other entities.

I know it is not the City's intent to harm its employees. If it is the intent of the city to pass this cost of healthcare on to the very people who use it most, it will succeed if this budget is passed.

This will harm the young families with young children who use medical services more often. It will also affect the older employees who have sacrificed their bodies throughout their careers and now have more medical ailments because of it. Worst of all it will harm the employees and families who are suffering through chronic illnesses such as cancer. These families can't make up the lost money through overtime or off duty details because they must be home to recuperate or to care for loved ones.

Years ago, the City set forth policy that capped employee's contribution to healthcare at 20%. I understand that the City leaders are trying to abide by that agreement. The difference is, that 20% is pretax. Copays and deductibles are paid post taxes and as such carry a heavier burden for employees.

Pension:

When we first began our police pension, the city AGREED to fund the \$40 mil unfunded portion of our pension and accept all risk and reward associated with a plan of this nature. Now that the unfunded amount has increased to over \$70 million due to market losses, new actuary calculations etc., the City is passing this expense on to us. This is contrary to previous agreements. This is contrary to the trust given to the City when many of us converted from the old pension plan to the new defined benefit plan. Sworn Police and Fire employees turned over their life's retirement savings totaling over \$80 Million from the defined contribution plan to fund the defined benefit plan.

Police and Fire labor group leaders are currently meeting with City officials to discuss these increasing costs and we are hoping to find a way to successfully fund it. We appreciate this opportunity and hope to find a way to prevent the employee's and City's costs from skyrocketing to unsustainable amounts. Please understand that as our salaries stay

stagnant compared to the market, these potential increased contributions are extremely difficult to stomach.

COLA:

We have not had a COLA or market rate adjustment in over 5 years and COLAS do not appear as if they will be given any time in the near future. It is not disputed that EVERYBODY'S cost of living has increased. Our paychecks have not.

COMPARATOR Jurisdictions...

According to the Washington Post, PG County recently received an 8 to 12% increase in salary to make up for four years of frozen pay. With the implementation of this increase, Alexandria Police are, once again, at the bottom of the stack when it comes to pay.

While the city web site provides a compensation calculator that tends to show a minimal reduction in total take home pay, the cold hard truth is that due to more out of pocket expenses after pay and increased

paycheck deductions, to include higher taxes, City employees are hit hard in this 2014 fiscal year. These calculations are not factored into the compensation calculator.

Taxes increased in January through fewer or reduced federal credits and a 2% increase for FICA and our out of check deductions continue to increase. The City, in the proposed 2014 budget, does not recognize their employees and provides little incentive to retain them.

In my 23 years with the City of Alexandria, I have seen our healthcare options chipped away almost yearly. We started with many options for healthcare, some were even free. We now have only two and they both cost a small fortune. We used to be able to depend on a COLA and a merit yearly. Now, we often don't even know if a merit is coming let alone a COLA. We are now set to pay an increasing amount of money just to sustain our pensions.

For the first time in my life, even with a merit increase, I will be taking home less this year than I did the year before. My co-workers and most city

employees are in the same sinking boat. This is before the added expense of out of pocket healthcare. These changes are going to result in Employees who are not as invested in their careers leaving the police and fire departments.

I have attempted to show you the impact of these proposed budget changes. It is costing me and my co-workers money to come to work. These changes are going to force many long term employees into retirement so they can get other jobs and will result in lower job retention for newer employees. The City invests a lot of time and money into the recruitment and training of qualified police and fire personnel. Personnel who are not as invested in their careers will likely leave the City for higher paying careers with better benefits. This is tantamount to the tax payers of Alexandria paying to recruit and train police and firefighters for other jurisdictions.

There are City employees who do not have healthcare of any type, because they can not afford it with the other expenses being taken from their checks.

As I look at the total compensation package for employees, I am increasingly dismayed. The employees of this city work hard every day. Police and fire continually place their lives on the line to protect the lives, property and livelihoods of the citizens. They sacrifice their family and personal lives for the benefit of the city. They miss birthdays and holidays regularly. Employees are ~~thanked~~^{fac'd} with lower paychecks and reductions in the workforce resulting in a greater workload.

The City has a new City Manager and a new City Council who have not experienced the changes that long term employees have over the years. I understand that budgets need to be balanced. However, I feel that it is the responsibility of the city leaders to also balance their priorities. Green-space purchases, tree canopy and other nonessential functions should be of little concern when the very core of the city, it's employees, are being hit so hard in their pockets.

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Hundreds of Prince George's officers win raises

By Miranda S. Spivack, November 14, 2012

Hundreds of Prince George's County's police officers have begun receiving pay raises — some as much as 12 percent — after an arbitrator ruled that the county must make up for four years of pay freezes stemming from the economic downturn.

The raises, which are expected to be formally funded by the County Council next week, come after months of sometimes-contentious negotiations between the union and the administration of County Executive Rushern L. Baker III (D). Baker resisted the pay increases and both sides eventually declared an impasse, sending the dispute to arbitration.

Although some of the county's 1,580 officers will get raises of 12 percent, the average will be 8 percent as a result of the September ruling, which by law cannot be appealed.

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The immediate cost to the county is about \$8 million. Under the ruling, police officers would receive four payments, with the final one due in March.

The county, which has a \$2.7 billion spending plan, already is expecting to face a budget gap of \$125 million or more by December, said Tom Himler, a top budget official. The gap is similar to last year's and is expected to prompt belt-tightening and spending cuts in the next proposed budget, due in March, he said.

"You start factoring in potential wage adjustments, several million dollars in teacher pension shifted to the county, it is going to be challenging," Himler said.

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But Arbitrator Seymour Strongin noted that the county's Prince George's reserve fund — now hovering between \$70 million and \$90 million — was available to pay for the increases, something county officials did not dispute. The cost of the raises, while not retroactive, will escalate in the annual budget as the increases are built into base pay and pension benefits.

The county had offered the police officers \$2,250 in one-time bonuses, which it has paid to other county employees. Had the police union agreed to that, the cost to the county would have been about \$4.5 million, Strongin noted.

Starting pay in the police department is \$46,660, and top pay for a lieutenant is \$104,400. Most of the increase will go to those at the lower and middle end of the pay scale. About 250 officers at the higher end of the scale will not receive any increase, officials said.

"No one is jumping up and down in this economy bragging about anything like this," said Vince Canales, president of the Prince George's police department union, which represents officers up to the rank of lieutenant. "We wanted to make sure we put a fair and responsible proposal on the table. We did not come after the county for anything they could not afford."

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The raises could put pressure on Baker to agree to increases for other county government employees, who have gone without in recent years. In the past year, the county government's 4,500 non-police employees received two one-time payments totaling \$2,250, instead of raises and step increases promised by union contracts.

"It was a huge victory for the Fraternal Order of Police," said Gary McLhinney, a labor negotiator who represents police unions in the region but was not involved in the Prince George's case.

Elsewhere in the region, police departments have received pay increases in recent years, though none as large as the Prince George's award, McLhinney said. Many local governments have put in place pay freezes and unpaid furloughs for employees who are not employed in public safety or education.

Baker has repeatedly said he wants to boost public safety and school spending. Both are key elements of his plan to make the county a more appealing place to work and live. Recently, the school system's 9,000 teachers won a 2 percent increase after union negotiations.

About half of the county \$2.7 billion budget funds the 123,000-student public school system. The police department's budget is about \$267 million.

County Council Chairwoman Andrea Harrison (D-Springdale), who in recent years has pushed for raises for county employees, said she expected there to be more requests from other employee unions.

“You have to do what you have to do,” she said.

Although most county employees did not get a raise this year, the previous council had voted to increase current council members’ pay by \$3,278, which brought their annual salaries to \$99,695, among the highest in the region. Council members Mel Franklin and Eric Olson turned back their raises; Mary A. Lehman donated hers to a local charity.

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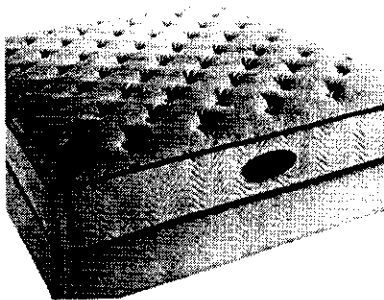
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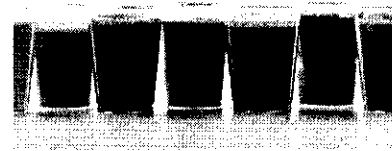
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**keithDMV** wrote:

11/15/2012 8:09 AM EST

Ah, the policy enforcers need additional compensation.... Too bad for the county tax payers.....

**KB17** wrote:

11/15/2012 6:08 AM EST

They claim to need to take their cruisers home so that they can return to the county in case of a major emergency such as a terrorist attack. If there were to be a terrorist attack, we would not need the police hanging around the 7-11s drinking free coffee. We would need our firefighters, EMS workers, emergency room and other hospital employees. PG police have a much more generous pension than their counterparts in Montgomery County. Pension costs that will prove greatly troubling and unaffordable to the county in the near future. Telling the dispatcher to hold a call for the next shift is a fact in PG county, and a practice that past Chiefs have vowed to put an end to. The claim below that half of calls on a busy night are run by off duty officers is laughable. Crime is down NATIONWIDE and is not something that PG police can take credit for. Miranda Spivack should tell us how many cruisers leave PG every night to go as far away as across the bay bridge, or to Carroll, Charles, Calvert and St. Marys County. All using gas that citizens of PG pay for. Citizens of PG also pay for time the officers spend at the gym. All of this makes their starting salary far above \$46,600 and closer to \$56000 to \$60000. Much more than what our firefighters and EMS workers make. WAPO needs to tell the whole story.

**wbswas** responds:

11/15/2012 9:54 AM EST

Your misguided. Unlike neighboring departments, PGPD doesn't allow their police to take their cruisers outside of the county unless on official on-duty business - and no, I don't work for PGPD.

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Kaiser HMO		
Family		
	Current	Proposed
Deductible	None	\$800
Out of Pocket Maximum	\$9,400	\$6,400
Primary Care Visit	\$15 Co-Pay	Deductible + \$15 Co-Pay
Specialist Visit	\$25 Co-Pay	Deductible + \$25 Co-Pay
Urgent Care	\$15 Co-Pay	Deductible + \$25 Co-Pay
Emergency Room	\$75 Co-Pay	Deductible + \$150 Co-Pay
Inpatient Hospital	100% Covered	Deductible + \$500 Co-Pay
Generic Pharmacy	\$10 Co-Pay	\$15 Co-Pay
Brand Preferred	\$20 Co-Pay	\$30 Co-Pay
Brand Non-Preferred	\$35 Co-Pay	\$50 Co-Pay
Mail Order Pharmacy - Generic	\$20 Co-Pay	\$37.50 Co-Pay
Mail Order Pharmacy - Brand Preferred	\$40 Co-Pay	\$75 Co-Pay
Mail Order Pharmacy - Brand Non-Preferred	\$70 Co-Pay	\$125 Co-Pay
Mandatory Mail Order	None	After 3rd Refill

Click here to select Health Insurance Plan

Click here to select Coverage Tier



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United Health Care HMO		
Family		
	Current	Proposed
Deductible	None	\$800
Out of Pocket Maximum	\$6,400	\$6,400
Primary Care Visit	\$15 Co-Pay	Deductible + \$15 Co-Pay
Specialist Visit	\$25 Co-Pay	Deductible + \$25 Co-Pay
Urgent Care	\$15 Co-Pay	Deductible + \$25 Co-Pay
Emergency Room	\$75 Co-Pay	Deductible + \$150 Co-Pay
Inpatient Hospital	100% Covered	Deductible + \$500 Co-Pay
Generic Pharmacy	\$10 Co-Pay	\$15 Co-Pay
Brand Preferred	\$25 Co-Pay	\$30 Co-Pay
Brand Non-Preferred	\$40 Co-Pay	\$50 Co-Pay
Mail Order Pharmacy - Generic	\$20 Co-Pay	\$37.50 Co-Pay
Mail Order Pharmacy - Brand Preferred	\$50 Co-Pay	\$75 Co-Pay
Mail Order Pharmacy - Brand Non-Preferred	\$80 Co-Pay	\$125 Co-Pay
Mandatory Mail Order	None	After 3rd Refill

Click here to select Heath Insurance Plan

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Jessica Wisser

Honorable Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Councilmen and women,

I am Jessica Wisser, Executive Director of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. I am here today in regards to the current budget discussions, specifically the proposed cuts to the Alexandria Birthday Celebration funding. After extensive conversation with the ASO Board and Maestro Kluge, I wish to highlight our desire to continue being a part of this celebration of our community, and the possibility of our organization generating alternative sources of revenue to support our performance.

Please allow me to say thank you for the many ways in which the Council supports our organization and the greater arts community of Alexandria. The City's Commission for the Arts grants and invited participation in city events are crucial to all Alexandria arts organizations. In turn, we are pleased to be able to directly support three of the City's strategic plan goals:

Goal #1 – “support for local businesses and a strong, diverse and growing local economy”,

Goal #4 – “a caring community that supports and enhances the well-being, success and achievement of the City's residents”,

and Goal #7 – “an inclusive community and one that values its rich diversity, history and culture”.

The Alexandria Birthday Celebration is one of the City's largest community celebrations, and a tradition for both the City and the ASO. For 20 years, this event has opened the Symphony's new season, and we were excited to kick off our 70th Anniversary Season in the same way. This event is far more than just a contracted performance; the Alexandria Birthday Celebration is vital to the mission and sustainability of our organization. Not participating in this event would dramatically affect the ASO's ability to reach the citizens of this city broadly as well as the ASO's mission to provide accessible music to our community. Not participating in this event would cut the number of people the Symphony reaches annually by more than half. Not participating in this event jeopardizing the potential to generate future grant support, the renewal of our patron base and the overall health of the organization.

The ASO is grateful for this city's long history of supporting the arts. We hope that in that spirit, you will continue to support the ASO and our efforts to give back to our community through the Alexandria Birthday Celebration. We know that the City is facing difficult choices in this year's budget, and as such, we would like the opportunity to generate sponsorship to help close the financial gap for this event, until the time when funding can be restored. I have spoken with Cheryl Lawrence, Director of the Office of Special Events to share these thoughts, and we currently have three prospective sponsors with whom we will hold meetings over the next two weeks. It would be our goal to have a sponsorship in place no later than the end of April and prior to the final Budget work session.

I hope to convey the ASO's strong interest in continuing to be a part of this beloved Alexandria tradition and ask that the Council, City Manager, and RPCA allow us the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully,
Jessica Wisser
Executive Director, Alexandria Symphony Orchestra



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Jessica Wisser

Honorable Mayor William D. Euille
 301 King Street, Room 2300
 Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Honorable Mayor Euille,

Thank you for your recent support at our February concerts and last weekend’s SOLA Ball. I would also like to thank you for your particularly kind words regarding the Symphony at Tuesday morning’s AEP IV presentation – I very much enjoyed both this event and the original press conference in DC during the fall, at which I remember you being the only mayor present in support of the arts.

I wanted to reach out to you regarding the current budget discussions, specifically the proposed cuts to the Alexandria Birthday Celebration funding. After extensive conversation with the ASO Board and Maestro Kluge, I wish to speak with the Council about our continued desire to be a part of this celebration of our community, and the possibility of our organization generating alternative sources of revenue to support our performance. The Alexandria Birthday Celebration is a very important event to us and directly affects our continued ability to reach the citizens of this city broadly, and in turn, our potential to generate future grant support.

I hope to have the opportunity to convey our strong interest in continuing to be a part of this event. I will be present at Monday’s budget public hearing and look forward to addressing the Council at that time. If there are any additional opportunities for me to elaborate on our thoughts, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jessica G. Wisser
 Executive Director
 Alexandria Symphony Orchestra

CC: Honorable Vice-Mayor Allison Silberberg
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Jackie Henderson

From: jpthomas2009@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 2:07 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30060: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council March 6, 2013 Dear Mayor Euille and C

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- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-575-8482
- Email: jpthomas2009@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: March 6, 2013

Dear Mayor Euille and City-Council Members,

I write in protest of the proposed FY 2014 Alexandria City budget, which proposes raising the property tax rate from \$0.998 per \$100 assessed home value to \$1.055 per \$100 assessed home value. I believe this tax rate increase is completely unwarranted given the already significant increase in home assessment values, and given the fact that inflation is negligible. My home assessment increased by 5.6% from 2012 to 2013. When combined with the proposed increase in the property tax rate, my property taxes will rise by \$567/year or 11.4%. This is a huge, huge increase in my property tax that is unjustified given the reality of the current economy. I am a federal employee with the DoD, and we are facing a 10% cut in pay this year, and we have not had pay raises for several years (four years for me)! No doubt, many other city residents are facing this same economic reality.

Mr. Mayor and City Council, I most strongly implore you to not to sign-off on this proposed property tax rate increase. It is completely unjustified at this time, particularly given the large increases realized in assessed home values this year. My fellow Alexandrians and I will be severely impacted if increases in both assessed values and tax rate are allowed to occur. Please, reject the proposed increase in the property tax rate. The revenue increases accruing from the rise in home assessment values this year should be more than sufficient to meet city needs in these hard economic times. Responsible economic stewardship requires tough decisions by government leaders (and citizens) regarding truly necessary spending versus that which is simply "desirable."

Respectfully yours,

Jim Thomas
Alexandria, VA 22302

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 13

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Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 10:01 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
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- Name: Elizabeth Neiner
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712368110
- Email: eneiner@afocus.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please don't raise our taxes! We are paying enough already and do not need to pay more. Please reconsider the increases being discussed.

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 12

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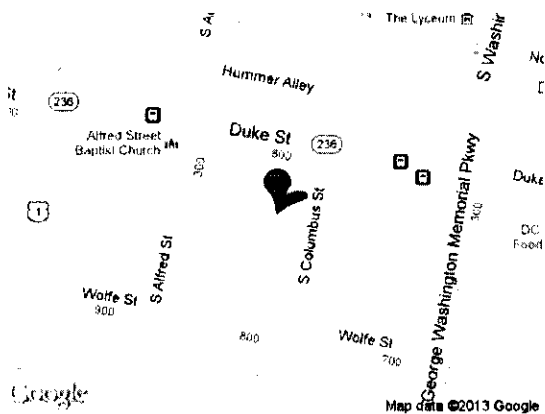
From: romtoss@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 2:31 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #29935: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 309 S COLUMBUS ST I am writing to strenuously protest the

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- Name: Thomas Ross
- Address: 309 S COLUMBUS ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: (239) 398-6269
- Email: romtoss@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to strenuously protest the proposed property tax increase to go in effect for FY2014. The city government should be ashamed to even consider such a proposal with federal and state taxes both on the rise. Further, with property values continuing to increase, the city will be getting more revenue anyway even if there is no rate increase. Stop this madness now!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 11



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From: mawalker309@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, March 02, 2013 6:43 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
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- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 720-878-8528
- Email: mawalker309@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Members of Council:

The City Council should reject the proposed budget (delivered Feb. 26, 2013) and require that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide a budget that includes no increase to the real estate tax rate or to the personal property tax rate. More specifically, OMB should provide Council with options and specific suggestions where spending can/should be cut to reach a budget that requires no tax increases.

The current uncertainty in the national, state, and local economies cautions against the increase to tax rates proposed in the FY 2014 budget. Many in the City face unparalleled financial uncertainty with the looming federal budget cuts. The City should seek to reassure residents by maintaining current tax rates and maintaining a constant eye on spending levels.

I urge Council to reject the proposed budget and require OMB to return with a budget that requires no tax increases. Thank you for considering these comments and I look forward to continuing to follow the budget process.

Best regards,
Mark Walker
534 S. Alfred St.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 11

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Jackie Henderson

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Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 4:52 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #29840: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

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- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 354-6254
- Email: atiedemann@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members,

I was alarmed when I recently read that the City Manager has proposed a budget that increases spending by 6.6% and includes raising the residential property tax 5.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value (including 3.0 cents requested by City Council to offset capital improvement projects). The City Manager points out that the city is facing its sixth straight year of economic hardship. Does that hardship not also apply to the citizens as well?

I believe a 6.6% increase in spending is excessive in this slow growth economy. The proposed 5.5% increase in property tax rates on top of property assessments that are just beginning to recover from the collapse of housing bubble puts an undue burden on homeowners. When considering the 3.5% increase in assessed value of my property for 2012 and the proposed 5.5 cent increase in the property tax rate, my property taxes would increase by 9.2% this year. That brings me back to the 1999 – 2006 time period when my property taxes increased by a total of 111% over those years. While I am pleased that the value of my property is beginning to increase again, that does not put money in my pocket with which to pay the property taxes.

I hope that when you consider the proposed budget in the coming months that you will keep the homeowner in mind, especially those living on fixed incomes like myself. I recognize the budget process will require you to make difficult decisions but they are not unlike the difficult decisions that property owners make every day concerning our needs, wants and affordability. The big difference is that most property owners seldom have additional sources of revenue (such as increasing taxes) to make up for shortfalls in income.

Sincerely,
Allen J. Tiedemann
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Jackie Henderson

From: michye00@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 11:32 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #29778: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The budget proposed by the City Manager

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- Name: Micheline Eyraud
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 567-8896
- Email: michye00@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The budget proposed by the City Manager is obscene. He has done nothing in the past few years to reduce the waste in our city government, especially with regards to the school system. We pay more money per student than any place else in the country and we have nothing to show for it. And where are are the "benefits" of developing every inch of Alexandria? What are we doing this for if our taxes go up year after year? This increase alone will cost me approximately \$350 more than last year. If you want more things, then find something you can eliminate to offset the cost, because you are placing an undue burden on people, many of whom are on fixed incomes.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 6

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Jackie Henderson

From: Jeannie Hepperle <jeannie9396@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 3:22 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Budget Comments for Council

Esteemed Council of the City of Alexandria,

The current budget proposes to eliminate the Police Social Worker position. I, and many other concerned citizens, urge you not to eliminate this critical position.

Alexandria has long been a trail blazer in its laws against domestic violence; its protection of those who are victims and its enforcement of consequences for offenders. For instance, the requirement of a thorough response by police to a domestic violence call, even if the victim recants the complaint later, sent a message of strength and zero tolerance by the City of Alexandria, and this strength was compounded in the position of Police Social Worker.

Financially, the city saves money by having this social worker, by reducing the need for followup calls and visits by police - this critical followup is performed by the Police Social Worker, ensuring victims well being and ensuring police are enforcing the law in other needed areas within the city. This social worker works side-by-side with police to ensure that victim(s) of domestic violence have support in myriad ways, from legal to social to emotional. Providing safe houses, cell phones, support during medical treatment ... these are only a few key services that we mustn't allow to disappear with this position.

Moreover, a social worker operating within the police department is allowed access to domestic violence victims the outside domestic violence agencies cannot; elimination of the position would mean a significant amount of victims who would never get help again. Victims of violent crime in Alexandria are much more likely to slip through the cracks.

The Police Social Worker serving the city currently, Susan Clay, is in her 16th year of service with the City. Ms. Clay has devoted her life to serving Alexandria's vulnerable citizens. She has custody of a non-familial child with a disability who, if not for Ms. Clay, would be in the city's foster care system. Ms. Clay's devotion to the City is seven days a week; if weekends off the clock are needed to maintain documentation standards, she serves on weekends without hesitation. In short, she gives the city 110% and has done so for 16 years and counting.

A city without a Police Social Worker to support victims... a city without accountability for offenders ... would look very different than the Alexandria we know. Domestic violence is an insidious and too often silent disease that permeates the social and legal life of the city. Having led the way as a model of the fight against domestic violence, do we want to set the City of Alexandria back 25 years by eliminating the most important position we have to fight this fight?

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen

Jackie Henderson

From: Robin Harry <rmh287@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 3:30 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Budget Comments; Please disseminate to council for tonight.
Attachments: CITYCOUNCILLETTER.docx

Dear City Council,

I am writing this letter to relay my concerns that the Alexandria Police Department Domestic Violence Social Worker position is being eliminated. I personally have benefitted from the person in this position, held currently by Susan Clay. I have had to reach out to the Alexandria Police Department in regards to a domestic violence dispute which required a protective order. Besides the police officers, Susan came to my house and assisted me with everything I needed. She offered to assist me with shelter for my daughter and I, came to court hearings with me and provided guidance and support when I was in danger. By eliminating this position, there will be a void in the system where women need it most. Her knowledge and insight into these difficult issues not only provide safety for women and children, but emotional support. Although it has been two years since my initial case, Susan has been available for help and support that I could not have gotten elsewhere. My concern with the elimination of this position is that women and children in our community are at risk for falling through the cracks and not being able to access the resources available to them. I urge you to reconsider the future of this wonderful and necessary asset to the City.

Sincerely,

Robin Harry

4 East Chapman St

Alexandria, VA 22301

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Robin Harry

4 East Chapman St

Alexandria, VA 22301

Jackie Henderson

From: lindalcouture@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 9:22 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
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- Email: lindalcouture@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Full statement re budgets for library funding.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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From: Justin Wilson
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 11:15 PM
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Subject: RE: Call.Click.Connect. #30458: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Full statement re budgets for library fu
Attachments: BUDGET_PRIORITIES_PRIMARY_ISSUE_ONCE_AGAIN.docx

Linda's attachment did not make it through. She sent it to me separately. I told her I would distribute it. See attached.

Justin M. Wilson, Member
Alexandria City Council
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From: lindalcouture@aol.com [lindalcouture@aol.com]
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LIBRARIES TAKE A HIT, AGAIN!

Imagine my consternation when once again Alexandria's libraries are on the hit list. At the same time the BikeShare program is expanded to the tune of \$600,000 on top of \$360,000 that taxpayers have already forked over. Wait just a minute...this is not an anti-bike proclamation! I love bikes, probably everyone reading this loves bikes. I get it. Bikes are green. Biking is good exercise. Just think, with \$600,000 you could buy everyone in Alexandria a bike!

So let's talk about what this issue is---it's fairness in spending. One of the major responsibilities of local governments after health and safety is public education. Alexandria's education record is not a proud one. So, what does the city do? It proposes cutting the budget for the critical public service that introduces children to books and the fun of reading and learning. The very libraries that provide research materials for avid students, that give a reading home to seniors who need to be out and about keeping themselves healthy and mentally alert. Libraries are an essential resource for the low income and middle-income families who do not have the money for high-speed Internet or dollars to buy books on Kindle or Amazon.

And yet every year Alexandria looks to the libraries for budget cuts. It's just not right to give scarce money to programs that benefit a few. While our public libraries work, as they are intended, for everyone from three to 90, the BikeShare program, according to a Virginia Tech study, serves a very small, special group. Their demographics are eye-openers: white, young (mean age: 34.64) with 43 percent having advanced degrees. These people can afford their own bikes and are welcome to use our trolleys, the Metro, Dash bus and the water taxi to move around our very walkable, pedestrian-friendly city.

Additionally, while Alexandria's libraries are city-owned and operated, BikeShare is a private, for-profit organization selling its program worldwide. Two large bicycle-friendly cities welcomed BikeShare but without taxpayers' dollars: Portland, Oregon, and New York City. Mayor Bloomberg dictated that no federal or city taxes would fund its program there. Due diligence shows there are other bike-sharing programs that do not require expensive kiosks, viaCycle is one

(info@viacycle.com) currently operating on George Mason's campus. So, if BikeShare wants to expand in Alexandria, let the parent company, Alta Bicycle Share, Inc., use some of its profits and reinvest, which is what corporations are expected to do. That way, the city gets an expanded bike program but leaves Alexandria taxpayers off the hook.

Alexandria's goal should be to extend rather than reduce hours or books at its libraries. An analysis shows that two neighborhood libraries, Duncan and Burke, with many young families living nearby together service almost 60,000 more customers per year than the main library despite Beatley having three times the number of employees and longer hours. These libraries that serve walking patrons should have their library hours increased, not cut. In contrast, Arlington appreciates the needs of working families by having libraries open to accommodate working hours. In fact, two are open on Sundays until 9 PM. How nice is that! Since Beatley is not pedestrian friendly with only few homes nearby, perhaps, it could be closed on Sundays so that Burke, Duncan and Barrett can be open instead.

Go visit a number of area libraries as I do frequently...it's so heartwarming to see mothers, fathers and their children there...with arms full of books, children who will discover the wonder of storytelling inside those covers. This is the beginning of a lifetime of reading for them. Walk around and see all the folks with their laptops researching and reading, the numbers at Internet computers searching for jobs. I was told that Barrett serves large numbers of new residents and other adults searching for employment, yet librarians and patrons struggle constantly with IT problems budgeted to be fixed, but have yet to happen. Budgeted money that sits there while needed services falter.

Alexandria's libraries are special places, and they should not have to struggle and beg for money every year. They should be fully funded along with fire, police and schools. Alexandria's libraries serve many; BikeShare is for a few. Seems easy to me. Cut BikeShare and give the city some budget relief. Just ask BikeShare to pay its way or find another vendor that will. The city is already giving them valuable public sidewalk free as well as on-street parking spaces. That's enough.

Finally, the City should make sure taxpayers know that education and libraries do matter by restoring spending to pre-recession hours and opening at least two neighborhood libraries on Sundays. After all, education is a great leveler. All Alexandrians, rich, poor or middle class, deserve the very best you can give them in this regard.

Jackie Henderson

From: Mimi Swanson <mtb.swanson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 4:49 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Budget Comments; Please disseminate to council for tonight.

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to you on behalf of the position of the Social Worker position in the Alexandria police department.

Last year my niece was tormented by the father of her young daughter. This abuse included extremely threatening phone calls that were frightening. After my niece dealt with this situation for over a year, members of the police department interceded on her behalf. Ms. Susan Clay guided our family through this unbelievable ordeal and were able to secure a situation that stopped the threats and gave peace of mind to all of us.

We did not realize the extreme importance of having an advocate like Susan until we were faced with this frightening situation. I hope that you will see that it is a vital position and one that brings peace to those who are in extreme danger.

We need to maintain this position in the budget.

Sincerely,

Margaret Swanson

Jackie Henderson

From: michael Masters <mmasters@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 4:32 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Comments regarding Alex Domestic Violence

Hi

I'm a volunteer at the shelter and I hope you will keep on the police support liaison officer posted to the shelter. Her job is extremely important and the work she does saves and protects the lives of battered women. If anything, individuals who engage in that sort of work should be paid more, not less. Her contribution to the city of Alexandria means less violent crime and less money that the city will spend incarcerating individuals involved in Dv. Please preserve her job

Respectfully
Deborah Masters

Sent from my iPhone

Jackie Henderson

From: rivers.15wmtida@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, March 09, 2013 1:27 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30247: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Members of Council: Atta

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Request Details:

- Name: Bill Rivers
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-6526
- Email: rivers.15wmtida@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of Council: Attached is the submission from the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics on our official letterhead. I had just sent you the same submission as an e-mail. We have experienced a problem sometimes with attachments so I wanted to use the first e-mail to make sure you received our input.

Thank you,
Bill Rivers
Chair, Advocates for Alexandria aquatics

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 18

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30245: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Members of Council:Yo

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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- Name: Bill Rivers
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-6526
- Email: rivers.15wmtida@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

You have a tremendous opportunity in front of you to help keep Alexandria a healthy and vibrant City. The proposed FY 2014 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has a line item for \$25 million for new Aquatic facilities in Alexandria. Our existing facilities have, with few exceptions, either been closed or fallen into disrepair. A crisis that has been years in the making can now be resolved by actions that you can take.

The \$25 million will provide for, among other items, five new pools (including a true therapeutic pool – something the City has never had) and a new spray ground (again, something that the City has never had). These new facilities will change the face of aquatics in Alexandria. For the first time, the City will be able to provide full aquatic services to its residents.

Aquatics is a unique sport that offers opportunities to a full range of individuals: from babies to seniors to recreational swimmers to competitive swimmers to people rehabbing from injuries to our special needs community. All Alexandrians can benefit from aquatics – a timely part of the solution to our push to a healthier and more fit Alexandria. What better gift can we give our kids than the opportunity to learn how to swim and maybe save their life in the future?

This is also an opportunity to show people how well the City and the private sector can work together. New aquatic facilities will cost money. Recognizing this, the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics (AAA) offers its services to help raise several million dollars in private sector funds to partially offset the costs to the City. It also wants to work with the City to create a self-sustaining operation that will not drain City operating dollars.

We have attached a listing of the points supporting approval of the funding for Aquatics. Please take a moment to read it and see the benefits offered by a state of the art aquatics system.

We have enjoyed meeting with each of you as this budget process starts. We know that it is not an easy decision to make about spending \$25 million, but it is the right decision at the right time. If no action is taken, the aquatic situation in the City will continue to deteriorate and will eventually fall completely apart under the weight of substandard facilities. A City with healthy and vibrant recreational and sports opportunities is a more attractive place to live and to work.

We at AAA want to work with you – and all Alexandrians – to make our Seaport City, itself surrounded by water on virtually all sides, a safe and enjoyable place for all of our citizens. Please let us know if you have any questions. My phone number is (703) 683-6526.

Under separate cover, I will forward this same message on our letterhead as a more formal submission.

Thank you,
William Rivers
Chair, Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics

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Jackie Henderson

From: doreen.broderick@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 12:30 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Comments on Alexandria FY14 Budget; Please Forward to City Council

Distinguished members of City Council:

My name is Doreen Broderick. I am a retired (27 years) Alexandria city employee and have been a city of Alexandria homeowner for 19 years. I live in Del Ray. I am writing to protest the elimination of the Police Domestic Violence Unit Social Worker as proposed in the FY14 budget.

As a city employee I worked at the Domestic Violence Women's Safehouse as a Shelter Supervisor. I saw first hand and can attest to the critical impact the Police Domestic Violence Social Worker has on this community.

I watched the Police Social Worker conduct follow ups with victims the day after police response and I know this service can make the difference between a victim staying in a situation and being re-victimized, or accepting services for safety. I observed the multitude of services she provides, day after day, immediately following a police intervention: driving to victims homes and jobs, meeting them at coffee houses, transporting and ushering victims through overwhelming protective order processes, escorting them to and through daunting Magistrate office visits, and even providing hours upon hours of crisis intervention by phone. Spending countless hours with them on complex stalking cases, she helps victims collect evidence and organize timelines when endangered victims stalking cases do not yet qualify for police intervention. I listened as she successfully allayed victims fears which enabled them from moving forward to pursue criminal charges and/or civil protective orders.

The Police Social Worker works with police officers to construct creative interventions, particularly those officers inclined to use "one of their own" over an outside agency. She even scoops up Detectives the morning after a police response, to document new bruising and instantly intervene, delivering immediate, hands-on assistance. She acts as a police DV in-house specialist, who, per her police-employee status, officers will call for advice from the scene.

Because victims of DV are more inclined to accept crisis intervention on the heels of a crisis than days later, the existence of this "Second Responder," the Police Social Worker, likely saves countless women's lives. I remember her saying she receives about 40 new cases a month; I fear for all the men and women victims who will be left in dangerous, even life-threatening situations if the Police Social Worker position is gone. I ask that you retain this vital service to Alexandria's most vulnerable.

Jackie Henderson

From: Katie "Supercucha" Vereshchaka <supercucha@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:25 AM
To: Jackie Henderson
Cc: Susan Clay
Subject: Budget Comments; Please disseminate to council for tonight

Dear City Council:

It has come to my attention that according to the recent budget, the position of the Alexandria City's Police Department's Domestic Violence Social Worker is to be abolished. Please, reconsider.

Within the past month, I called the police after discovering that someone had vandalized my car. I knew it was a recent ex-boyfriend. I hesitated to call the police as I was scared that he might do worse than that. I knew I had to get the law involved, however. I had been in a relationship I was trying to end for two years, but didn't have the strength due to health problems and losses that kept me in a lot of grief. I finally healed enough to get out of that relationship, but was being antagonized, as was evidenced by my destroyed windshield.

I was scared. I just wanted this guy to leave me alone, finally. I understood because of the on again off again pattern we'd been experiencing, he may not believe that I wanted him out of my life. I really didn't want to have the law involved, but I didn't want to be his victim. While I gave a police report of the violently smashed windshield, I felt exposed, unsure, scared, I didn't know what would happen next, and any other usual set of emotions a person might feel after being prey to someone who appeared to be fearless and unstable. Still, having the police at my home, in my 'personal business' and so forth, left me feeling a bit unnerved. I see why people hesitate to call the police. When a man/woman is dealing with an abusive partner or ex-partner, getting the police involved doesn't feel like a comfort. It feels like more drama, and that's the last thing a woman who is being harassed/stalked/tormented wants. In moments, I wondered if I had made the right decision by calling the police. Those of us in such relationships have a tendency to minimize the abuse we're receiving, think we can handle it, don't talk about it, are ashamed of it, and go through a lot of mixed feelings and experience a real lack of clarity.

A few days later it was clear that getting the City involved was the best thing to do. Susan Clay, the Police Department's Social Worker, surprised me with a phone call. I was so impressed that the Police Department had such a caring, powerful role, reaching out to victims. It seemed like the perfect idea, and I even had the thought "THAT is why I stay in Alexandria!". Susan Clay was warm, understanding, informative. She validated my experience and I then knew that calling the police and keeping the law involved was the way to proceed. I felt supported. (It makes me tearful now to remember.) Susan Clay gave me steps to take and advised me on what to do and what choices I had. She held my hand. I knew I could reach out to her at any time. I never heard of a 'safe house', and began to think of the other women who might benefit from it. The Social Worker was the link, the part of the Police Department that gave me the support and sense of humanity that I needed at a critical time. I could only imagine how this position was helping other women, and men. It's easier to encourage a young woman whose boyfriend slapped her in the face to call the Police Department when you can assure her that she will find the aid of a helpful Social Worker as a part of the process. Very impressive!

Victims of domestic violence may not speak out in appreciation for how they've been helped, as that means they have to talk about the situation. I write this letter today because it's too important to sit back and watch the City take away a public service position that may be critical in helping a person in leaving an abusive domestic situation. The Social Worker tells a person where to turn. And, the Social Worker has the police report, knows

what happened, and makes it very easy for the citizen to tell the story, not having to start from the beginning. If such a thing happened to me again, I'd have more confidence in the police department because of the support the Department's Social Worker provides.

Chances are, you won't receive emails from most who have been helped by Susan Clay. Most people aren't paying attention to what's happening with the budget. If you took this upsetting proposal to a forum where you'd find victims of domestic violence who have experienced the help of Susan Clay, I trust many taxpayers would lobby to keep this position. I hope that I am speaking for them today.

Please, I urge you, keep the position of Alexandria City's Police Department's Domestic Violence Social Worker in place. It's a position worth protecting.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Katherine Vereshchaka, City of Alexandria Constituent Taxpayer

cc: Susan Clay

Jackie Henderson

From: andrea.denny@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, March 08, 2013 11:57 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #30180: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Membe

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Andrea Denny
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: andrea.denny@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

I recently learned that the City is considering eliminating a staff position from the Court Services Unit as part of the upcoming budget proposal. While I appreciate that these are difficult economic times, I am writing to voice my concern about the impact cutting this position will have on the City's youth and in particular the Space of Her Own (SOHO) mentoring program. I learned about the Court Services Unit when I became involved as a mentor for the SOHO program in 2006/2007 and again in 2010/2011. My experience as a mentor gave me a firsthand insight into the difference that mentoring programs like SOHO can make in a young person's life and I believe it's vital to fund staffing and support for SOHO. I know the staff also run other important programs that could also be adversely impacted by this cut including gang and youth violence prevention, truancy management, community service programs, and shoplifting alternatives programs.

I've been proud that Alexandria has been recognized 5 times by the America's Promise Alliance as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People—and I know that SOHO has been featured as one of the innovative programs that helped us win that award. I'm always excited to see the positive press and awards SOHO receives because they are so well deserved. The program is a positive reflection on the City and fills a critical need in supporting and encouraging young women to succeed. I live very close to the Adkins, Ramsey, and (former) Bland communities, and every day I walk past kids who are full of hope and promise and need our continued support.

Many of you highlighted your commitment to the City's children in your successful City Council campaigns. This is an excellent opportunity to live up to that commitment and ensure that programs like SOHO continue to thrive in Alexandria. Please do not cut funding or staffing to the Court Services Unit.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Andrea Denny

- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 15

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Gloria Sitton

From: betty guttmann <bguttmann19@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:22 AM
To: Gloria Sitton
Subject: letter for the Mayor and City Council members

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Ms Sitton: I spoke to you earlier about my difficulties sending a note to the Mayor and City Council Members. You graciously offered to let me send my note to you and then you would forward it on to the Mayor and City Council. Below is my "letter" that I would like to have sent.
Many thanks for your help on this matter, I really appreciate it.

Betty Guttman

Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members:

I am acutely aware of the budget shortfall that the city of Alexandria faces. I am also mindful of the hard choices that must be made whenever cuts and cutbacks must be made for services for the citizens of the city.

I am a member of the Friends of the Beatley Library and a firm believer in the need for and importance of libraries in our community (and all communities!). They serve a purpose that cannot be quantified, They are the core of any community. However, and sadly, the cuts to the library budget can be quantified.

The cutbacks in library hours present a hardship to people most in need of such services. The children and elderly- two vulnerable groups. There are safety/structural and health issues that need to be addressed and funds for these matters need to be made available as well.

Overall, I ask that you review the Alexandria Library's budget and give consideration to restoring funding. Our community will be the better for a fully operative and healthy library that provides a safe and friendly learning environment for our children and for all citizens of Alexandria.

Thank you

Elizabeth Guttman
2933 Nob Hill Court
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-370-4834