

Jackie Henderson

From: cmoran241@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 6:31 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33844: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor and Council:I heard the goo

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Request Details:

- Name: Craig Moran
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038370039
- Email: cmoran241@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Council:
I heard the good news. Thank you for your support of City aquatics and also the libraries.

Sincerely,
Craig Moran

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 15

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From: romtoss@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 1:40 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33815: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am absolutely appalled that you would

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Request Details:

- Name: Tom R.
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: romtoss@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am absolutely appalled that you would pass a budget with the largest year-over-year property tax increase in decades. You should be ashamed of yourselves. When I contacted you months ago, you said--with only one exception--that you would work to protect Alexandria's taxpayers. (Justin Wilson is the exception. He is as committed to raising taxes as any elected official I have ever spoken to personally.) To put it mildly, you protected nothing and nobody except your own pet projects.

It is shameful that you would betray your constituents in this manner. I can only hope that the many unengaged citizens in our city (which, sadly, included myself until right about now) will take notice of the deleterious effect your tax-a-thon is having on their everyday lives. I can only imagine what new horrors you have in store for us next year. Until then, I can only hope you forget how to get to work so you cannot do any more harm.

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From: maria_gilroy@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:58 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33802: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I'm am writing on behalf of my whole fam

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Request Details:

- Name: Maria Gilroy
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712897721
- Email: maria_gilroy@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I'm am writing on behalf of my whole family after reading about the budget cuts proposed for the Alexandria Public Library system. Both my children love to go to the Duncan Library and would be saddened to see anyone loss their job especially because all the librarians we've met have helped us with recommendations, requests for books and also purchasing "critical"(according to my 7 yr old son, who loves to read his series in order) series continuations. Please reconsider your budget cuts. We need to continue encouraging and supporting our children to read. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Maria Gilroy

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From: robert_ludke@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 8:29 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33767: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I would like to thank you for your suppo

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Request Details:

- Name: Bob Ludke
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-838-0288
- Email: robert_ludke@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I would like to thank you for your support last night for aquatics in Alexandria. I know all of you faced countless hard choices in putting together the budget, and every dollar is scarce in this environment. On behalf of AAA we will do everything we can to match your commitment and raise the necessary private sector funds to allow Alexandria have a great aquatics infrastructure.

Thanks again,
Bob Ludke

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 14

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From: allen.irwin@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 7:48 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33696: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please support the request by Councilman

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Allen Irwin
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2023749736
- Email: allen.irwin@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please support the request by Councilman Wilson that will ensure that \$1.065 million remains available in the City's budget to allow at least 108 additional children of working, low-resourced parents now sitting on the City's list waiting for financial assistance to attend preschool. Without our help, these children may arrive in kindergarten unprepared and far beyond their peers who attended quality preschool.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 13

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From: breenzenmasse@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 7:48 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33704: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Thanks for funding aquatics in a way tha

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Katherine Breen
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: breenzenmasse@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Thanks for funding aquatics in a way that paves the way for state of the art facilities, leaves room for creative public/private partnership, and will serve citizens of all ages who want to learn to swim or use swimming as part of their daily health program. Katherine H. Breen, MSED, WSI
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 14

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From: markcwilliams@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 9:50 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33700: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Many thanks for taking the appropriate s

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Mark Williams
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202 373 6181
- Email: markcwilliams@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Many thanks for taking the appropriate step and raising the property tax rate, despite the usual and customary Tea Party complaints. The increase is necessary and has been fully justified.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 13

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From: rivers.15wmtida@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 7:29 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33703: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor and Members of Council: Just

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A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 33703.

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: Just a quick thank you from all of us at the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics (AAA) for your vote last night. It's never easy to vote for a tax increase, but you did what was necessary to help ensure a brighter and healthier future for all Alexandrians.

We will begin immediately to get our fund raising campaign going and will be sure to keep you posted on our activities.

Thank you once again from all of us at AAA. Let me also add my personal thanks for how willing you were to listen to us and understand our needs. With so many competing initiatives and demands upon your time, you were always gracious and polite when we talked. Alexandria is well served to have people like you representing it.

Thanks,
Bill Rivers

Chair, Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics

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From: aerosenblatt@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 5:12 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33684: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council A great city is known for its Librar

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 33684.

Request Details:

- Name: Alan Rosenblatt
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-5485727
- Email: aerosenblatt@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description:

A great city is known for its Libraries not its bicycles.
Have you visited one of our libraries lately?
They need more money not less.
Please re-think your priorities.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 13

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From: empartoyan@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 4:19 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33682: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the Cit

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 33682.

Request Details:

- Name: Elizabeth Partoyan
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-422-6627
- Email: empartoyan@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to strongly urge you to approve the request by Councilman Justin Wilson to ensure that \$1.065 million remains available in the City's budget to support at least 108 additional children of working, low-resourced parents now sitting on the City's list waiting for financial assistance to attend preschool.

Without our help, these children will arrive in kindergarten far less prepared than their peers who attended quality preschool. Your approval of this request is critical for the well-being of our City's young people and families.

Thank you very much,

Elizabeth Partoyan
Trustee, Hopkins House
Resident, City of Alexandria

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From: davidrothman@pobox.com
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 1:58 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33671: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I'm glad to hear talk that the Alexandri

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Request Details:

- Name: David Rothman
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-370-6540
- Email: davidrothman@pobox.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I'm glad to hear talk that the Alexandria library system's materials budget might not be reduced by a full \$56K, but even a partial cut is unacceptable, given that the system's budget is in the millions. Perhaps one compromise would be to restore the full \$56K with the understanding it would be spent mainly on books of the most useful kind from a literacy perspective--for example, those good for reading aloud to young children. Or how about popular-level sports biographies and other books that can help turn many teenagers into more eager readers? Related promotion of these titles could happen away from, not just within, library branches. For example, nurses at health clinics could recommend the read-aloud library books to young mothers, and coaches could nudge student athletes to read the sports books, some of which the coaches themselves might help the librarians choose. Talk about maximum bang per buck of tax money!

Remember, our per-capita spending on library books is already below the national average. A cut of any size will reflect badly on Alexandria and its priorities. With a proposed City budget in the hundreds of millions, why should our City Council do even a \$56K Scrooge act on the library materials budget? Come the next election, this just might surface as an issue just as BRAC-133 did.

Please, Council members. Do the right thing, especially for Alexandria's young people.

David Rothman
Cofounder, LibraryCity.org
(Alexandria citizen since 1993)

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From: kristen.r.noble@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 12:56 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33660: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council As a local parent and concerned citizen

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Kristen Noble
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 301-775-3347
- Email: kristen.r.noble@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: As a local parent and concerned citizen of Alexandria City, I would like to urge the council to continue funding pre-k programs like Head Start and pre-school programs, such as Hopkins House.

I am quite dismayed at the state of our schools--especially in the more minority-heavy areas of our community. I think the entire city council should be ashamed of the City's inability to maintain state accreditation for some of our schools. I have a young child and am strongly considering private school, or even relocating to Fairfax County because of the state of our schools in Alexandria.

In that vein, we have a number of families who do not have the resources that my family does. For these families, reliance on the City to provide good education is all they have. Early education programs are vital to giving these children a strong foundation upon which to build their future. As a member of the community, I do urge the board to continue funding to these types of educational programs.

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From: jeanne_gardner@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 1:04 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33663: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I wrote you March 25, 2013, about the be

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Jeanne Gardner
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-823-4009
- Email: jeanne_gardner@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I wrote you March 25, 2013, about the benefits of building a new indoor 50 meter pool. I am writing you again to request for you to vote to fund a 50-meter indoor pool at Chinquapin Center. I believe that spending \$1.4 million on the current building would be better spent on a new pool. There is not enough set aside in the CIP to fix all that needs fixing at the building at this time. (HVAC, roof, security, doors) It is the only indoor pool in our city of 139,000 people. I am on a committee with Bill Rivers, Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics. We are aware of the previous Aquatics Report that verified the deterioration of city pools. A new indoor 50-meter pool at Chinquapin would help meet the swimming demands our community, for competitive swimming.

Please vote for funding to revitalize the Aquatics Program in Alexandria, VA in 2013-14.

Jeanne Gardner

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From: kristen.r.noble@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 12:56 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33660: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council As a local parent and concerned citizen

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 33660.

Request Details:

- Name: Kristen Noble
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 301-775-3347
- Email: kristen.r.noble@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: As a local parent and concerned citizen of Alexandria City, I would like to urge the council to continue funding pre-k programs like Head Start and pre-school programs, such as Hopkins House.

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From: Elaine Scott
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 11:06 AM
To: City Council
Cc: City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; JoAnn Maldonado
Subject: FW: Books v. bikes in Alexandria

Another community comment sent to our office regarding upcoming budget decisions.

Thank you,
Elaine Scott
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From: caposey@att.net [mailto:caposey@att.net]
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 11:01 AM
To: Community Relations
Subject: Fw: Books v. bikes in Alexandria

A front-page story in a recent Gazette Packet recalled that T.C. Williams High School , the multi-million-dollar citadel of learning on upper King Street , has been described as a “persistently lower achieving school.” An ad in the same edition urged readers to protest the city’s decision to bleed its library budget in order to fund Bikeshare. It is irresistible to conclude that the performance of the city’s main high school and the frailty of its commitment to a vibrant library system are somehow connected.

After all, Alexandria is a community where no bookseller can survive, where the main library is an expensive architectural eyesore starved of books, and the riverfront and its long history have been handed over to developers, whose priorities are well known. In such a community, one would expect that building calves and thighs would be more important than building minds. Strong is good, of course, but so is smart.

If the City, in the form of the Council, really believes Bikeshare is worth doing, it should find a way to do it without gaffing a struggling, but essential, library system.

Carl A. Posey
509 Wolfe Street

Alexandria , VA 22314

703-683-4773

Jackie Henderson

From: davidgompert@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 10:53 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33642: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Mr. Mayor,I am a trustee of Hopkins

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: david gompert
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-732-4235
- Email: davidgompert@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Mr. Mayor,

I am a trustee of Hopkins House (and former Deputy Director of National Intelligence). Justin Wilson has proposed to keep \$1M in the City's budget to enable children of working-poor families to attend preschool. As chairman of the board of the Institute for the Study of Early Childhood Education, I can tell you without doubt that Alexandria will benefit greatly from the return on such an investment -- in better future educational performance, reduced need for special ed, reduced need for social support, and stronger and more productive families. Growing research places these expectations beyond question. But the key decision for Alexandria at this juncture is whether to make high-quality preschool inclusive, or instead accessible only to those who can afford full tuition.

Please give this the serious and favorable consideration it warrants.

David C. Gompert

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From: Terry McLeod <mfmcleod@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 05, 2013 10:29 PM
To: Community Relations
Subject: Library Budget Cuts

Attention City Council members:

It is appalling that you are considering budget cuts to the Public Library system. Library is necessary to community members of all ages for education, entertainment and countless other purposes.

And at this time you are considering funding the bikeshare program \$600,000. This does more for tourists than the taxpayers of the city.

Is there no end to the crazy priorities that do not benefit citizens?
Please reconsider your budget priorities.

Thank you
Terese McLeod

Jackie Henderson

From: R Marquis <memeremociute@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 8:05 PM
To: Community Relations
Subject: Library funding

I am a bicyclist. I believe in physical activity. I believe people should bike or walk rather than drive whenever possible. But I don't believe that funding Bikeshare should usurp funding for the library system.

Bikeshare in my opinion is overpriced. Bikeshare focuses on a small segment of the population. Even the tourists I see are not using Bikeshare, they rent from the local bike stores. I assume some of the locals do use it but most days when I walk by the bike stations, they are full. And I doubt that the less fortunate residents can afford to use it. It doesn't appear that the program is as popular as the library.

The library is important to the city. It allows people of all economic levels access to books, reading materials, references materials, computers, and other programs. Even tourists can use the library to access their emails if they don't travel with their laptops. I have done this in other cities when I traveled. Residents can also use the library by downloading e-books even while they are on vacation or away on business.

I strongly recommend that the city reconsider the funding for the library. If it means that Bikeshare gets less of a share, so be it. The citizens of Alexandria deserve access to a strong library system. Access to books allows people to educate themselves and that is the basis of a stronger society.

Thanks for your time.
Robin Marquis

Jackie Henderson

From: Kristen Galles <kgalles@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 12:37 AM
To: Community Relations
Subject: city budget

Is it true that the new budget proposal for the city of Alexandria includes \$600,000 for a bikeshare program but CUTS funding for the libraries?
If this is true, it is appalling.

Tax dollars should NOT be used to support a private company.
Libraries are a public good that cities should provide.
Bikes are not.

Kristen Galles
Alexandria, VA

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From: Vicki Strimel <vickistrimel@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 04, 2013 10:44 AM
To: Community Relations
Subject: Proposed budget cuts to library system

Dear City Council Members,

As a resident of Alexandria and a frequenter of the city's libraries, I urge you to maintain current funding for our library system. Libraries have always been, and continue to be important centers of learning and communication. So many people rely on them, particularly people who cannot afford to pay for the resources the libraries offer. So many people make use of the computers and, due to work hours, rely on the libraries to be available. It would speak well of our city to continue to support our library system and not cut funding.

Sincerely,

Vicki Strimel

Jackie Henderson

From: Maggierett@aol.com
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 1:34 PM
To: Community Relations
Subject: Library Funding

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the Alexandria City Council

I am writing to urge the Council to reconsider the decision to reduce funding for Alexandria's libraries. In fact, I would strongly recommend increasing library funding.

Sincerely,

Margaret Rettig
203 E Spring St
703-836-3981 (home)
703-856-0408 (cell)

Jackie Henderson

From: Sally Eastman <sal-e@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 5:11 PM
To: Community Relations
Subject: Budget

Hello, I vote. And I am concerned with some of the City's priorities. \$600,000 for Bikeshare is ridiculous!! That money can be spent on more important, community-wide priorities... Such as our public schools and libraries. I don't feel that I, as a taxpayer, or the city should be subsidizing a bike share program. I'm all for people riding bikes but why am I paying for them to do so?

Thank you, Sara Eastman

Jackie Henderson

From: Clara Beth Van de Water <cbvandewater@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 8:32 PM
To: Community Relations
Subject: council budget decisions

To the City Council

>
> Please do not cut funding for the Alexandria library system. The
> libraries are used by many, both rich and poor. Encouraging reading and
> obtaining information helps the people of all ages in our city. Our tax
> money should go to this, rather than bikeshare. How many people will
> use bikeshare compared to how many people use the library? It should be
> obvious that the money should go to the libraries, rather than
> bikeshare. Thank you for your consideration.

Clara Beth Van de Water

Jackie Henderson

From: bettyguernsey@aol.com
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 11:03 AM
To: Community Relations
Subject: library funding

I am very concerned about the cut in funding for the Alexandria libraries. Compared with the proposed funding for Bikeshare, this seems VERY unfair. I am not opposed to bikes but libraries are a service for everyone and heavily used. My branch, Duncan Library, is extremely busy and cutting hours for evening leaves them with only one night for families to get there. The Childrens Dept is greatly used by students. Libraries are a place for learning, so important... Please rethink this plan. Sincerely, Betty Guernsey (Del Ray resident)

Jackie Henderson

From: Mike Bahleda <mbahleda@bahleda.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 11:45 AM
To: Community Relations
Subject: Funding Libraries vs bikes

I believe the city as a whole is better served if we use scarce city funds for the broadest segment of the community vs. a privileged few. The library system serve a large part of our community many of whom have no other access to the internet for school projects or job searches. The bike share project on the other hand only serves a comparatively small segment of the population. Bikeshare is a private company and the city should look to it to develop self sustaining growth plans not ones that are dependent on continually increasing city expenditures. If anything Bikeshare should be showing the city a plan as to when it will be providing tax revenue to the city and repayment of the funds the city has already provided.

Absent Bikeshare's plan to becoming a productive tax paying part of the community, the city should direct it resources to a where they will help the most residents.

Mike Bahleda

515 Colecroft Ct.
Alexandria, VA 22314
USA

PH: 703-838-2087
e-mail: mbahleda@bahleda.com

Jackie Henderson

From: meisenho@acps.k12.va.us
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 10:49 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33641: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am writing to request that everyone su

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Request Details:

- Name: Mark Eisenhour
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-965-3418
- Email: meisenho@acps.k12.va.us
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to request that everyone supports a request by Councilman Wilson that will ensure that \$1.065 million remains available in the City's budget to, at least 108 additional children of working, low-resourced parents now sitting on the City's list waiting for financial assistance to attend preschool. As an educator and trustee of Hopkins House for the last 12 years I know that without this money, these children may arrive in kindergarten unprepared and far beyond their peers who attended quality preschool. Thank you for all of your support of education in general and Hopkins House, in particular. - Mark Eisenhour, Vice Chair.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 13

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Jackie Henderson

From: drlampe@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 10:43 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33640: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council The proposed budget cuts to the Alexandr

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Request Details:

- Name: David Lampe
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-4086
- Email: drlampe@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: The proposed budget cuts to the Alexandria Public Library system, which has already suffered severe cuts over the past few years, are a BIG mistake. Please do not pass them; cut the Bikeshare or other budget line items instead. This issue is a major concern to me and other citizens of Alexandria. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 13

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Jackie Henderson

From: Hopkins@HopkinsHouse.org
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 10:31 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33638: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I write to ask your support for Councilm

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Request Details:

- Name: J Glenn Hopkins
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-480-4094
- Email: Hopkins@HopkinsHouse.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I write to ask your support for Councilman Wilson's \$1.065 million budget request to help clear the City's Child Care Fee Subsidy Waiting List.

Over the weekend, I had a long discussion with Councilman Wilson regarding this budget request and became convinced that his proposal is both the right thing to do and fiscally sensible.

There are currently 306 children under the age of 5 years on the City's Child Care Subsidy Fee Waiting List. Of these, approximately 108, according to City staff estimates, will be deemed eligible for financial assistance.

The full \$1.065 million requested by Councilman Wilson will be needed: 108 children x \$5,394 (average amount of aid needed) = \$582,522. An additional \$164,843 is needed for two additional City staff to manage these cases, bringing the total to \$747,395 - \$10,000 more than the \$750,000 currently in the revised consensus budget document.

As City staff points out, the waiting list will continue to grow over the 2014 fiscal year. Allocation of \$1.065 million will ensure that Council will not be obliged to revisit this issue in the middle of the fiscal year.

I understand that Councilman Wilson also plans to recommend that City staff, in consultation with the City's new Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC), of which I am a member, come back to Council with recommendations on a long-term strategy to address the issue of the Child Care Fee Subsidy Waiting List moving forward. This is a good thing, in my view, for the children and families of this wonderful City.

Thank you for all the things you have done and continue to do for the children and families of Alexandria. And, thank you in advance for supporting Councilman Wilson's budget request.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 13

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Jackie Henderson

From: billglanz@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 9:49 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33634: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council On behalf of Advocates for Alexandria Aq

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Request Details:

- Name: Bill Glanz
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: billglanz@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: On behalf of Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics, I want to thank members of the city council for allocating \$22.5 million next year for aquatics, as outlined in the latest budget proposal.

AAA is committed to raising private sector funds to help offset costs associated with our city's aquatics program. Your financial support for infrastructure and programmatic needs illustrates your commitment and will encourage private individual and corporate donors to follow your lead.

Your financial support for our city's aquatics program is much more than a budgetary decision -- it's an investment.

Thank you.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 13

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Jackie Henderson

From: alexandriava@mjmccormick.com
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 9:27 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33506: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council As an Old Town resident and voter of sev

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Request Details:

- Name: Matthew McCormick
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 415-347-6251
- Email: alexandriava@mjmccormick.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: As an Old Town resident and voter of seven years and as an individual who uses his car, his bike, walking, and mass transit to get around, I'd like to ask that the City Council please support funding for an expansion of Capital Bikeshare on Monday. Capital Bikeshare (of which I am a paying member) provides a valuable service to me by providing me an easy and inexpensive alternative to using my own bike (and worrying about theft and maintenance), particularly for short trips. For a relatively small expense to the city, Capital Bikeshare provides healthy, environmentally-friendly, flexible transit options to Alexandria residents; it should be supported. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 9

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From: mwilker61@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 9:56 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33515: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I know you are considering many items fo

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Request Details:

- Name: Michael Wilker
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.519.6162
- Email: mwilker61@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I know you are considering many items for the budget meeting this coming week. I want to encourage each of you to fully support the aquatics spending in Alexandria. A revitalized Chinquapin pool that can actually host swim meets is a critical element in providing quality swimming experiences for all ages; figuring out a way to keep Warwick pool open will serve thousands of residents; and improving the Old Town pool will also help the quality of life in Alexandria.
Thank you so much for your service to our terrific city. You are all underpaid for the amount of work you do.

Sincerely,
Michael Wilker
Del Ray Resident
Founder - Del Ray Dads

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From: Steve Sindiong
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 10:19 AM
To: City Council; Jennifer Mitchell; John Komoroske; John Sawislak; Kerry Donley; Kevin Posey; Louisa Ward; Maria Wasowski; Timothy Lovain; William Euille
Cc: Sandra Marks; Rich Baier; Rashad Young; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Letter from Transportation Commission regarding Proposed FY 2014 Budget
Attachments: 2013-04-30 TC Letter to Council re 2014 CIP.pdf

Dear Mayor Euille and members of the City Council:

Please see attached a letter from the chair of the Transportation Commission regarding the proposed FY 2014-23 Budget. The Commission held a public hearing at its April 3, 2013 meeting on the proposed budget. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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

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Alexandria Transportation Commission
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

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

April 30, 2013

Re: FY 2014-2023 Budget

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

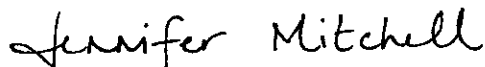
At the City Council preliminary add/delete work session held on April 29, 2013, the Council considered a number of transportation items. The Transportation Commission supports the decisions made by the Council at this work session. In particular, the Commission supports the vote by Council to maintain the current headways for the King Street Trolley. The Commission also supports funding the operations of the bikeshare program.

The Transportation Commission held a public hearing on the draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget at our meeting on April 3, 2013. We received comments supporting the proposed update of the bicycle master plan. We support Council's funding for this activity in FY2014.

We commend the Council on their ongoing commitment to funding multi-modal, sustainable transportation options in the City.

We appreciate your consideration of the Commission's request to review the proposed 2014 CIP.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Mitchell
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria City Council
Alexandria Transportation Commission

Jackie Henderson

From: elisabrocking@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 8:45 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33620: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and

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Request Details:

- Name: Elisabeth Brocking
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-269-1204
- Email: elisabrocking@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and Members of the City Council:

Please do not reduce funding for the City's libraries while increasing it for Capital Bikeshare.

Bikeshare is not public transit. Unlike DASH or Metro, it is a private, for-profit enterprise appealing to a niche market. Customers must pay a daily 'membership fee,' hourly costs and a \$100 security deposit. These charges, and the requirement to use a credit card, put Bikeshare beyond the range of many people of modest means. No one under 16 can use Bikeshare. The elderly, disabled and anyone uncomfortable riding a bike in city traffic are not suitable customers. The bikes contain no baskets or other equipment which would make them useful for grocery shopping or similar activities. In short, Bikeshare is useful only for recreation and perhaps some limited short commuter trips and users are overwhelmingly likely to be affluent young(ish) adults. Users, not the City, should fund it.

Public libraries show the much-praised goal of diversity in action, serve residents of all ages and income levels. Rooted in the Enlightenment ideals of the 18th century – to which Alexandria has deep ties – the libraries are truly democratic institutions.

I have lived in Alexandria for over twenty years. I own a home here, love the city and am willing to pay substantial property taxes to maintain a high quality of life for Alexandrians. But please don't waste my money on a hipster fad at the expense of something of enduring value: our public libraries.

Thank you for considering these points.

Elisabeth Brocking
405 N. Fayette St.
22314

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Jackie Henderson

From: halponder@hotmail.com
Sent: Sunday, May 05, 2013 9:55 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33599: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Thank you for supporting the city aquati

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Request Details:

- Name: Harry Ponder
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-468-0966
- Email: halponder@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Thank you for supporting the city aquatics program. Please ensure that adequate funding for the city's pools be included in the approved budget.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 13

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From: robert_ludke@hotmail.com
Sent: Sunday, May 05, 2013 12:10 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33600: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am on the board of Advocates for Alexa

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Bob Ludke
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-838-0288
- Email: robert_ludke@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am on the board of Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics, and I want to thank you for the support for aquatics in Budget Memo 37. I know the budget is very tight for a variety of needed initiatives, but improving the City's aquatics infrastructure is something that will benefit all residents of our community, both in the short and long-term.

I also want to stress AAA is committed to helping raise private funds to further enhance the resources available to aquatics.

Again, thank you for your support thus far and please approve the \$22.5 million for Aquatics outlined in Budget Memo 37 with \$17.5 million for Chinquapin; \$0.6 million for the feasibility study; and \$4.4 million for other aquatics.

Sincerely,
Bob Ludke

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From: ljacobs256@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, May 05, 2013 11:38 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33608: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Council,I am writing to support

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Request Details:

- Name: Lisa Jacobs
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-1504
- Email: ljacobs256@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Council,

I am writing to support eliminating the field use fee for low-income children who play sports for qualifying non-profit youth sports leagues. For 4 years, I have worked to get children from Arlandria onto ASA rec soccer teams. There are many barriers for these kids who desperately want to play "on a real team", including money. Many families find it very difficult to afford the scholarship registration fee; the additional \$10 can make the difference of whether a child (and especially a girl child) plays or not. Please support eliminating the \$10/participant fee for our free and reduced lunch kids. They need the exercise, they need to be doing something healthy in their spare time, and being on a team builds relationships and ultimately strengthens our community.

Sincerely,
Lisa Jacobs

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Jackie Henderson

From: rob.brychta@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, May 05, 2013 11:41 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33609: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Robert Brychta
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 615-406-5570
- Email: rob.brychta@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council,

I am a resident of Alexandria and I support Capital Bikeshare and bike lanes. I support Capital Bikeshare because it is cost-effective and adds to the quality of life in Alexandria. I support bike lanes because we need safer streets in Alexandria. Specifically:

- I live in Rosemont/Del Ray and I ride Capital Bikeshare.
- I strongly prefer riding on roads with bike lanes so that I feel safer. I worry when my family and friends ride on busy roads without bike lanes.
- Capital Bikeshare works well for unplanned trips, one-way trips, or in conjunction with transit. These are all situations where I cannot or prefer not to use my own bicycle.
- Capital Bikeshare saves me money--it is less expensive than transit or driving.
- System wide, Capital Bikeshare moves almost as many people per day as the DASH bus system and at much lower capital and operating costs per ride.
- Because riding takes 1/4 the energy of walking and is faster, Capital Bikeshare speeds people to destinations, supporting our local economy.
- Surveys show people often shop at stores located near Capital Bikeshare stations, supporting our local economy.
- Studies show that bicycling is an attraction for tourists, supporting our local economy.
- Public meetings and online crowd-sourcing surveys show that many residents in the planned expansion areas, Del Ray, Carlyle and Old Town, have been asking for Capital Bikeshare.
- Most of the funding for Capital Bikeshare in Alexandria comes from CMAQ funding which can only be used for projects that mitigate congestion. Such funds are not fungible and do not take away from other legitimate community needs like libraries.

Thank you for your past support of bicycling and Capital Bikeshare. Please continue to support and expand this cost-effective transit system. Please do not let a vocal minority of Alexandria residents control the fate of this innovative transportation option.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Brychta
18 A East Masonic View Ave,
Alexandria, VA 22301

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Jackie Henderson

From: kingjane0@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 2:53 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33489: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CI

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Jane King
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-519-7843
- Email: kingjane0@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Re: The Elderly and Disabled Real Estate Tax Relief Program

It was just brought to my attention this morning that \$200,000 in cuts have been proposed that would terminate the Elderly and Disabled Real Estate Tax Relief program for those Alexandrians whose incomes range from \$52,000 to \$72,000. I believe that this cut is harmful to many who are struggling to make ends meet and inconsistent with the City's efforts to make Alexandria a livable community for all ages. For the 161 households in that category in 2012, the average amount of relief was \$1,242 per household. In many of the households receiving this relief, that loss of that amount could mean the inability to pay for essential health care and prescription drugs and make it more difficult to age in place.

The add/delete process is difficult for citizens to follow, and it is rather late to engage others interested in this issue in time for their voices to be heard. I hope you will consider the impact of the tax relief cuts on vulnerable residents and retain the \$72,000 maximum.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jane M. King

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 9

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From: michaelandbob@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 2:06 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33481: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CI

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Bob Eiffert
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-212-7116
- Email: michaelandbob@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

RE: TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

I am Bob Eiffert of 1418 Juliana Place in Alexandria (22304). I am writing in opposition to eliminating the highest income level of the Tax Relief for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities program. According to Budget Memo #24, 161 households with incomes between \$55,000 and \$72,000 were in that category in FY 2012. The cost to reduce their property tax bills by 25% was \$200,000, or an average of \$1,242 per household. That represents an average of 2.2% of annual income for the lowest end of the scale (\$55,000), and 1.7% of annual income for the highest end of the scale (\$72,000). Those are significant percentages of income that households in that range stand to lose. I urge you to not make this cut to older or disabled residents who already struggle with the high cost of remaining in their homes for as long as possible. Protecting the most vulnerable among us should be a priority, not a simplistic solution to save a relatively small amount of money in the City's budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 9

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Jackie Henderson

From: annehaynes@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 2:01 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33480: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please continue to support the bike shar

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Anne Gray Haynes
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-4771
- Email: annehaynes@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please continue to support the bike share program. It give many citizens option for traveling around the city witout a car!Thanks
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 9

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Jackie Henderson

From: cbenagh@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 1:09 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33472: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council The proposal to cut funding to JobLink i

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Chuck Benagh
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035670483
- Email: cbenagh@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: The proposal to cut funding to JobLink is ill-considered. At this point in the economy it is tempting to attempt budget stretching by going after programs that help those who do not have a well-funded or active constituency, regardless of the potential implications for both affected individuals or community as a whole. A short term fix, with little negative feedback from such groups is easy, and quiet, and gives the illusion of helping solve the budget problem. But is it not ultimately counter-productive to limit resources that aid the aging and those with disabilities in their quest to add productivity to our community? Should we not encourage those who wish to pay taxes, rather than simply giving up and relying instead on the already limited community resources to provide food, shelter, and other social services that caring societies provide to those who do not have resources or possibilities to earn those resources? Improving infrastructure is critical to our progress. Certainly our citizens are the single most valuable part of that infrastructure. Let us not neglect to repair and reinforce this most valuable resource while the cost is low and repairs can be made still.
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33450: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille and members of the Cit

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Request Details:

- Name: Melynda Wilcox
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 549 3865
- Email: melynda.wilcox@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and members of the City Council: As vice-chair of Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics, I'm writing to thank you for the commitment that you showed on Monday night to rebuild the aquatics infrastructure in our city, and to ask you to include adequate funding in the final budget. As you know, AAA is committed to raising private sector funds to offset some of the costs of this endeavor, and you have provided us with the framework that we need to do that.

And as incoming president of the Alexandria PTA Council, I'm also writing to encourage your continued support of sufficient CIP funding to address the capacity shortfalls at our schools.

Pools and schools. Please raise my taxes.

Thank you for your time and your service,

Melynda Wilcox

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Request Details:

- Name: Bob Eiffert
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-212-7116
- Email: michaelandbob@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

RE: OPPOSITION TO THE FURTHER CUTS TO JOBLINK

I am Bob Eiffert of 1418 Juliana Place in Alexandria (22304). I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed additional cut of \$300,000 in the JobLink budget. That cut would more than double the cut in the City Manager's original budget proposal to you.

Employment and training are vital to the well-being of our residents who need that assistance. Specifically, the Strategic Plan for Aging, adopted last year by City Council, notes that nationally, older Americans will make up 25% of the workforce before the end of this decade, while the national unemployment rate for older workers more than doubled between 2007 and 2010 (page 42). To help address the issues of older workers in Alexandria, the Commission on Aging – of which I am a member – and aging and adult services staff recently worked with JobLink staff to create a new outreach effort targeted to help older workers find gainful employment, including retraining if necessary. The proposed 14% cut in JobLink staff will almost surely doom our efforts before they begin. The elimination of an additional 2.0 FTEs in the Adult Employment Services section of JobLink over the cuts included in the City Manager's proposed budget will clearly harm if not eliminate the staff's ability to increase services to older workers. [Statistics taken from the City Manager's Budget Memo #34.]

I urge you to oppose this additional cut to JobLink and allow the City Manager and staff to conduct the thorough analysis he proposes [also Budget Memo #34]. If there are additional efficiencies to be realized, then let the City Manager propose those during FY 2014. Cutting staff positions now, before a careful analysis, is imprudent and unwise.

Thank you for your consideration.

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- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to urge the City Council to vote in favor of expanding the Capital Bikeshare program in the city. Bike sharing is a vital part of any 21st century city transportation infrastructure. Failure to expand the program in Alexandria would put the city at a disadvantage when compared with Arlington and D.C. Please do the right thing and support the expansion of a smart and sustainable bike sharing program within Alexandria.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 9

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33421: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor and Council Members:We at

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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 Council Members:

We at the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics (AAA) want to thank you for your support of aquatics during this budget process. That support was very evident in the Add/Delete session last Monday night. Given the very tight constraints of the budget this year, you ensured that there was appropriate funding for restoring our pool system to the quality level that we expect in our great City.

You also ensured that a mechanism existed for us to be able to raise private sector funds to help offset some of the costs of the new pools. Be assured, AAA is committed to doing that and will start meeting in earnest with prospective donors once the final budget vote takes place on Monday.

You have taken a long journey to get to this stage of the process. Balancing increased budget needs at a time of reduced revenues is never an easy task. Having to vote for a tax increase is not a popular move. But you now have the opportunity before you to set the plate for a new, high quality aquatic system in Alexandria with a positive vote on Monday. You can also set the example of how to work with the private sector to create a better product for the residents of our City.

We ask that you support Aquatics funding to the fullest extent possible Monday night and ensure a healthy and safe future for all Alexandrians.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Thanks,
Bill Rivers
Chair, Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics

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- Name: Jane King
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-519-7843
- Email: kingjane0@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: From the Alexandria Commission on Aging

On behalf of the City's Commission on Aging, I am writing to urge you to reconsider the \$300,000 in additional cuts to JobLink. As you are aware, in developing the strategic plan on aging, we became very concerned about seniors in the City who must return to the work force during this very difficult economic downturn. Given the plight of older and disabled Alexandria residents seeking employment, the timing for making these cuts is extremely problematic.

The overarching goal of the strategic plan is to create an environment enabling residents to remain in their community as they age. In order to do so, because of the high cost of living in this area, many older residents must find employment. Seniors need specialized counseling and training, to help prepare them for a changed and highly competitive job market. This includes resume preparation, the job search, networking, interviewing, and job negotiation (potentially tricky for part-time work).

As you know, age discrimination is so common that a front page article in the February 3, 2013, article in the business section of the New York Times described the current employment environment as a "harder economy for all ages," where "older isn't better...it's brutal." This is true for Alexandrians—and the sequester exacerbates the situation in the Washington metropolitan area.

When participants in the town halls were convened to hear from Alexandria's older residents, in preparation for developing the strategic plan, age discrimination was described as a "major problem." To assist older residents in their job search, the Division of Aging and Adult Services and the Commission on Aging have been working with JobLink staff to create a training and counseling program specifically geared to the employment needs of older residents. We believe that, if the latest proposed budget cuts at JobLink are made, this senior-focused program would end.

Many older adults have disabilities, further limiting the employment opportunities available to them. JobLink also offers a special program for persons with disabilities. The depth of the cuts that City Council proposes would very likely reduce the availability of support for job seekers with disabilities, as well as for those who are aging.

We recognize the importance of your desire to lead a City whose government is as efficient and economical as possible. The Commission on Aging will do its part by monitoring the effectiveness of the senior employment program throughout 2014.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Jane M. King

Chair, Alexandria Commission on Aging

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Request Details:

- Name: Margo Williams
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7036832417
- Email: mjlw1021@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am writing in support of funding better/more aquatics facilities in Alexandria. A 50 meter pool at Chinguapin will allow our swim teams to compete on equal "footing" with our neighboring jurisdictions, allow us to host swim meets, and allow for more swim lessons for City residents. Renovating/replacing Warwick is also a must. There needs to be more than one outdoor pool for use during the summer - Old Town cannot accommodate the entire city in one pool. I don't know why you would need 2 pools at Old Town when you can have 2 pools in 2 different geographic locations so you can serve more people. But hey more pools is better than no pools, and making Warwick a sprayground is pretty useless. You can't swim in a sprayground and swimming is good exercise for all and fun too. However, AAA has proposed an excellent plan and I support it. Thank you for considering fully funding the AAA plan.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 9

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Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 10:18 AM
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33428: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

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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: Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Let me start by first saying thank you. As I sat and watched your add/delete work session, I was wishing that all of our citizens were privy to this process.

One witnesses first hand the hard fought decisions being made. It is not a dispassionate chopping block. I will never take any of this for granted again and just want to thank you all for your dedication and service.

I also want to thank you for your support of aquatics during this budget process. I've seen it in your willingness to meet and talk, in your individual newsletters and at the Add/Delete session last Monday night.

I know the budget is tight, but the city simply can't shelve aquatics again--not if we ever want decent pools in our city.

As much as I have pestered you all, please know I will work as much and even more to raise private funds to get the pools our citizens deserve.

And know that through proper aquatic funding, even though you are spending money now, a well-designed and maintained pool can be self-sustaining. We will also be saving money when we are not shipping our students out to other jurisdictions for competition. Think of all the money that will go to our city when our residents no longer drive to Arlington or Fairfax country for their swimming needs. Think of lives that can be saved when every child in Alexandria knows how to swim.

Your vote this Monday to fully fund Aquatics ensures the health and safety for Alexandrians. And it means I won't be pestering you--at least for a little while. Thanks again.

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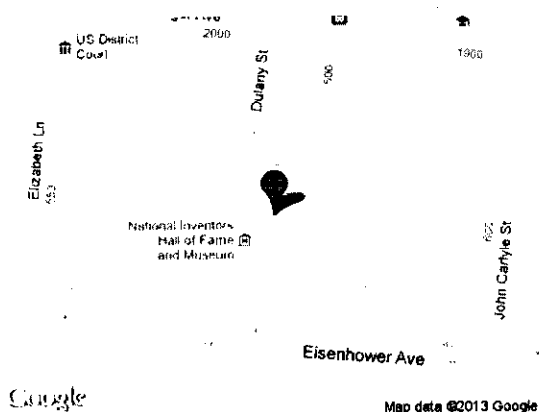
From: tparsons@invent.org
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 9:04 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33413: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council at 600 DULANY ST Capital Bikeshare should be expanded thr

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Request Details:

- Name: Thad Parsons
- Address: 600 DULANY ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 5712720096
- Email: tparsons@invent.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Capital Bikeshare should be expanded throughout Alexandria. A few lone vocal opponents shouldn't derail major improvements for the City because they can throw numerous straw-man arguments at it. Don't let bikes become the next waterfront, vote to expand CaBi in Alexandria.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 9



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Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 6:52 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33391: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please support and expand Capital Bikesh

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Request Details:

- Name: Max Bentoim
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 516-425-7474
- Email: max.bentovim@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please support and expand Capital Bikeshare! It is a terrific program that has worked wonderfully everywhere it has been installed. Especially as a resident of the Del Ray-Arlandria corridor which is in the "gap" between Arlington and Old Town, adding stations along Mt. Vernon Ave and Rt. 1 would increase the value of the system for everyone exponentially.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 8

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Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 9:41 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33396: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council As a member of the Commission on Aging,

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Request Details:

- Name: Carol Downs
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-519-0098
- Email: cmcdowns@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: As a member of the Commission on Aging, I am concerned and disappointed to learn of the proposed reduction in funding for JobLink which will result in reducing the number of full-time JobLink employees. This will have a negative impact on a new program that would focus on helping older residents find employment.

Many of our seniors need to supplement their Social Security income which can be meager, at best. Between the age bias that often hinders seniors from gaining employment or staying employed and the belief that seniors DON'T need additional income because they have pensions (often non-existent) or Social Security payments to cover living expenses, many seniors have a hard time making ends meet and remaining in Alexandria, a community in which they have paid taxes, supported the school system and other programs that benefit all City residents.

The Commission on Aging is prepared to monitor the JobLink senior employment programs to ensure that the goals of the program are met and are sustainable. As advocates for seniors and their families, the Commission takes this very seriously. Helping seniors stay in the community is what we do as advocates. It is an important tenant of the COA Strategic Plan on Aging passed by the City Council in 2011.

I urge you to reconsider taking funds out of the JobLink Program.

Sincerely,
Carol Downs
Vice-Chair
Alexandria Commission on Aging

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Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 10:49 PM
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33397: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor and Council members,I liv

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Request Details:

- Name: William Pugh
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-671-3542
- Email: william.e.pugh@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Council members,

I live in Alexandria and support continued expansion of Capital Bikeshare and the City's bike infrastructure.

My family doesn't own a car so we often go places and run errands on bike. We support more bicyclists on the roads due to the many benefits (health, environmental, financial) of giving people additional viable travel options than just personal auto use. More people on bikes also benefit existing bicyclists due to the increased visibility for cyclists in general.

Additional non-auto options to get to places like Del Ray that aren't near a Metro but easily bikeable from Metro stations and Old Town are needed - and would definitely be well used.

Thank you for your support of Capital Bikeshare and expanded bicycle accommodations in Alexandria.

Sincerely,

Bill Pugh
1200 N Quaker Ln
Alexandria, VA 22302

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To: Jackie Henderson
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Request Details:

- Name: Masharia Holman
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-868-74729
- Email: shayholman@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Mr. Mayor and Council Members

I am writing to request that Council oppose the additional \$300,000 budget cut to the JobLink program that was proposed as part of the add/delete process. This cut would reduce the number of staff available to assist the disabled individuals served by the CSB in obtaining employment. Such a reduction would adversely affect the CSB's ability to meet expectations outlined in Executive Order No. 55, signed by Governor McDonnell on November 16, 2012. This order directs all State agencies, including the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, to work together to support Virginians with disabilities to be able to work. The Executive Order can be found at:

<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/PolicyOffice/ExecutiveOrders/viewEO.cfm?eo=55>

CSB clients face significant hurdles in employment due to their disabilities and assistance provided by programs like JobLink are essential to their success in preparing for, finding and maintaining employment. Moreover, providing employment services makes good financial sense. Data from FY 2012 from the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) indicates that the average cost to successfully find an individual employment was \$5,735. The individual on average made \$11,667 in taxable wages. This clearly shows that money invested into assisting individuals to find employment returns at least two dollars for every dollar spent.

I ask you to vote against any further cuts to to the JobLink budget.

Thank you
Masharia "Shay" Holman
Chair, Alexandria CSB

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Jackie Henderson

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Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 6:37 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33579: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am so angered by the bike vs. book deb

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Request Details:

- Name: Paddy Bowman
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-7499
- Email: paddybowman@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am so angered by the bike vs. book debate that I meditated to calm down before writing. So many decisions the city has made in the past few years have gone against what I believe in, from the BRAC mess to the Beauregard debacle that I find it hard to believe we have a Democratic majority. Developers always win out over citizens.

The library cuts are very upsetting to a lot of Alexandrians, so I write today in protest. Underwriting young hipster visitors to ride bikes in Old Town will not ease congestion or improve the quality of life. Cutting library funding on the other hand will affect thousands of taxpaying residents. When library hours were cut a few years ago, remember how people who were losing their jobs needed a place to log onto the Internet? The importance of our neighborhood libraries and librarians became visible to many. I thought we were united in appreciation.

Alexandria just won a national poll for "best read city in the U.S.," which is hard to believe since we don't even have a bookstore anymore, but books clearly matter here. Today my library, the Duncan Branch, is always filled with all ages of people who need Internet access, a place to meet a tutor, a sanctuary for young children, reference help, fiction, poetry, newspapers, audio books. Given the high poverty rate of our high school students, where do you want them to study? Maybe they can rent a bike and go to the Arlington Library. I do not know one person who will ride one of those bikes. A quick inventory of people I know who regularly rely on the library totaled 65.

Get on one of those bikes and ride from library to library and you'll find vital community spaces that deserve full support, not the short shrift you are giving them.

Rethink this, please.

Paddy Bowman

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33539: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please do not reduce important funding f

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Request Details:

- Name: Fran Orr
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-623-4070
- Email: franeorr@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please do not reduce important funding for our outstanding, well-used library system. Fran E. Orr
- Expected Response Date: Friday, May 10

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #33495: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Co

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Request Details:

- Name: Masharia Holman
- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-868-7429
- Email: shayholman@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council,

As Chair of the Alexandria Community Services Board, I am writing to ask for your support in restoring funding for the Senior Therapist position serving inmates at the Adult Detention Center. This position is jointly funded between the Department of Community Services and the Alexandria Sheriff's Office.

As you are aware, the FY 2014 Proposed Budget includes a reduction of the Sheriff's Office portion of the funding for the position (\$42,900 of the total \$106,392). DCHS was told it would be able to retain its portion of the funding and the FY2014 Proposed Budget document referenced this understanding. Page 15-32 of the DCHS proposed budget notes "As part of the City's expenditure reduction plan the Alexandria Sherriff's Department eliminated their general fund support for the DCHS position of Senior Therapist for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services that worked within the jail. As DCHS will not be able to fund the position without that support this position will be eliminated. DCHS will retain and reprogram their portion of the funding for this position." During the budget development process, however, the DCHS share of the position was eliminated from the DCHS budget.

During the current add/delete process, Councilman Lovain proposed restoring the Sherriff's Office portion of funding (\$42,900) for this position via an increase to the federal per diem; this proposal was approved unanimously by Council. This restoration, combined with the DCHS portion of \$63,492, would have allowed for the position to be retained in a full-time capacity.

The Add/Delete memo distributed by OMB on April 25, 2013 notes that rather than increasing the federal per diem by \$42,900 as was proposed by Councilman Lovain, the Sheriff's Office was now responsible for funding the full cost of the position (\$106,392). In talks with the Sheriff's Office, DCHS staff have been informed that the Sheriff's Office cannot absorb the full cost of the position and thus, for all intents and purposes, this critical position will be eliminated. It's unclear how the DCHS portion of the position was eliminated, but eliminating this position will result in an reduction of service to approximately 40 inmates. Groups such as Anger Management will be eliminated, and wait times to enter the Sober Living Unit will increase.

On behalf of the Alexandria Community Services Board, I respectfully request that City Council vote to approve the FY 2014 Proposed Budget for DHCS and retain the \$63,492 that was included in that proposed budget. Doing so will allow the ACSB and Sheriff's Office staff to continue providing critically needed mental health and substance abuse services to inmates at the Adult Detention Center.

Masharia "Shay" Holman
Chair, Alexandria CSB

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 9



Alexandria Waterfront Commission

Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

1108 Jefferson Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

May 7, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and members of City Council
Alexandria Planning Commission

On behalf of the Alexandria Waterfront Commission, I am writing to support the proposed Waterfront Café and Market, complete with the outdoor seating area, which comes before you for approval this month. We have reviewed Jody Manor's plans and heartily approve the proposed concept for the City Marina. This new attraction will be an asset to residents, visitors, and the local business community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte A. Hall, Acting Chairman
Alexandria Waterfront Commission

cc: Waterfront Commission
Rashad Young, City Manager
Faroll Hamer, Director, P&Z
James, Spengler, RPCA
Jack Browand, RPCA

May 6, 2013

Mayor Euille and Members of the Alexandria City Council,

On behalf of the vendors of the Old Town Farmers Market, please consider the following issues before voting on a proposed drastic increase in market vendor fees:

- 1) Our vendor fees doubled in 2009, from \$150/year to the current \$300/year.
- 2) The proposed increase before you, to \$540/year, coupled with proposed new rules requiring vendors to pay for the winter months for the first time in history, plus a new requirement that vendors with a large "footprint"—including the very large produce vendors that Alexandria is most eager to keep at our market—must pay for the additional space they use, will result in an alarming increase in annual vendor fee, as shown in the chart below:

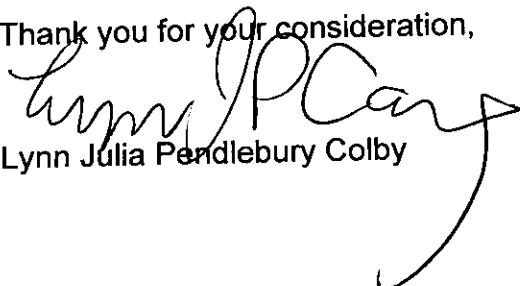
	2008	2009-present	Proposed 2013	% increase
80 sq ft booth	150	300	540	80%
160 sq ft booth	150	300	1080	260%
240 sq ft booth	150	300	1620	440%
320 sq ft booth	150	300	2160	620%

- 3) The vendors have been denied access to a detailed accounting of the Market's expenses, even pursuant to a request under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. We have been given inaccurate and deceptive "averaged" data. We have no way to assess whether these drastic increases are necessary or not, without that accounting of the Market's expenses.
- 4) The vendor fee increase and changes in fee structure were discussed and approved at secret, non-public meetings of the Old Town Farmers Market Rules Committee, on February 7 and 21. The vendors and the public were prohibited from attending those meetings. There was no public notice, no opportunity to comment as these changes were being debated, and reporting results out of those meetings was almost non-existent.

The proud, hard-working vendors of the Old Town Farmers Market ask you to **postpone** voting on this fee increase and changes in fee structure until after these proposals are supported with an accurate expenses accounting and discussed at an open, public meeting which includes advance public notice, the opportunity for public comment, and the other hallmarks of the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

We also ask that you direct the General Services department to compile and release detailed quarterly financial reports concerning the Market, beginning July 1, 2013, so that we may track where our money is being spent.

Thank you for your consideration,



Lynn Julia Pendlebury Colby

Jackie Henderson

From: jpenoso@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 11:58 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #32342: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear City Council:I am writing in refe

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- Name: Jennifer Penoso
- Address: No Address Specified
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- Email: jpenoso@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council:
I am writing in reference to the CIP budget for MacArthur Elementary school. Our teachers gave up their teachers' lounge to accommodate another homeroom at our over-crowded school. A place where teachers can eat their lunch, take a short break, or build camaraderie with co-workers is essential to any school and is a key component of a healthy learning environment. This is why an expansion of another classroom is so important. It has been moved up to the FY2014 School Board CIP budget. We need the expansion so we can maintain the now 32 homerooms and incorporate a teachers' lounge back into our building. Our teachers deserve that. We also need to replace an aging adult bathroom that is truly falling apart. I implore you to include these in the budget and implement as soon as possible. The benefits to the Douglas MacArthur community far outweigh the relatively low monetary cost. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, Mrs. Jennifer W. Penoso

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 22

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Jackie Henderson

From: jeff.lane38@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 12:37 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; JoAnn Maldonado; Elaine Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #32349: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Alexandria City Council Member,I am

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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- Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-212-8285
- Email: jeff.lane38@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Alexandria City Council Member,

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeff Lane

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 22

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