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Fairlington Presbyterian Church
Fairlington United Methodist Church
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First Baptist Church of Alexandria
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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Grace Episcopal Church
Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Meade Memorial Episcopal Church
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Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church
Spiritual Assembly of Baba's
St. Andrews United Methodist Church
St. James United Methodist Church
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St. Mary's Catholic Church
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April 2, 2014

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Alexandria City Council
301 King Street #2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear City Council Members:

Subject: Housing and Human Service Budget Recommendations for FY2015

ALIVE! (ALexandrians InVolved Ecumenically) would like to add our support to the letter sent March 21 by the Alexandria Budget Advocacy Coalition for Housing and Human Services, concerning priorities in the FY2015 City budget. ALIVE! is a non-profit social services organization, representing 42 affiliated congregations of different faiths, as well as members of the community at large.

As you may know, ALIVE! is the largest private safety net for those in need in the City of Alexandria, providing \$260,000 each year in emergency assistance for rent, utilities and medical needs; feeding on average more than 2000 individuals each month; offering quality early childhood education to 38 children of working low-income Alexandrians; delivering transitional housing and support services to four mothers and their children to help them achieve self-sufficiency; and delivering furniture and housewares each week to support families in need.

At ALIVE!, we see families and individuals each day that need assistance, whether it is help to avoid homelessness, food to feed their families, a decent place to live, or affordable childcare, often because rent is taking a significant portion of the family's income. This need has not decreased as the economy has improved, but rather the demand for ALIVE!'s services has remained steady, and, even as we have increased our assistance, we are not able to meet all of the need. Low-income families in Alexandria need the support of the City as well as the non-profit community, and we encourage the Council, as you consider the FY2015 budget, to include the priorities outlined in the March 21 letter.

Alexandria has always been a caring community with an interest in maintaining a diverse population. We urge you to continue to provide the resources critical to working families and at-risk individuals in our community.

Sincerely,

Ellen Brown

Ellen Brown
President
ALIVE! Board of Directors

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To: Alexandria City Council
From: Alexandria Budget Advocacy Coalition for Housing and Human Services
Date: March 21, 2014
Re: Housing and Human Service Budget Recommendations for FY2015

As you consider the FY 2015 proposed city budget, we urge you to make additional and needed investments in housing, health and human services programs. These recommendations were developed through a collaborative process of nonprofit housing developers, human service providers, and advocacy organizations identifying community needs and then making recommendations for the FY 2015 budget. Our organizations work daily with many vulnerable families who live and work in Alexandria. It will take both the public and private sectors, working together, to secure the resources critical to these working families and at-risk individuals in our community. We believe that strategic public investments in housing and human services can leverage significant amounts of private capital to provide an excellent return on the city's investment to maintain a viable and diverse community. The guiding principles that informed our decisions are as follows:

- No one recommendation takes priority over the others;
- Each recommendation funds a program that is an essential component of a system of housing and services that offer individuals and families in need the optimum chances for success;
- These recommendations support a wide spectrum of households along the housing continuum;
- No funding for new initiatives is requested. Instead, these recommendations fund coordinated efforts between housing and service providers to deliver critical safety net supports with maximum efficiency and adoption of best practices.

Our recommendations are as follows:

Healthy and Thriving Residents

Rental Subsidy Program

We support the City Manager's addition of \$240,000 for Senior/Disabled Rent Relief in the proposed budget. The current budget for rent relief is \$ 272,177, and has not changed since FY2007. This program supports approximately 80 households annually who are income-eligible elderly or disabled renters. The maximum subsidy will be capped at \$500/month, serving households that earn no more than \$25,600 annually. This funding will provide support for approximately 30 additional households.

Homeless Prevention Services

We request an addition of \$100,000 for Homeless Prevention Services in the proposed budget. This program has expended approximately \$293,000 YTD, and prevented 206 people from becoming homeless. While length of time for assistance varies, the average shelter costs for individuals are approximately \$3,800 per person compared to the average subsidy for homeless prevention of \$1,400 per person. Keeping families and individuals in their homes is clearly of greater benefit, and more cost effective. However, this program has run out of funding, and can no longer be strategic for providing prevention services. Therefore we urge additional funding for this program in FY2015.

Disposition of the Aspen and Grayson Properties

Two city-owned or city-financed properties used as transitional housing for eight CSB clients and clients dealing with substance abuse are no longer in use for those purposes, and the disposition of the properties is uncertain. As noted in the Housing Master Plan, "there is an unmet need of 795 affordable

housing units for persons with disabilities in Alexandria, and locating residential programs for CSB clients and/or homeless individuals is a community challenge.” Currently, however, there is neighborhood acceptance for these two facilities. As a result, we urge the Council to direct the City Manager and appropriate staff to work with nonprofits in the community to continue their use for residential programs focused on these hard-to-serve populations.

Alexandria Fund for Human Services

We respectfully request that the funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS) for FY2015 be restored to the FY2014 level, increasing the City Manager’s proposed budget by \$111,829. A 5.5% decrease, following six consecutive years of level funding by the city, is a significant cut. City funds strengthen the ability of the nonprofit community to leverage private resources, in-kind donations, and volunteer hours from private citizens, the faith community, the business community, and foundations. This loss of funds will have a significant negative impact on programs delivered by our nonprofit organizations and, more importantly, those who are most vulnerable in our community.

JobLink Employment Services

We note the reduction in funding for employment services for adults through JobLink. Employment training and job placement are critical to the success of families and individuals to thrive and achieve greater self-sufficiency. However, this program was not helpful for many of the households we serve. We urge the city to support employment programs that address the challenges of very low income persons with high barriers to employment – language skills, life skills, basic educational deficiencies, criminal histories, etc. Initiatives that engage potential employers and community colleges with nonprofit organizations offer the best opportunities to train residents in the life and professional skills they need and place them in jobs. We would welcome the opportunity to work with city staff to explore new opportunities to address this goal.

Livable, Green and Prospering City

Homeownership

We support the City Manager’s addition of \$214,000 for five additional loans to low and moderate income Alexandria residents, noting that this is an increase above the four loans made in the last fiscal year. A key provision of the Housing Master Plan is to “provide and support affordable and workforce home purchase opportunities for Alexandria residents and workers.” We hope that a way can be found to support a housing counselor, either by the city or outsourced to a third party. This homeownership education involving all aspects of home purchase and financing is critical to successful homeownership by reducing the incidence of delinquent mortgage payments or foreclosures.

Affordable Housing and the Adopted Goal of 2,000 newly committed units by 2025

Securing decent, affordable housing in Alexandria remains one of the greatest challenges for low and moderate income households, many of whom are employed full-time. Consider the following statistics from the Housing Master Plan:

- Over 6,000 market affordable rental units lost from 2000 – 2010;
- Over 12,000 affordable ownership units lost to increased property values in the same period;
- The analysis of future housing needs shows a net deficit of approximately 15,000 units by 2030 for households earning at or below 60% of the area median income;
- The shortage of units in all bedroom sizes for households earning at or below 30% of area median income is approximately 3,500 units.

We applaud the Council’s unanimous approval of the Housing Master Plan, and adoption of the goal to preserve or build 2,000 units by 2025. Securing 800 units of committed affordable housing at Beauregard was a significant accomplishment, but given the tremendous documented need for housing that is affordable,

we urge the Council not to include these units - which were committed in 2012 - in the 2000 unit goal beginning in FY2015.

To support new construction or preservation of affordable rental housing, we urge City Council to consider a long-term, annual investment in housing which can leverage private funding to meet housing goals. The proposed FY15 Office of Housing budget provides a total of \$3.4 million available to develop or preserve new affordable rental housing, and increase the city's committed affordable housing stock. This breaks down into the following categories:

- Housing Trust Fund \$2,135,000
- Federal funding 833,980 (HOME funds)
- General fund 490,000 (.06 cents of real estate tax)

The majority of Housing Trust Fund monies is one time carryover funding from FY14, and 25 percent of this \$3.4 million allocation is federal funding which is declining. We appreciate the continued commitment of the .06 cents of the real estate tax, and would urge allocation of additional funding in FY2016 as federal dollars continue to shrink. As affordable housing developers seek opportunities in the city, they will need an annual, reliable source of public funding to leverage their financing and bridge the gap to provide rents to moderate income households. The proposed funding for FY2015 is barely adequate for a 50 unit development, and would not support additional development opportunities.

This coalition appreciates the significant budget challenges for FY2015, and thanks you for your commitment to address our concerns for those in our community who are homeless, elderly or disabled, or simply low and moderate income workers who struggle to keep up with the cost of living in Alexandria. We stand ready to work with you to maintain the critical safety net of services and make the city a safe and prosperous place for all Alexandrians, regardless of income or ability.

Sincerely,

AHC, Inc, Walter Webdale, President and CEO
Alexandria's Economic Opportunities Commission, Dipti Pidikiti-Smith, Chair
Alexandria Housing Development Corporation, Daniel Abramson, Chairman of the Board
Alexandria NAACP, LaDonna Sanders, President
Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, Michael O'Rourke, Executive Director
Carpenter's Shelter, Lissette Bishins, Executive Director
Community Lodgings, Lynn Thomas, Executive Director
Friends of Guest House, Kari Galloway, Executive Director
Governing Board for the Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, Pam Michell and Lissette Bishins, co-chairs
Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, Jon Smoot, Executive Director
K.I. Services, Inc, Yvonne Williams, Executive Director
New Hope Housing, Pam Michell, Executive Director
Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, Michelle Krocker, Executive Director
Northern Virginia Family Service, Mary Agee, President and CEO
Rebuilding Together Alexandria, Katharine Dixon, President and CEO and Donald Holley, Chairman of the Board
Wesley Housing Development Corporation, Shelley Murphy, President and CEO

Jackie Henderson

From: bentbiking@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 5:11 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49791: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council April 21, 2014 Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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- Email: bentbiking@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: April 21, 2014

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Council Members,

I know you are struggling with the budget while not increasing the tax rate. I think we all need to stop looking at the weeds and bushes and view the entire city service ecosystem. I am a senior and own my home. My assessment increased 10% this year, so I'll be paying a 10% increased property tax. While I have adequate retirement funds, many Alexandria seniors are house rich and income poor. We need an adjustment of the total assets qualification for reduced tax for seniors. That is, unless we expect some seniors to sell their houses and move away from their favorite town.

My greater concern is maintaining and improving services for our diverse population. I do not see a reduction in city staffing as a solution to keeping the tax rate fixed. I do not agree with the "do more with less, be more efficient philosophy." Long-time employees of Alexandria have worked for lower salaries and benefits than other area governments for many years; we are catching up, but not competitive and only about 10% for the employees live in the city. I do not think a RIF is needed at all. Do we expect employees over the age of 50 to find new jobs at the same pay? Have we become private sector corporate managers and plan to cheat those who have put in long careers and are nearing retirement or is there a plan to fully pay for RIF employee retirements?

The city embarked on a plan of priorities a few years ago. I do not see that we have fulfilled them; we need the staff to keep working on the plan. We have a plan for upgrading our parks, but we need better maintenance of the facilities we now use; and we will need more staff for improved facilities and programs. We have a growing residential population; we need more school facilities, fire and police services, and social and health services. This certainly means more staff, not less. And I don't think we need more contractors doing the work.

As we redevelop properties as higher cost housing, do we expect a decrease in cost of services to the displaced lower-income families? Do we expect new, higher income residents to wait for improved services until their property tax contributions catch up with the marginal cost increase for the services?

I think we need to get off the fixation on the tax rate bandwagon. We need to fund staffing for programs for Alexandria's citizens. How about "A Penny For Progress" as a new slogan for a one cent increase to the property tax rate?

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,
Dave Levy
309 E. Nelson Av.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 28

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Jackie Henderson

From: jgregor@carlylecouncil.com
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council members:
In advance of the work session on Tuesday, I am writing on behalf of the Carlyle Council (CCC) to reiterate our opposition to food trucks in Carlyle. CCC represents commercial and residential property owners in the Carlyle Community – nearly 5 million square feet of commercial space, over 30 retail businesses and 1,700 residential units. CCC's concerns include:
 - food trucks can impede the streetscape aesthetic as well as contribute trash, exhaust fumes, noise and other environmental concerns;
 - Carlyle is home to two federal agencies that have security concerns that extend to the presence of food trucks (see PTO letter); and,
 - Carlyle properties are seeking to fill long-vacant retail space and efforts to attract new tenants would likely be hindered by food trucks creating a less robust retail environment.

I have attended most of the Food Truck Advisory Group meetings and it is clear that opponents outnumber supporters and food truck supporters are primarily from the food truck industry itself.

Our storefront restaurants have made a commitment to Carlyle and the City – they pay their taxes, are active in our Community in many ways and are an essential part of what Carlyle is about.

Attached you will find statements from Carlyle property owners, residents, tenants and businesses opposed to food trucks in Carlyle. While food trucks may have a place in Alexandria – in food deserts or for certain special events -- we do not see how food trucks, everyday would benefit the Carlyle Community.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/c42c1921-b47e-4374-ac93-7a050722aa9f>
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From: pategaston@aol.com
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49744: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Members of City Council, My name

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- Name: Patricia Gaston
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712154714
- Email: pategaston@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Members of City Council,

My name is Patricia Gaston. I'm a resident and homeowner in Alexandria (Warwick Village) and I'm the chair of the Alexandria Marketing Fund Committee. The Alexandria Marketing Fund is a grant program providing seed money in the form of matching funds for new and innovative marketing programs. It is funded under the Livable, Green, and Prospering City focus area.

Our budget has been proposed to be reduced from \$135,000 in 2014 to \$50,000 in 2015 - a 63% reduction in our funding. I encourage you to reconsider this drastic cut in our funding, as it will negatively impact the city's thriving businesses.

I ask that you maintain our funding at FY14's level of \$135,000, or as close to FY14 levels as possible. I do understand needing to do more with less, but \$50,000 equates to less than a single application cycle - we usually have three. Maintaining a committee and coordinating council for a single application cycle per year is not an effective use of the committee or coordinating council's time, nor the city's. And cutting our funding this drastically will limit the impact the committee and coordinating council have with Alexandria small businesses and nonprofits.

I provide below a number of key points about this important fund.

Thank you for considering my request,

Patricia Gaston, Chair
Alexandria Marketing Fund Committee

Key points about this important fund and the Alexandria citizens who support it:

- * The fund's recipients are nonprofits or groups of small businesses who collaborate to achieve a common objective, whether it's promoting their businesses in general (like Del Ray Business Association's revamped website) or promoting a specific event or initiative (like the Alexandria Food and Wine Festival, or the Old Town Boutique District's effort to lure more holiday shoppers to Alexandria - rather than Tysons - by bringing Santa to Old Town).
- * These are matching funds. Our application requires all applicants tell us who their partners are, and how much they're contributing.
- * Some of our nonprofit recipients include Campagna Center, Torpedo Factory, and Carpenters Shelter. Small business group recipients have included Old Town Boutique District, Alexandria Food and Wine Festival, and countless ad hoc groups of Alexandria boutiques and other small businesses.
- * The Fund is administered by the Alexandria Marketing Fund Committee, who evaluates applications, provides written feedback to the applicants (via the coordinating council), and provides even more feedback and ideas

during in-person deliberation sessions.

* In short, the Committee is a group of volunteer professional communicators and marketers, selected for this committee for this expertise. We provide thousands of dollars of free consulting to Alexandria small businesses, helping them think through a marketing approach, their branding strategy, even who their partners are.

* The coordinating council – including Councilman Smedberg and representatives from the Office of Communications & Public Information – works with applicants, providing preliminary application review and feedback to them and to the Marketing Fund Committee. They are usually the first contact an applicant has with the fund and its process, and they are immensely helpful to applicants.

* We have an arduous evaluation process, recently revamped and automated.

* We evaluate applications for completeness, relevance to our stated goals and objectives, innovation and/or expansion of past efforts, ability to become a self-sustaining without Fund support, collaboration among participating groups, budget, quality of the overall marketing plan, quantifiable measures of success – what the applicant wishes to achieve, how they know they'll have achieved it, and exactly how they will measure it.

* Our process is transparent – every aspect of it is online, and our evaluation form aligns with the application

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From: Meredith Taylor <k.meredith.taylor@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 12:22 PM
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Cc: LaVanway, Andrew
Subject: Support for ARHA Cessation Project
Attachments: 4.21HealthCommissionLettertoCC 2.doc

Good Afternoon Jackie:

Enclosed, please find a letter for City Council Members from the Public Health Advisory Commission.

Would you be able to distribute to Council? Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

K. Meredith Taylor

Vice Chair, Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission

April 21, 2014

Dear Council Members:

Almost two years ago, the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission declared the exposure and potential exposure to secondhand smoke of our children and youth to be the greatest tobacco-related public health threat in the City of Alexandria.

City Council appropriately responded to the Commission's request for financial support on behalf of a Smoking Cessation and Secondhand Smoke Reduction Initiative within the affordable housing community. With the help of City funds, a partnership was forged between the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) and the Alexandria Coalition for Clean and Smoke Free Air to achieve two principal goals: (1) to work with the ARHA Board to adopt a non-smoking policy for the residents at ARHA; and (2) to expand the availability of comprehensive and affordable smoking cessation services to all residents who are interested in quitting.

We are pleased to learn that those two goals have been essentially achieved during the current fiscal year, and now **we are asking Council to provide additional financial support** to (a) ensure a smooth transition and timely implementation of the non-smoking policy; (b) provide a full year's experience with the newly created model system for delivering comprehensive cessation services to an expected increasing level of demand at ARHA; (c) encourage private owners of housing with Section 8 residents to adopt non-smoking policies consistent with the one adopted by the ARHA Board; and, (d) collect and analyze data necessary to measure the impact of the policy and cessation program on the incidence of smoking and incidence of disease related to secondhand smoke exposure.

We are convinced that a fully implemented non-smoking policy and a fully mature smoking cessation program at ARHA will make a significant contribution to not only the health and well-being of the residents and their immediate families, but also to the broader Alexandria community.

We hope we can rely on your support for this important investment in public health.

Sincerely,

K. Meredith Taylor
Vice Chair, Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission

Jackie Henderson

From: shbarstow@gmail.com
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- Request Description: Attached for your consideration please find a letter from the Environmental Policy Commission regarding the city's FY2015 budget and capital improvement program.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/PDF/08ae1777-35bf-4a5b-af1d-ce41674fe129>
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April 21, 2014

The Honorable Mayor Bill Euille and Members of City Council
City of Alexandria
Alexandria, VA 22314

Proposed City Budget and Capital Improvement Program for FY 2015

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council:

On behalf of the Environmental Policy Commission (EPC), I am writing to share our comments regarding the proposed budget and capital improvement program for fiscal year 2015 for your consideration as you make your final adjustments.

Your support and the work of City staff have enabled Alexandria to compile several notable successes in environmental stewardship over the last several years. However, instead of abating, the environmental challenges and responsibilities the city faces are becoming more severe. Without a corresponding increase in investments in our environment, we will significantly increase the risk of environmental damages and large, unpredictable financial costs in years to come.

Since we commented on the development of the FY2015 budget and capital improvement program in November of last year, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has released two major reports: one on climate change impacts, adaptation, and vulnerability; and another on mitigation of climate change. The introductory chapter for the report on the mitigation of climate change states that "[T]he scale of the mitigation challenge has grown enormously since 2007 due to rapid growth of the world economy and the continued lack of much overt effort to control emissions." The report also states that emissions are not on track for stabilization, let alone deep cuts, and that emissions from industrialized countries are largely unchanged from previous levels.

Following are specific recommendations and comments regarding the FY 2015 proposed city budget and capital improvement program.

Recycling activities: Several recycling activities were approved in FY 2014 using Contingent Reserves funding, including expanded public space recycling and food waste composting. Unfortunately, the proposed budget would stop these service expansions. We urge Council to adopt an increase in the residential refuse fee sufficient to allow continuation and expansion of all of the City's current recycling and waste reduction initiatives.

Transportation: We support the proposed budget's investments in transportation system improvements, and the continuation of the 2.2-cent real estate tax allocation toward this area. With this funding, as well as funding from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the City can continue converting the DASH bus fleet to alternative fuel or low-emission vehicles, and continue development work on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station.

Sanitary sewer and storm sewer infrastructure: We are concerned that the capital improvement program does not include funding for the costs associated with federally mandated infrastructure improvements to sanitary sewer and storm sewer systems. There will be large costs associated with the necessary infrastructure improvements over the coming years, and yet the budget proposes no increase in the sanitary sewer rate from the current level of \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater treated. We believe the City should begin allocating resources to this project in FY 2015.

Open space: Alexandria will need to add an estimated 183 acres of open space over the next ten years in order to maintain the current ratio of 7.3 acres of open space per 1,000 residents. The capital improvement program does not include funding to address this need. Both planning and financial resources are needed to provide residents with access to open space in the years to come.

Energy management staffing: We strongly support establishing an additional staff position to focus on energy efficiency work on behalf of the City. The City's infrastructure, much of which has a useful lifetime measured in decades, establishes the parameters for the City's energy use, and consequently its emissions of greenhouse gases which are changing our climate. The City has a direct financial interest in minimizing its energy use, and a vitally important role to play in serving as a leader in energy efficiency initiatives in the community. Earlier this year, the EPC considered working with City staff to submit an application for the Georgetown University Energy Prize, which challenges local governments around the country to implement energy efficiency initiatives that lower residents' energy bills. Unfortunately, we were forced to conclude that Alexandria did not have sufficient staff to support participation. However, we understand that Arlington, which has several staff focused on sustainability efforts, will be participating. We urge Alexandria to follow Arlington's lead and add staff to help ensure that the City is able to capture cost effective energy efficiency savings.

We appreciate your continued commitment to Alexandria's Eco-City charter and to your support for policies and programs that make our City more sustainable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SB' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Scott Barstow
Chair, Environmental Policy Commission

Jackie Henderson

From: jonesmjones@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 5:09 PM
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49661: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council My name is Randy Jones, the Waterfront S

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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- Email: jonesmjones@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: My name is Randy Jones, the Waterfront Supervisor and one of the contributing factors that has maintain the Waterfront Parks for all that visit our beautifully maintained historic area and to enjoy our resources, celebrations and Waterfront events.
I have always represented and kept the city's waterfront parks and playground safe for all that has attended or visited our Waterfront for my 18 year tenure with the City.

My goal has always been to end my career as the dedicated City employee and would like for the Mayor and City Council to take a moment to consider the jobs of the dedicate employees that have been selected at the height of their career's for the proposed layoffs and the impact that it will take on our standard of living after investing decades of our time to improve the services that the city has always been so recognized for, we are the heart of the city and would like you to take that in consideration when you make your final vote on this proposed budget. Our service is the Heart of this City.

- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 25

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- Request Description: 2014 budget letter to council
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/doc/2acdd82c-5b20-4d8d-8116-c1e967df5669>
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FRIENDS OF
GUEST HOUSE
ALEXANDRIA

April 17, 2014

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

I am writing as the Executive Director of Friends of Guest House, a member of the Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations (ACHSO) and member of the Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness in Alexandria. Guest House, as most of you know, provides transitional housing as well as Outreach services to women returning from incarceration. We have been located in Alexandria for over 40 years!

I send this letter to convey our interest in the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS).

We are asking that the funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS) for FY2015 be restored to the fy2014 level, increasing the City Manager's proposed budget by \$111,829. A 5.5% decrease, following six consecutive years of level contribution by the City, is a significant cut. We understand that the City has increased personnel costs and the Manager seeks to meet these obligations. We, too, have increased personnel costs. The impact of a cut will be devastating to our nonprofit members and, more importantly, those we serve.

It will mean that some organizations must cut employees or hours thereby delivering fewer services to fewer Alexandrians. For others, which live on shoestring budgets while providing valuable services, the string will break. The City is requiring families in need to leave, while professing to have DIVERSITY, including affordable housing, as a goal. How do we define diversity? Is it about color, country of origin, language spoken, sexual orientation, age, income, level of education? The Alexandria City Council Strategic Plan (Plan) as revised in 2010 includes all of those. In fact, one objective includes reducing poverty by 10% by the year 2015 (yes, this year) by maintaining prevention services, not by reducing city support for those services.

Our ability to leverage private resources, in-kind donations, and volunteer hours means our City's residents have even more benefit because of the City's investment. We are employers of nearly 11% of the City's employees; we are good-will ambassadors; we are consumers; we are residents. Not only do we bring funding to the City, well in excess of the AFHS budget, but we also get a great deal of in-kind assistance from our business community. Your support gives credibility to your partners.

We understand that times are tough; we understand that you are reconsidering your method of distributing funds with a revised AFHS. But we don't understand why those funds are being reduced before implementing the next steps, doing harm to those most in need.

Please honor goal #4 of the Plan by supporting and enhancing the well-being, success and achievement of children, youth and families. We are a good investment for Alexandria.

We look forward to continuing our partnerships with the City to ensure that the most effective, efficient and critical services are delivered to our citizens. Thank you for your attention to these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kari Galloway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kari" and last name "Galloway" clearly distinguishable.

Kari Galloway
Executive Director
Friends of Guest House

Please reply to: Kari Galloway, director@friendsofguesthouse.org

Cc: Jackie Henderson

Jackie Henderson

From: advocateforever@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 5:15 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49664: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council City of Alexandria Public HearingP

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Request Details:

- Name: Advocate Forever
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: advocateforever@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description:
City of Alexandria Public Hearing

Points For Consideration

1. Did the Rec. Dept. get input from the managers at the programs that will have to endure the repercussions of the proposed RIFs, in an effort to evaluate the best possible scenario for reductions?

2. In determining the best possible scenario for proposed reductions, reducing staff from direct service locations and programs will have a greater negative impact on those in the community who are in most need of recreation services. This will this have a greater negative impact, on the Alexandria Community?

3. What message is being sent to the Alexandria Community in need of these services, and the longtime employees being affected by this RIF? A mass RIF like this, put into effect without evaluating the worth of the employees rendering these services to the Alexandria Community, sends a very negative message. Not only is the community deemed not important, but those employees who have rendered a valuable service to the community for many years are deemed equally as unimportant, when they are looked at as just a number and not valuable asset to the City, both individually and collectively. That is the same as looking at them as convicted felons with just a number.

3. Since there have been additional management positions added to the Department budget over the past years, and/or money redirected for use in this manner, why was this not evaluated in terms of the overall negative effect of these budget cuts on the community? Reductions in some of these upper management positions would not only have less affect on direct services to the community, it would also affect fewer staff (numbers), as these reductions at much higher salaries would require eliminating far fewer positions to meet the reduction quotas. Treating staff and the community with respect and as valued employees also sends a positive message in three ways:

- It is important to continue trying to meet the needs of the Alexandria Citizens in need of these services.
- The jobs and services rendered by longtime Alexandria employees is important to Alexandria City Government.
- Those who labor in the fields are as important as those who work in management.

Treatment of lower level staff with a lack of respect and value for their positions sends a message that the City is operating with a slave mentality, particularly when those negatively affected are predominantly minorities.

4. It would appear that if RIFs are absolutely necessary to meet the budget reductions, and this also seems questionable, the best scenario would be to determine what would have the least negative affect on the Alexandria Community that is in most need of recreational services. Maintaining excessive managerial positions and reducing direct service positions is definitely and obviously not the solution to this problem. Isn't this akin to

"the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer?"

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Jackie Henderson

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Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 11:56 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49665: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council You have disregarded the complaints of r

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Request Details:

- Name: Lawrence Conley, Esquire
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-548-7430
- Email: Cleocon@speakeasy.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: You have disregarded the complaints of residents on King Street and Janney's Lane with regard to bike lanes and the safety of our children and parking. I never vote Republican but I shall vote against all of you from now on out. You do not support my interests and welfare and I can no longer support you. The city government has grown insular and capricious through an excess of tax revenue and voter loyalty. It's time to clean house and elect responsive representatives.
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Jackie Henderson

From: cziegler1@hotmail.com
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2014 2:00 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49682: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice-Mayor, and Me

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Request Details:

- Name: Charles Ziegler
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 370 0648
- Email: cziegler1@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice-Mayor, and Members of the City Council,

I am writing in strong support of much of the proposed FY 2015 budget support of the Alexandria Public Library system. In particular, the inclusion of additional funding for custodial services at the Beatley Central Library is most welcome. However, the \$30,000 reduction in the materials budget should be of concern to us all. As you know, Alexandria has a reciprocal agreement with both Arlington and Fairfax County library systems. In my experience over the last 40 or so years of active local library use, the collections of both of those systems is far more extensive than that of Alexandria. Please note also that the materials budget has not increased since FY 2006! Thus, I urge that the funding be restored.

I commend the City Manager and the City Council for the ongoing support for resolution of the serious water intrusion problems at Beatley. While there is no doubt that considerable improvement has occurred, it is worth noting that there was significant water intrusion during the last heavy rainstorm at one point where significant intrusion as previously occurred. Your continued interest in and support of the resolution of this serious matter is urged.

Finally, I would observe that it the Alexandria Public Library system is a fundamental component of support for minority and low income groups, and constitutes an important supplementary resource for the challenges faced by students in the Alexandria Public Schools. As a retired, relatively affluent, white male voter, I personally don't really need the Alexandria Public Library system; if local libraries do not have a book or item that I want, I can simply purchase it for myself. However, many of those in minority and low income groups cannot do so. I also have the high-speed internet connections that are often lacking in the homes of the less affluent. Thus, when library services are cut, these cuts tend to affect the poorest Alexandria residents most acutely. Please bear these thoughts in mind when considering the FY 2015 budget.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Ziegler

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From: executivedirector@seniorservicesalex.org
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2014 3:26 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49686: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council On behalf of the Board of Directors of

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Request Details:

- Name: mary lee anderson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038364414 ext 11
- Email: executivedirector@seniorservicesalex.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description:
On behalf of the Board of Directors of Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA), we are writing to express concern about proposed cuts to the Alexandria City budget which will have an unfair and unprecedented negative impact on the most vulnerable seniors in our community.

Since 1968, SSA has helped Alexandria's seniors age with independence, self-sufficiency and dignity. The proposed changes to the Real Estate Tax Relief Program for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities and the total elimination of the Senior Taxi Program are in stark contrast to the well-planned goals of the Strategic Plan on Aging, which was approved by City Council in 2012. Housing and transportation were identified as key areas of importance, and critical to this is the Plan's objective to support in certain instances older Alexandria residents' desire to live their remaining years in their homes and community.

The steep cuts in property tax relief for elderly, lower-income homeowners will force many to abandon their homes in order to meet their other and basic essential needs to maintain their respect and dignity. Moreover, the Senior Taxi Program, whose budget was already halved just this past year, provides safe and reliable transportation for nearly 400 income-qualified residents, who use it primarily for medical appointments.

Because it appears that the potentially affected homeowners and Senior Taxi Program participants have not been notified of the proposed changes, before the budget cuts are indiscriminately applied we ask that further consideration be given to these issues.

While we recognize that City Council shoulders a heavy burden in adopting a fiscally responsible budget, it should renew and not undermine its past commitment to Alexandria's less fortunate seniors, particularly those with very limited resources.

We welcome the opportunity to sit down and discuss a compassionate and fiscally responsible strategy for the foreseeable future.

Gregg Murphy, Chair of the Board of Directors
Mary Lee Anderson, Executive Director
Senior Services of Alexandria

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Jackie Henderson

From: mimmsan@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2014 3:58 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49688: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council As a Patrick Henry Elementary School par

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Request Details:

- Name: Marie Huddle
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-981-6550
- Email: mimmsan@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: As a Patrick Henry Elementary School parent I am greatly concerned to hear about the possibility that the funding for the Patrick Henry building project might not be fully funded. The West End of Alexandria, like most of Alexandria, is seeing a strong population growth and we have do not have enough school space for our future needs, even looking just 2-3 years ahead. I also ask you to please fund an operating budget for our schools that reflects that needs of our students and our growing enrollment. I have a kindergartner and a 2nd-grader and I worry about where they will go, how crowded their class & school will be, and if their teachers will be able to give them enough individual attention to provide the education they deserve and need.

Respectfully yours,
Marie Huddle

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Jackie Henderson

From: rebyrd@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2014 6:03 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Recreation Department Purposed Budget Cuts

Mayor and Members of City Council

For the second time this budget session I am greatly concerned with yet another purposed budget cut involving the Recreation Department. The services provided by workers of each center enriches the quality of life for city residents, especially senior citizens. Their presence and assistance helps us with not only recreation matters but also health issues. Please consider other options that will not eliminate such a large percentage of recreation staff. Thank you.

Jackie Henderson

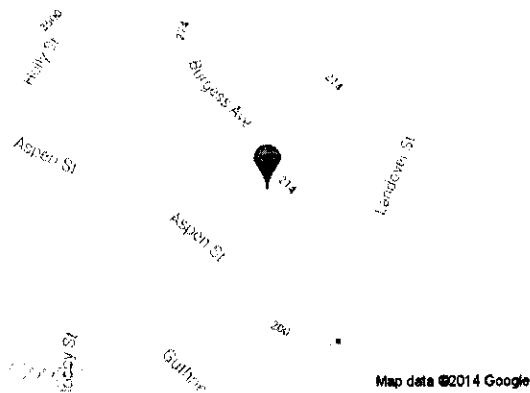
From: CommunityRelations@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2014 9:17 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49697: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council at 216 BURGESS AV I would like to voice my support for the

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Request Details:

- Name: Rebecca
- Approximate Address: 216 BURGESS AV (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I would like to voice my support for the Warwick city pool. This is a great community resource that is always busy, regardless of time of day, and helps build a sense of shared pride in Alexandria. My family and I (including our two small daughters) happily volunteered last year to clean up the poolhouse and equipment to get it ready for the season; something we plan to do again this year. We live just up the hill from the pool and we can hear all summer long how much people love and enjoy the pool as they're swimming, playing, and communing; our daughters LOVE to swim in the pool and see our friends and neighbors. Please keep this pool open. Thank you.
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From: bhmagid@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 12:31 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49642: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I request your support for keeping the f

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Request Details:

- Name: Barbara Magid
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-1698
- Email: bhmagid@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I request your support for keeping the fire engine and its crew, and the peak-time abundance, at Firehouse 204. My neighbors and I are very concerned about the prospect of emergency calls taking in excess of four minutes, as indicated in the Fire Department's charts. I live in an area of very narrow streets, and every second counts. We do understand that the ladder truck and administrative offices will remain on Powhattan Street, but this will not help to put out a fire. We also understand that the engine is often out on calls and does not sit at 204 waiting for calls exclusively from our neighborhood. The engine is, however, part of the network and the closest piece of equipment serving our neighborhood. With the huge amount of new residential construction just south of First Street, across the Monroe Street Bridge, and in Potomac Yards, it is unthinkable that the City would contemplate protecting this area with less engines, rather than more equipment and personnel.
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From: dtletizia@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 11:52 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49636: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice-Mayor, and Ci

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Request Details:

- Name: David Letizia
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-785-1959
- Email: dtletizia@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice-Mayor, and City Councilors:

My name is David Letizia, and I am a member of the Friends of the Beatley Central Library. In regards to the proposed fiscal year 2015 budget for the Alexandria Library, I want to publicly re-emphasize and endorse the positions taken by the Friends in their April 11 letter to the City Council.

In the most recent city budgets, the City Council has done a excellent job of providing the necessary funds to maintain the high standards of the Alexandria Library system, despite trying economic conditions. I believe that the proposed budget -- along with the modifications advocated by the Friends of the Beatley Central Library -- will continue that trend.

Thank you,

David Letizia

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From: Scooter.Slade@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 10:21 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49629: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please see attached letter, on behalf of

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- Name: Scooter Slade
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-345-4629
- Email: Scooter.Slade@alexandriava.gov
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please see attached letter, on behalf of the Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council, concerning the FY15 budget process.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/6375f56a-ded4-4fac-aa59-58be36da6cda>
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W. Scooter Slade
Chairman

City of Alexandria Virginia
Emergency Medical Services Council
906 Second Street
Alexandria Virginia 22314 1395



Ellen P. McHugh
Secretary

April 17, 2014

The Honorable Mayor William D. Euille
Members of City Council
The City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

The Alexandria Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council, established pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 4, Article J, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia functions to advise the city council with respect to the provision of training to emergency rescue technicians, including training to enable such personnel to progress to coronary care technicians with appropriate technical capabilities; the acquisition of appropriate therapeutic and record keeping equipment to correspond with the level of training and expertise of emergency rescue technicians; the provision of a medical communications network which may fit into a regionalized plan; applications to various grant sources for funding for planning and implementation of the emergency medical services program; disaster planning, including arrangements for communications and assistance with neighboring communities, coordination with local hospitals, and provisions of a disaster vehicle with appropriate supplies and communications and other equipment; and such other matters as the city council or the city manager may refer to the council, or the council, with the concurrence of the manager, may consider on its own initiative.

In fulfillment of these functions, the EMS Council met on April 14, 2014 to review the section of the "City Manager's Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)" that specifically impacts pre-hospital emergency medical care in our city and surrounding areas. At this meeting, the acting Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Operations Manager, Operational Medical Director, and representatives from the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2141 and Alexandria Medics Association provided testimony to the Council on the potential impact of the reductions and reallocations affecting Fire/EMS.

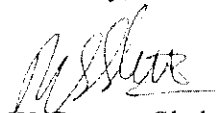
Evaluating these testimonies and discussions during this meeting; appreciating the fiscal challenges and the plethora of decisions faced by the city manager, members of city council, and department heads; and respecting the input process of the city's taxpayers, employees, and stakeholders, the EMS Council advises the following:

- 1) The Alexandria emergency pre-hospital medical care delivery system comprises of hospitals, physicians, nurses, fire fighter-emergency medical technicians, medics, fire marshals, and emergency call dispatchers. Each component of the system contributes greatly to providing excellent care for the citizens, employees and visitors of Alexandria. As such, additions, reductions and/or reallocations of any component of the system directly impact the effectiveness of the entire system.
- 2) The EMS Council supports preserving and maintaining current staffing levels in Fire/EMS as it fulfills the plan to open the new Station 210. As such, every effort should be made to commit funding from the FY15 Budget and CIP to Fire/EMS and refrain from eliminating currently assigned resources.
- 3) The "peak time" medic unit (Medic 204) currently staffed between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. should continue operating as such through June 30, 2014. On July 1, 2014 that medic unit should join the fleet of full time medic units as Medic 210 and should run out of Station 204. At the completion of construction of Station 210, Medic 210 should be housed at that new station.

As advocates and consumers of the exemplary pre-hospital care delivered by Alexandria's Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel, the members of the EMS Council are keenly aware of the resources needed to recruit and retain talented emergency medical caregivers, maintain safe and reliable stations and a fleet of specialty vehicles and ambulances, or "medic units," and continue to educate and train a highly skilled professional workforce. We also know that the taxpayers, employees and visitors of Alexandria rely on, and appreciate, nothing less.

On behalf of the Emergency Medical Services Council and the broad citywide constituents we represent, thank you for the opportunity to comment on Alexandria's FY15 Budget and CIP priorities and your consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,



W. Scooter Slade
Chairman



Ellen P. McHugh
Secretary

cc: Rashad Young, City Manger
Michele Evans, Deputy City Manager
Andrew Snead, Acting Fire Chief
Brian Hricik, EMS Operations Manager
Don Scott, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2141
Lonnie Phillips, Alexandria Medics Association

Jackie Henderson

From: Scooter Slade
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 10:32 AM
To: William Eulle; Allison Silberberg; John Chapman; Timothy Lovain; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Justin Wilson
Cc: Rashad Young; Michele Evans; Andrew Snead; Brian Hricik; Lonnie Phillips; Donald Scott; Jackie Henderson
Subject: EMS Council Letter
Attachments: Final EMS Council FY15 Letter.pdf

The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council:

Please see the attached letter, on behalf of the Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council, concerning FY15 budget process.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the City.

W. Scooter Slade
Chairman, EMS Council
(202) 345-4629 - cell
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Scooter_Slade@yahoo.com

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Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 10:20 AM
To: Scooter Slade
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49629: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council

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Jackie Henderson

From: evan.dade@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 8:42 AM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49619: City Clerk and Clerk of Council HelloCouncilI would like to recommen

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Request Details:

- Name: evan dade
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-926-0588
- Email: evan.dade@alexandriava.gov
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Hello Council

I would like to recommend that City Council consider finding funding and positions for those employee's that their jobs have been listed as part of the R.I.F. . Available to meet and provide a list of other options

Evan M. Dade
A.F.S.C.M.E.
Local 3001

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49605: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I joined a martial arts studio with the

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I joined a martial arts studio with the intent of coming to class a few times every week--after 5 PM, when parking meter fees are no longer operating. The additional cost of parking would be a setback, and feels to be an unjust challenge for this nascent business.
Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 24

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Jackie Henderson

From: bets8531@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 4:40 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49596: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please find money to continue the excell

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Request Details:

- Name: Elizabeth Graham
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7034700254
- Email: bets8531@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please find money to continue the excellent and reassuring fire and safety coverage provided by station 204. Having a fire station in my back yard gives a sense of security.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 24

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Jackie Henderson

From: caroljeanweber@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 4:30 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49593: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille and Council Members:

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Request Details:

- Name: Carol Weber
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-370-0521
- Email: caroljeanweber@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and Council Members:

I am writing regarding the proposed budget. I think it would be short-sighted for the City to terminate the senior taxi program and the tax relief program for seniors. There is a huge emphasis now on aging in place. For some the taxi is the only means of transportation to doctors and the store. Surely we can afford this program. Regarding tax relief, some elderly folks moved into their homes years ago when the prices were low, and now their homes are worth in the hundreds of thousands. But, their income may be very limited, and the taxes might make it difficult for them to remain in their homes. Again, aren't we trying to encourage aging in place? Please consider continuing these programs.

Thank you for your consideration and for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Carol Weber

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From: markey241@msn.com
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 1:51 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49574: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Mr. Mayor and Council, This is a request

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Request Details:

- Name: Kathleen Markey
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035486419
- Email: markey241@msn.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Mr. Mayor and Council,
This is a request to leave the services of Fire Station 204 intact. I live in the neighborhood and have needed its services in the past, and know that if it and its staff were not in the near vicinity, greater harm might have ensued. The solution to the problem of needed services at Potomac Yards should not be a dissolution of the services covered by Station 204.
DO the next right thing and fund the staff and equipment needed at the Potomac Yard station.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 24

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From: pennyjones1@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 9:25 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49539: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Keep Engine Company 204 exactly as it is

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Request Details:

- Name: Elizabeth Jones
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 379-4814
- Email: pennyjones1@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Keep Engine Company 204 exactly as it is. With all the development in Potomac Yards we need it!
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 24

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From: mhovan@prsinc.org
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 8:37 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49529: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please see attached letter requesting AI

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Request Details:

- Name: Meredith Hovan
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 531-6321
- Email: mhovan@prsinc.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please see attached letter requesting Alexandria Fund for Human Services funding be sustained at its current level in FY15 budget.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/caa653bc-0828-46f8-b52f-d858ba114f2d>
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 24

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April 17, 2014

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

I am writing as the President & CEO of PRS, Inc. (Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services), a member of the Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations (ACHSO) to request no cut in funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS).

PRS provides skills training and supports so individuals living with mental illness, substance use disorders, mild intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders or any combination of these achieve wellness, recovery and community integration. Thanks to a generous grant from the City of Alexandria Fund for Human Services – Community Partnership fund, over the past two years we have provided highly-individualized training and support services to Carpenter's Shelter / David's Place clients who are not covered by Medicaid. Services, which are delivered onsite in clients' residences or in the community, help build independent living skills and the ability to manage symptoms so that clients can attain and retain stability, and make progress toward recovery goals.

Thus, we are asking that the funding for the AFHS for FY2015 be restored to the FY2014 level, increasing the City Manager's proposed budget by \$111,829. A 5.5% decrease, following six consecutive years of level contribution by the City, is a significant cut. We understand that the City has increased personnel costs and the Manager seeks to meet these obligations. Because we too have increased personnel costs, the impact of a cut will be devastating to our nonprofit members and, more importantly, those we serve.

It will mean that some organizations must cut employees or hours thereby delivering fewer services to fewer Alexandrians. For others, which operate on shoestring budgets while providing valuable services, the string will break.

Our ability to leverage private resources, in-kind donations, and volunteer hours means our City's residents have even more benefit because of the City's investment. As nonprofits, we are employers of nearly 11% of the

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City's employees; we are good-will ambassadors; we are consumers; we are residents. Not only do we bring funding to the City, well in excess of the AFHS budget, but we also receive a great deal of in-kind assistance from our business community. Your support gives credibility to your partners.

We appreciate that times are tough; we understand that you are reconsidering your method of distributing funds with a revised AFHS. We urge you to maintain current funding during this process before implementing the next steps, thereby supporting those most in need. We are a good investment for Alexandria.

We look forward to continuing our partnerships with the City to ensure that the most effective, efficient and critical services are delivered to our citizens. Thank you for your attention and consideration of these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wendy Gradison".

Wendy Gradison, LCSW
President and CEO

Please reply to:
Meredith Hovan
Director of Resource Development
PRS, Inc.
1761 Old Meadow Road, Suite 100
McLean, VA 22102
mhovan@prsinc.org

Cc: Jackie Henderson

Jackie Henderson

From: swimberry@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 5:20 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49508: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I just wanted to thank the City Council

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Request Details:

- Name: Anne Berry
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-837-9765
- Email: swimberry@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I just wanted to thank the City Council for your recent decision to keep the Warwick pool open for the summer of 2014. You had nothing but tough options in this year's budget and I appreciate that you voted for Warwick-area families.

Obviously this isn't a long term solution as there continue to be both budgetary and physical challenges with Warwick. There needs to be a more permanent fix to the issues relating to pools in Alexandria in general but I appreciate your decision to give area families one more summer at Warwick.

Best,

Anne Berry

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From: carol.abrams.bk.86@aya.yale.edu
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 5:25 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49509: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Thank you for prioritizing our branch li

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Request Details:

- Name: Carol Abrams
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035663314
- Email: carol.abrams.bk.86@aya.yale.edu
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Thank you for prioritizing our branch libraries in Alexandria's 2015 budget. I am a Friend of Beatley Library and support the thoughts expressed in the Friends' April 11 letter to the Mayor and Council. Please hold steady on the library materials budget. Please see through to the end the resolution of Beatley's persistent water intrusion problem. Thank you for endorsing an appropriate custodial contract for Beatley.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 23

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From: fergys1@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 8:58 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49516: City Clerk and Clerk of Council I am requesting that City Council recons

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Request Details:

- Name: D. Defreitas
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 540-272-6956
- Email: fergys1@yahoo.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: I am requesting that City Council reconsider the mandate that City employees receive medications via mail order after the 3rd prescription refill. I feel this requirement limits my ability to provide timely medications for my family and has a negative fiscal impact on the local economy. Please see the attachment for details. Thank-you
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/7552ec9a-f0ef-44f3-a6df-fa4153fd6d75>
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 23

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With last years estimated \$2M Healthcare saving overhaul, changes were made to City employee's healthcare benefits. One of the changes is a mandate that I receive medications (after the 3rd refill) through mail order, rather than a local pharmacy of choice. If the medication by mail order option is not used, I must pay full retail cost for the medication. This change to the healthcare benefits structure saves the City an mere estimated \$105K. I am asking the City Council to rescind this change to the employee benefits plan for the following reasons:

1. This mandate is costing the City businesses revenue.

Like most of my fellow employees, I cannot afford to pay full retail cost for a medication so I have been forced to get my medications my mail order. Now a regular mandatory visit to my local pharmacy or grocery store to acquire medications no longer happens. How many times have I gone into my local pharmacy and spent \$45 instead of just the \$15 that I needed to spend on meds because I purchased a loaf of bread, milk, batteries, lip balm and a box of tissue? How may City employees use local Alexandria pharmacies or other businesses to get their medications? Because of this new meds by mail order mandate, I assure you that this number has decreased. Over the course of a year or three years, how much revenue is lost because City employees no longer are able to go the local store for meds? I imagine this loss in local revenue exceeds \$105K per year in Alexandria alone.

2. Mail Order pricing is more expensive for employees.

The mail order price structure charges employees for a 90 day supply of medication even if the prescription is written for 30 days or less. This was not an advertised detail of the benefits plan. I have personally experienced this increase in cost. Not all doctors write prescriptions for 90 days depending on the medical conditions being addressed. The advertised \$15 prescription cost on my benefits card became null and void after my 3rd refill.

3. Speedy Access to Medications:

I have a son with chronic asthma. I do my utmost best to keep adequate supplies of his medication on hand at all times. If he is having a flare-up and I anticipate that he will need more meds than what we have on hand at home, I can call the pharmacy and/or the pediatrician and there is another prescription waiting for pickup at the local pharmacy within hours. Working closely with his pediatrician and having the ability to get more medication quickly has saved our family from having traumatic and expensive visits to the ER. Forcing me to acquire medications by mail is limiting our ability to care for our child. So far receiving medications in the mail has taken 3 days or more, not hours. I fear that the lack of speedy access to the medications will lead to an increased number of ER visits.

In the end and with respect to you, the City Council, \$105K is a small price to pay to boost economic welfare, lower costs for employees and restoring the ability for employees to manage their own healthcare.

Jackie Henderson

From: maryjanekramer@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 9:06 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49517: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council

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Request Details:

- Name: Mary Kramer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7036836294
- Email: maryjanekramer@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council Members:

Please see my attached letter asking you to please restore sufficient funds to keep Fire Engine 204 and its firefighters as well as fund operation of Fire Engine 210.

If you look at the attached maps showing current response times, the area surrounding Engine 204 already has relatively poor response times and these response times become worse (except for the statistical anomaly) when Engine 204 is relocated to Station 210. All nine fire engines need to be operational to adequately protect the citizens of Alexandria because removal of Engine 204 spreads the Fire Department too thin and does not balance or improve these services City wide.

Please do not harm my neighborhood and do the right thing for all of Alexandria. Seconds count and lives matter!

Thank you.

Mary Jane Kramer

- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/2d38faa6-da63-4cca-a54e-73bcc41101c4>
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From: fbgemmill@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 9:48 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49519: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council As a senior citizen living near the main

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Request Details:

- Name: Francine Gemmill
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-548-3584
- Email: fbgemmill@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: As a senior citizen living near the main Fire Station in Alexandria, I find it shocking and disappointing that there is a possibility of moving Engine 204 firefighters to Station 210. This is a dense community and is in need of fire and ambulance services located in our community, not twenty minutes away. I urge you to vote to keep Engine 204 in the main firehouse to serve North Old Town, the community which I live in and cherish.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 23

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From: Advocateforever@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 10:23 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49520: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council These questions are specifically directede

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Request Details:

- Name: Advocate Forever
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: Advocateforever@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: These questions are specifically directed to City Council as they relate to the City Managers proposed budget 2015 and the add/delete upcoming mtg. Always keep god first in all the decisions that you make.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 23

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From: cs@potomackempo.com
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 7:53 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49524: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Regarding: Longer Parking Meter Hours in

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Request Details:

- Name: Chris Santillo
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712491212
- Email: cs@potomackempo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Regarding: Longer Parking Meter Hours in Carlyle

Dear City Council,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my view. I recently opened a small business in the Carlyle area. After a year of planning and building was are excited to be there. Our decision to open there was based in part on the plentiful and free evening and weekend street parking.

If the meter hours are extended I fear it will be very damaging to my business and to other small businesses. I beg you to reconsider, and leave the meter hours as they are.

Thank you.

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From: prevans@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 4:50 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49504: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council As membership chair of the Burke Branch

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Request Details:

- Name: Patricia Evans
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-989-7825
- Email: prevans@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: As membership chair of the Burke Branch Library Friends, I write to urge the Council to include funding in the CIP budget for renovation and repurposing of the lower level of the Burke Branch Library building, soon to be vacated by the Alexandria Public Schools.

The Public Library and particularly the Burke Branch serve important needs for the diverse West End community. With additional Library-use space in the neighborhood, that good work will continue and expand.

Thank you for supporting the Alexandria Public Library in this budget cycle.

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From: tmwight1024@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 4:48 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49503: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council My name is Terry Wight and I have been a

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Request Details:

- Name: Terry Wight
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 708-683-0803
- Email: tmwight1024@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: My name is Terry Wight and I have been a homeowner in Alexandria since 1976. I retired last year and remain in Alexandria.
I urge you to review the Commission on Aging FY 2015 Budget fact sheet and consider supporting their recommendations. I am particularly distressed to see the cuts to Tax Relief and Senior Taxi. I believe that these services are an integral part of city services for older residents and reflect the values that make Alexandria an excellent place to live. Please consider adjusting your priorities to allow older residents to continue to enjoy living in Alexandria.
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From: michael.zupan@mercertrigiani.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 4:13 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49499: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Mayor and City Council, This e-mail i

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Michael Zupan
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-837-5002
- Email: michael.zupan@mercertrigiani.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Mayor and City Council,

This e-mail is on behalf of the Alexandria Law Library. As the Council enters its Add/Delete budget deliberations, the Board of Directors of the Alexandria Law Library wanted to thank you for your willingness to consider continued funding for the Alexandria Law Library.

The Law Library Board understands that this is a difficult budget year. However, the Board believes that the Law Library provides a vital service and is essential to the ability of the Alexandria citizenry to have meaningful access to justice.

Many proposals are being considered concerning the long-term plans for the Law Library. Unfortunately, none of these plans can be implemented before the City's fiscal 2015 budget becomes operative. The Law Library cannot continue without City support. The Law Library can, however, survive in the short-term with a reduction in City support.

Even if the City cannot reinstate full funding for the Law Librarian position for the 2015 fiscal year, we request that the City retain the full time Law Librarian position at the current salary and level of benefits. The full time Law Librarian position could be funded by reinstating City funding of \$75,000 and using a portion of the \$56,000 filing fee income to cover the remaining costs of the Law Librarian compensation. The Law Library would address its remaining fiscal needs through fundraising and Bar Association support.

While this approach is not a long-term solution, it will keep the Law Library open in fiscal 2015 and allow the Law Library, the City, the Bar Association and the Courts to develop a long-term strategy under the budgetary constraints.

Again, thank you for your consideration.

Michael L. Zupan
President, Board of Directors
Alexandria Law Library

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Jackie Henderson

From: boydwalker2012@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 1:34 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49489: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Letter from a Birmingham Jail was writte

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Request Details:

- Name: Boyd Walker
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-732-7269
- Email: boydwalker2012@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Letter from a Birmingham Jail was written on this day in 1963 by Martin Luther King. In it he says: Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. I believe there is an injustice being done to some of our social services in Alexandria, by balancing the budget at the expense of human service programs that help many in our community. Mayor Euille was quoted on WAMU's morning edition as saying "offering services is not cheap." This is true, but some of the services the city helps support are essential to its citizens, and are services that are not supported by development or a larger commercial tax base. In fact, they are services that only with the help of government will likely continue. They have a direct positive benefit, even if it is hard to calculate their financial return.

Some of the services I am aware that the city is cutting or reducing are the Senior Taxi program (\$164,000), the Law Library (\$121,000) and funding for the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Home (\$100,000) and The Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria for After School tutoring (\$20,000), which is being told to apply to the Alexandria Fund for Human Services for funding. By the way, this fund is being decreased by \$112,000. Other cuts include the one part time and one full time position from the court Services Unit and a \$25,000 contribution to Sheltercare. Approximately \$200,000 is being eliminated from Adult Mental Health and substance abuse, including the elimination of a motivational treatment program and reducing a full time therapist in the detention center to a part time therapist. This is a very important to our community and helps many people who have no other avenue for help, including one of my childhood friends.

There are also cuts of \$25,000 for the Regional Dental Clinic. I have known a couple individuals whose only dental service comes from this clinic. One lived in a Single Room Occupancy, and since through the voucher program has moved to Hunting Towers. Another was a homeless man who I offered to buy a bagel, but he said he had just had his teeth pulled. There probably is not an option for him to get teeth ever again, except for possibly dentures. It is these type of people who depend on city services for basic dental care. There are also cuts to an early childhood training specialist. JobLink is also being gutted and reduced by \$367,000 in funding. Also, distressing to read is the elimination of tow part time nurses at the Teen Health Clinic at TC Williams. As the parent of a TC Williams Student this is particularly surprising as this provides pregnancy prevention, health awareness and other services free to students of our only high school.

In contrast to the cuts are increases in planning and development including nearly \$350,000 for the Department of Project Implementation. Sure, implementation has been problematic as the city passes plan but does not have the staff or ability to follow through. Half of this money is being provided through a TIF, but the other half is being funded by the city and both are being born by the general fund. There is also an increase of approximately \$650,000 in Human resources, which appears to be for various improvements but should be more fully explained, or reduced to fund human services. I think the same could be said for Information Technology Service that are increasing by \$757,000 and include \$80,000 for "Provision of professional services for Mobile Device support will improve security operations by augmenting existing staff resources to allow for timely and secure deployment and management of smart phones/ tablet devices." I think that this is somewhere a cut could be made so we don't have to cut dental services or mental health services. A public resource like the law library (121,000) could be continued to be funded with reductions in either of these 2 departments.

Ironically, there is a significant increase in the office of performance and accountability of \$161,000 for "Increase current levels of service delivery with personnel-related increases in funding for health coverage, salaries, and other fringe benefits, including the addition of 1.0 FTE Performance Analyst." Who is accountable for this office? I would cut this increase.

I am generally supportive of increases in Planning and Zoning, an area where the city needs more staff and professional development, especially in historic preservation, but perhaps some cuts like an extra \$50,000 for consultant services and the 82,000 new position for development review. This should be funded through developer contributions, not the general fund, and I thought that the Beauregard plan included funding for staff to work with the development of that area. I am also supportive of increasing the budget for preventative maintenance of city buildings in the General Services budget, but perhaps we could eliminate the \$43,000 for added security at city hall as a luxury we cannot afford right now. I also question the extra real estate specialist for disposing of city property, as two of the properties, the Health Department and the Elder Crafters building on Cameron St. have already been disposed of or are in process. That is a \$72,000 position. I would swap this with the homeland security detective as the elimination of this position "will result in reduced capacity to provide timely intelligence, to investigate terrorism related incidents, and to coordinate efforts with the Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center, as well as other City partners (Fire, Sheriff, Human Rights, etc.) in responding to terrorist threats." Domestic violence is unfortunately still a major problem and reducing funding for a domestic violence family services specialist. Eliminates follow up and social work services to victims in non-arrest cases. Domestic violence intervention efforts in these cases may be eliminated/significantly reduced or will require the services of the Department of Community and Human Services or other City departments". Reduce overtime budget for internal investigations (\$2500). Reduces internal investigation services and diminishes staff's ability to respond to crime/major incident scenes during non-work hours to investigate allegations of police misconduct. Reduce overtime for public information officers. Eliminates PIO staff's capacity to respond during non-work hours and decreases timeliness of media releases. (\$6,334) These last two are rather small amounts which hopefully can be fully restored.

This budget also compromises public safety. Take the elimination of a public information officer which "may result in delayed communication between the Fire Department and the Office of Communications and Public Information during large scale incidents." Or the moving of a fire engine to station 210 which "may result in slightly increased response times on the City's east side but will decrease response times on the City's west side where the demand for service is higher." The east side of the city has more older houses, presumably with less built in fire prevention systems, so taking away a water truck from an area where water is essential to fighting fires may be costly. Along with the elimination of 10 vacant firefighter positions also includes "Additional savings will be realized by not purchasing radios and self-contained breathing apparatus within the CIP." I imagine not purchasing new radios will also be a detriment to public safety and the safety of first responders. In addition, this budget proposes to eliminate a peak time medic unit that handled 750 calls last year, 3 fire Marshalls and 2 Emergency management positions that "may result in reduced planning and training for emergency events." This is a lot of risk to take, especially as Alexandria, being located next to DC, and having a Federal Court House, has had to handle many emergency situations and incidents. Also, cuts of \$886,000 of cuts also go to the Sheriff's department, with one deputy position eliminating the ability of the Sheriff's department to help with city clean-up. (\$68,092)

It also compromises our parks with total reductions of \$980,000. This includes reduction in overtime and contracting services which may be entirely necessary, but also includes maintenance, mowing and only providing flowers in front of city hall, but no other planting in the rest of the city. There is a decrease of four urban forestry positions, and reductions in school grounds maintenance but especially disturbing, in light of the push for the waterfront plan is the reduction of Waterfront Maintenance (\$19,953) the item says "Waterfront Operations: Reduce and defer site maintenance activities in Waterfront Parks. Will increase days between mowing cycles and reduce plantings. Department will attempt to fill gap through increased volunteer services." I have not heard of any effort to engage volunteers and I would request that this money be left in the budget until a volunteer organization is in place. I would fund this by eliminating this year the "Funding for professional services to allow the department to collaborate with artists and arts organizations." (\$21,448) I also think printing of a new bike map (\$20,000) could be eliminated. There are Apps and other ways to get bike routes besides print materials. It would be better to develop an on-line bike navigation system.

Lastly, I would eliminate the \$74,241 that is proposed for Leadership & Management Support. This is for "The addition of 1.0 FTE for Civic Engagement/Public Communications, is anticipated to improve communications service for the City, including more robust website management, outreach, public meeting presence, and adherence to the City's Principles of Civic Engagement." Leadership is the job of city council, who we elected to be our leaders. Unfortunately it seems like there is not the time, or concern to look more closely at the severe cuts to human services, parks, safety and other things that should be a concern to citizens. Perhaps this is because they have to defer to a City Manager who makes more than 5 times as much and has a staff of 7 to assist him. I would suggest taking this 74,000 and adding 10,000 to the salary of each city council member, and in exchange, each council member would have to have their office open three hours a week to citizens. This could be on

evenings and weekends or even staffed by aides for those that work full time. This would better balance the role of council and manager. I would then take the \$46,752 the manager has proposed to increase his own office, and distribute it to the council aides, so that they will have the financial ability to give their time to better serve citizens. This is being considered in the same budget that the city manager recommends increasing his own salary %6.6, or \$16,420, to a total of \$263,870. I urged the city Council in a letter to the editor to delay hiring a new city manager till after the last Council Elections, but clearly that would have made no difference, especially if this council approves this salary increase when they are repeatedly telling the public that we are in tight economic times where we have to watch our budgets. I also wrote a letter about the city managers salary when he was hired. In fact, everyone in the City Manager's office is being given an increase, for a total of \$ 46,752. As Martin Luther King said in his letter, "Lamentably, it is an historical fact that privileged groups seldom give up their privileges voluntarily." It is up to City Council to curb the salary of the city manager. Martin Luther King spoke out in support of the oppressed against the ruling majority. He fought for economic justice. It is remarkable that when economic disparity is a part of our national conversation, and our Democratic President is fighting to correct this disparity by providing health care for all and raising the minimum wage, our Democratic City Council is considering a budget that increases our ability to help development, while decreasing the services we provide to those with the least ability to provide for themselves. This seems out of order.

I do not believe there is the necessary tension between policy and implementation of priorities through the budget. MLK believed that this tension created the opportunity to negotiate. "Just as Socrates felt that it was necessary to create a tension in the mind so that individuals could rise from the bondage of myths and half truths to the unfettered realm of creative analysis and objective appraisal, so must we see the need for nonviolent gadflies to create the kind of tension in society that will help men rise from the dark depths of prejudice racism to the majestic heights of understanding and brotherhood." Instead of negotiation all I hear is defense of this budget, and not creative solutions to funding. MLK also said that "We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right. Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy and transform our pending national elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. Now is the time to lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity." Translate that to the injustices done by this budget, and use your time to think creatively about how we can put the budget back in a more just balance. And if there was ever a time for protest, this is it.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 23

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Jackie Henderson

From: gcrothrock@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 1:33 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49488: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please do not eliminate Fire Company 204

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Request Details:

- Name: Gail Rothrock
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 549-5176
- Email: gcrothrock@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please do not eliminate Fire Company 204 from your budget. I understand you take a straw vote this Friday, and I want to weigh in with alarm at this short-sighted idea. You can solve your budget issue by postponing funding of some other project that isn't already operational, but this service is crucial to Old Town, North Old Town, Del Ray and Rosemont.
Thanks for your consideration,
Gail Rothrock
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 23

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From: brett@nlbcoaching.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 1:32 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49487: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor and City Council,I am wri

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Brett Dengate
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038991961
- Email: brett@nlbcoaching.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to strenuously object to the relocation of engine 204 equipment and personnel to Station 210. As a resident of North Old Town, an area in which the residential population has been increasing and will continue to increase significantly in the future because of the City's strategic planning, I'm extremely concerned about the future safety of residents and their property, and the way in which the City has presented the matter to the public. There is no comfort in knowing that fire response is now 2-3 miles away when every second counts when, as everyone knows (ask a fireman), it comes to a fire. Furthermore, the City presented the information in such a way that did not explain that, without engine 204, we would have no capabilities in our immediate area to have water pumped from hydrants in an area that already suffers a low pressure water flow for this purpose. We, the residents, are now well aware of the real difference between the "trucks" that have been descibed inadequately in City presentations and publications on the matter. Also shocking is the number of layoffs of related city personnel, whose roles are key to the safety of the public, especially in light of the ever increasing tax income reaped by the city because of residential development and property tax increases. And within these layoffs are those of fire marshalls! Who takes the place of these highly trained individuals? Who will be qualified to understand when and where gas mains on residential developments should be shut down when fires or leaks occur? Just too scary!

Please listen to the residents of this city and respect their opinions and their rights to a safe living environment. They're paying for it.

Respectfully,

Brett and Aixa Dengate

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Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 11:43 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49461: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council As a resident in the northern side of Ol

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Request Details:

- Name: Francine Forney
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-3406
- Email: ciney1@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: As a resident in the northern side of Old Town, I am strongly opposed to the movement of the fire engine 204 and the associated fire fighters, fire marshals, and emergency personnel from Fire Station 204, on Powhatan st. Rationale: increase in response time for fire suppression, lack of detailed Alex wide study, age and closeness of houses in northern old town, lack of backup capability for Del Ray, to high the most significant. This does not meet safety standards for residents in this location. Please do rob our community of this capability. Thank you for your consideration of this request.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 23

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From: jlaayers@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 10:06 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49441: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please see letter.

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Request Details:

- Name: Jennifer Ayers
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712182436
- Email: jlaayers@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please see letter.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/6955d1f7-60d9-4979-b86d-190cee0431dd>
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 23

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Jennifer L. Ayers
484 W. Taylor Run Parkway
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sent electronically via *Call, Click, Connect* to:

Mayor and City Council

April 16, 2014

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

I am writing as a board member PRS, Inc. (Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services), a member of the Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations (ACHSO) to request no cut in funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS).

PRS provides skills training and supports so that individuals living with mental illness, substance use disorders, mild intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders or any combination of these achieve wellness, recovery and community integration. Thanks to a generous grant from the City of Alexandria Fund for Human Services – Community Partnership fund, over the past two years we have provided highly-individualized training and support services to Carpenter's Shelter / David's Place clients who are not covered by Medicaid. Services, which are delivered onsite in clients' residences or in the community, help build independent living skills and the ability to manage symptoms so that clients can attain and retain stability, and make progress toward recovery goals.

We are asking that the funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS) for FY2015 be restored to the fy2014 level, increasing the City Manager's proposed budget by \$111,829. A 5.5% decrease, following six consecutive years of level contribution by the City, is a significant cut. We understand that the City has increased personnel costs and the Manager seeks to meet these obligations. We, too, have increased personnel costs. The impact of a cut will be devastating to our nonprofit members and, more importantly, those we serve.

It will mean that some organizations must cut employees or hours thereby delivering fewer services to fewer Alexandrians. For others, which live on shoestring budgets while providing valuable services, the string will break. The City is requiring families in need to leave, while professing to have DIVERSITY, including affordable housing, as a goal. How do we define diversity? Is it about color, country of origin, language spoken, sexual orientation, age, income, level of education? The Alexandria City Council Strategic Plan (Plan) as revised in 2010 includes all of those. In fact, one objective includes reducing poverty by 10% by the year 2015 (yes, this year) by maintaining prevention services, not by reducing city support for those services.

Our ability to leverage private resources, in-kind donations, and volunteer hours means our City's residents have even more benefit because of the City's investment.

We understand that times are tough; we understand that you are reconsidering your method of distributing funds with a revised AFHS. But we don't understand why those funds are being reduced before implementing the next steps, doing harm to those most in need.

Please honor goal #4 of the Plan by supporting and enhancing the well-being, success and achievement of children, youth and families. We are a good investment for Alexandria.

We look forward to continuing our partnerships with the City to ensure that the most effective, efficient and critical services are delivered to our citizens. Thank you for your attention to these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer L. Ayers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jennifer L. Ayers
Board Member
PRS, Inc.

Please reply to:

Please reply to:
Meredith Hovan
Director of Resource Development
PRS, Inc.
1761 Old Meadow Road, Suite 100
McLean, VA 22102
mhovan@prsinc.org

Cc: Jackie Henderson

Jackie Henderson

From: Wfclayton@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 9:54 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49439: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Mayor, Vice Mayor & Council MembersPle

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Request Details:

- Name: William Clayton
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-451-5764
- Email: Wfclayton@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor & Council Members
Please support the recommendations of the Commission on Aging in your budget considerations.
Thank you.
Bill & Harlene Clayton
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 23

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Jackie Henderson

From: cmacindy@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 7:27 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49420: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am writing you regarding the proposed

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Request Details:

- Name: Cindy Anderson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-8378
- Email: cmacindy@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am writing you regarding the proposed changes to the real estate tax relief program for the senior citizens of Alexandria. I would like to share my father's story with you because I think he is representative of some of the longtime residents of this city.
Like his parents and grandparents before them, my 77 year old father has lived in the City of Alexandria his entire life. He has lived at his current residence in Rosemont since 1967. The value of the house at that time was \$32,000. For most of his adulthood my father worked for Eastern Airlines. After Eastern went out of business in 1991, my father struggled to find work with a comparable salary and my mother became the primary wage earner. Unfortunately, she became ill a few years later and died in 2003 at age 61. My father worked until he was 70 but is no longer able to work because he is disabled. This has left my father house rich and otherwise poor. I recently helped him refinance his house in order to get money to finally pay off the medical bills that remained from my mother's illness. In this way my father is luckier than some. He would have been unable to get any money out of his house if he didn't have me to cosign the loan. We only removed enough to cover the outstanding credit card debt in order to make it possible for him to have a monthly budget that would be in the black. The real estate relief program is the only way that his budget is manageable on his very limited fixed income. If he loses this benefit, he will be running a deficit every month. It is his wish to remain in the home in which he raised his family but that may not be possible if you change this program. He currently owes about \$335,000 on the house the City estimates is worth \$901,000.
It saddens me to think that seniors who have called Alexandria home their entire lives have to spend their final years worrying about how they will remain in their homes. Frankly, I question our recent priorities when the local news is dominated by bike lanes, boathouses and increased density residential properties.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 22

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From: maryjanekramer@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 7:29 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49421: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council

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Request Details:

- Name: Mary Kramer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7036836294
- Email: maryjanekramer@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council Members:

Please see the attached letter from the Board of the NorthEast Citizens' Association.

This letter is written to expressly state the unanimous opposition of our Board to the budget proposal to remove Fire Engine 204 and its staff from Station 204, along with EMS personnel.

The City Manager has no reliable study supporting his claims. We are dismayed that the removal of Engine 204 (or more precisely, its staff) has been slated to occur before the City has done a comprehensive study of the deployment of equipment and personnel in relation to call volume, call types, and other factors, a study that City officials concede is badly needed.

In short, we believe that this move is an uninformed gamble, and the stakes are our lives.

We urge you to revise this budget to restore the resources necessary to place fully staffed engines in both Stations 204 and 210.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Kramer
NECA President

- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/d66d3e2b-34cb-4dcf-a151-b9893e61a201>
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April 16, 2014

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council Members:

I believe in the importance of government. However, I also believe that in return for the taxes I pay, I should receive, at minimum, essential public safety services—falling into what the City has called its goals of "Safe, Just, and Secure." Unless the Council acts to restore sufficient funds to keep Fire Engine 204 and its firefighters in place, I do not believe this basic standard will be met.

The City Manager, Rashad Young, has stated "Our new budget philosophy focuses on where money is spent and goes back to the basic question: what is government supposed to provide?" Emergency Fire suppression and medical service is one of the basic purposes for government, and I urge the City Council to vote to sustain the same level of these services with the same response times that our community currently has. I also urge the City Council members to listen to the firefighters who really understand firsthand how the overall Fire Department response works in the City; listening to the firefighters' vast and up-to-date knowledge is a good business practice and prudent way to manage. Listen to the firefighters when they say that removal of Engine 204 from Powhatan Street will spread the overall Fire Department response in the City more thinly and will not balance and improve these services City wide. Engines within the City currently patrol each other's area when another Engine comes into their area—they have each other "backs" and never leave an area of the City unprotected; if the City Council approves removal of the firefighters who operate Engine 204, areas of the City in my community will not be adequately covered and are at increased risk of negative outcomes. And finally listen to the firefighters who understand that the East Side of the City has lower water pressure (or if you prefer to describe it as the Interim Fire Chief called it "lower capacity") and therefore has a need for more engines to pump water to counteract this problem. I believe the firefighters – our community had a fire where pressure/capacity was an issue and five cars in a parking lot burned instead of just one. I can't even use soaker hoses for watering my garden because the water never reaches the end of the hose due to these water pressure/capacity issues.

I'm also extremely disappointed that the City Manager is disseminating unreliable and poorly supported figures relating to the current available response times. The Fire Department has stated in writing that their "model and measurement is imperfect." The City Manager apparently agrees with this assessment and has requested that a comprehensive study of equipment and personnel in relation to call volume, call types, and other factors be conducted over a two-year period. Common sense and logic says that it would not be prudent to move any engines until proper data is obtained for sound decision-making.

Furthermore, if you look at the attached maps provided by the Fire Department to the NorthEast Citizens' Association, it is easy to see that Stations 201, 205, and 209 have response times in the relatively good range of yellow and green. The area surrounding Station 204 "as is" currently shows relatively poor response times using the colors of mostly orange and red, and these response times become more red or much slower when Engine 204 is removed. Clearly, if these maps are in any way valid, the safety of citizens in our community will be placed at significantly greater risk. I strongly urge you to restore the firefighters necessary to place fully staffed engines in both Stations 204 and 210 and do no harm to our community. Seconds count and lives matter!

Sincerely,

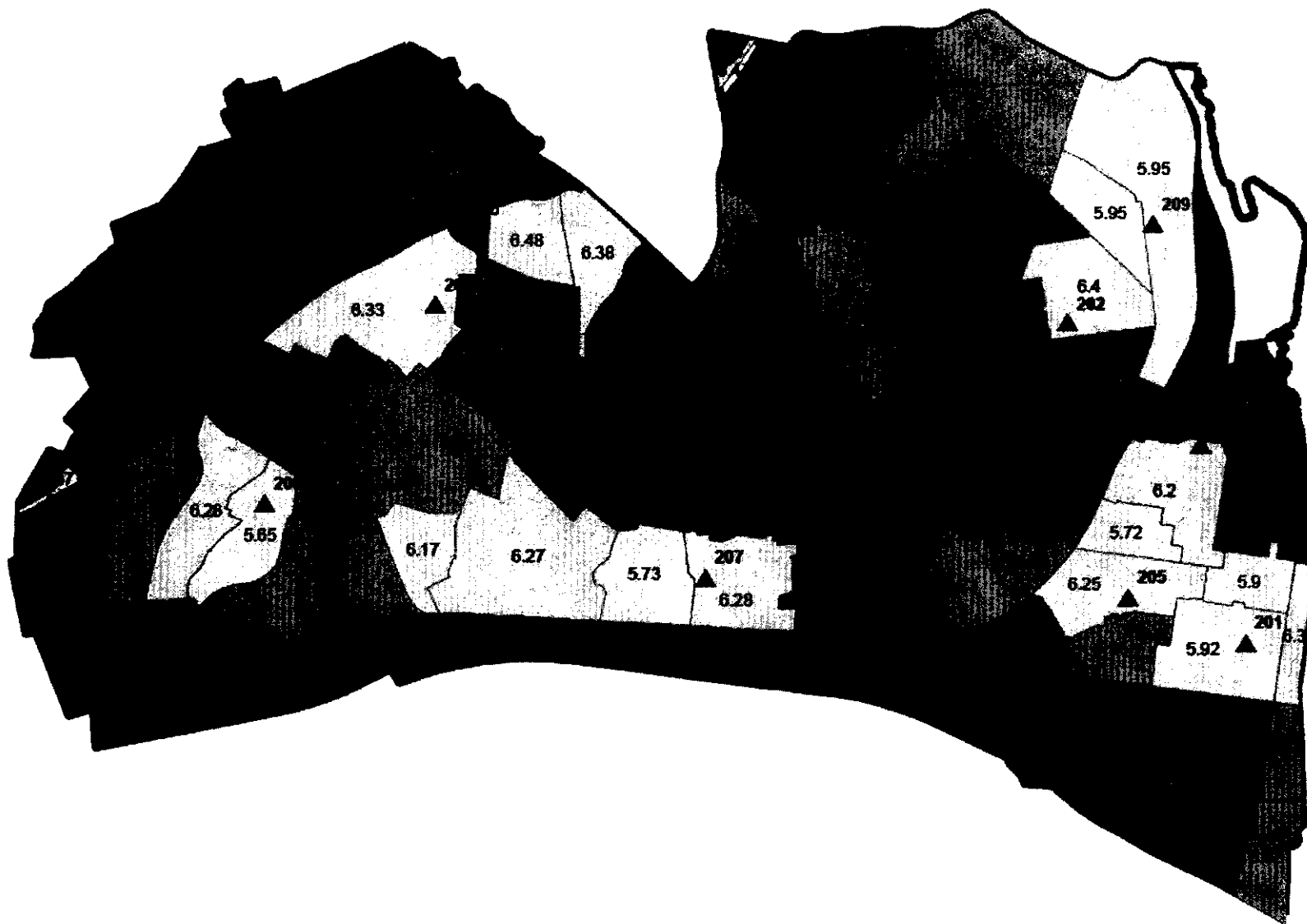


Mary Jane Kramer

FY2013 90th Percentile Response Times for First Suppression Unit

City of Alexandria
90th Percentile
Response Map

- Legend**
- Fire Stations**
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- Response Times**
- First Engine**
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 - 4.1 - 4.5
 - 4.6 - 5.0
 - 5.1 - 5.5
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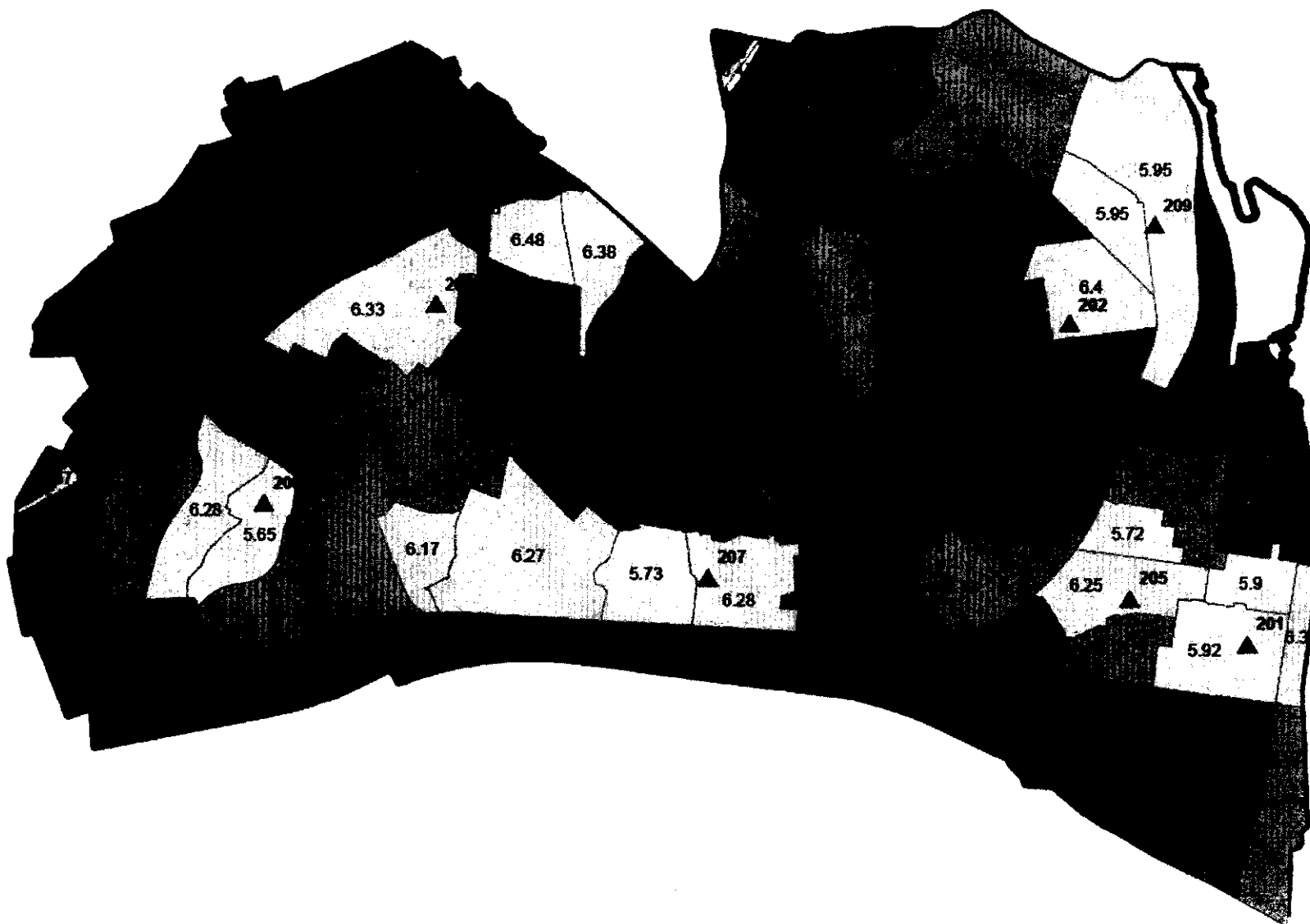


* Response Time Goal is 5.5 Minutes or Less for 90% of all Responses

0 0.15 0.3 0.6 Miles

City of Alexandria
Fire Department
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FY2013 90th Percentile Response Times for First Suppression Unit Without Engine 204



City of Alexandria
90th Percentile
Response Map

Legend

Fire Stations



Response Times WO E204

[Dark Gray Box]	3.2 - 4.0
[Medium Gray Box]	4.1 - 4.5
[Light Gray Box]	4.6 - 5.0
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[Dark Gray Box]	6.6 - 7.0
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[Dark Gray Box]	7.6 - 8.0
[Dark Gray Box]	8.1 - 17.0

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* Response Time Goal is 5.5 Minutes or Less for 90% of all Responses

Call Responses– responses for service

UnitStation	UnitName	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
201	E201	1419	1442	1355			
202	E202	1395	1317	468			
203	E203	1283	1209	1163	1201	1217	1259
204	E204	1316	1290	1338		1501	
205	E205	2119	2160	1991	2150	1956	1937
206	E206	1949	2035	2070	1934	2068	2388
207	E207	2120	2203	2122	2033	1982	1887
208	E208	2783	2888	2968	2777	2722	2831
209	E209			934	1486		1344

Notes:

1. All units dispatched whether they leave the station or not are included
2. Units are only counted once per incident
3. Station designation for a unit is the current designation. There is no process for updates so other than primary units (Engines, Trucks and Medic units there may be errors)
4. Units which have been moved and the names changed reflect the actual names. Engine 202 and 209 are the same engines at different places.

Number of Incidents in Station 204 area by Incident Types by Fiscal Year

CategoryDescription	2011	2012	2013
100 Structure, Vehicle and Outside Fires	28	20	23
200 Overpressure, Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat (Not a Fire)	4		1
300 Emergency Medical Service	1,042	998	939
320 Marine Operation			
330 Technical Rescue	1	2	4
350 Rescue - Suppression	25	29	40
400 Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)	29	36	32
450 HazMat	9	3	3
500 Service Calls	145	143	119
600 Good Intent Calls	157	156	124
700 False Alarms & False Calls	171	172	187
800 Severe Weather & Natural Disasters		4	1
900 Other Type of Incidents	1		1
Total	1,612	1,563	1,474

Jackie Henderson

From: wingsofthemorning@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 4:25 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49410: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am forwarding the attached information

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Request Details:

- Name: alan dinsmore
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 683 2258
- Email: wingsofthemorning@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am forwarding the attached information for consideration as the City of Alexandria proceeds with consideration of the FY 2015 budget. The comments pertain to funding for senior services.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/9481dac3-8390-4926-a153-3542ef43d06c>
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 22

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April 15, 2014
205 Aspen Street
Alexandria, VA 22305

Honorable William D. Euille and
Members of the Alexandria City Council

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

I am greatly concerned that the City Manager's proposed budget will diminish opportunities for older residents to continue to live independently in Alexandria. I know that you have already received testimony from the Commission on Aging along with their FY2015 Budget Fact Sheet so I ask that you refer to their specific dollar impact analysis.

The proposed establishment of an overall cap of \$575,000 for eligibility for tax relief, a cap that includes all assets plus the value of the home, is not supportable and can potentially drive older residents out of the city. What might appear to some as retention of a generous level of assets that would allow for payment of full real estate assessments along with retirement living expenses is, I assure you, misleading. It does not take into account the significant out of pocket expenses like home and auto repair and uninsured medical and medically related expenses

The Senior Taxi program must be retained. I also serve as a member of the board of directors of At Home in Alexandria, a group of volunteers who help neighbors remain independent in the community. Transportation assistance to medical appointments is the most frequently requested service. Full fare taxi services add significant amounts to already overburdened senior budgets and para transit simply does not work for complicated and frequently changing medical appointment needs.

I urge you to retain the position supporting the JobLink senior employment specialist. The city should consider fine-tuning this position so that unemployed seniors can be brought up to date, not just for matches to available jobs, but for instruction in alignment and marketing of their skill in the newly competitive social network employment systems.

Finally, you need to add \$36,000 to support guardianship for those currently on the waiting list. I know friends and family who think they will never need this kind of assistance. We always hope that our longer lives will always allow for full independence in decision making. That is not always true. Many older people struggle with decisions relating to medication and personal health management. The struggle is sometimes lost. As older citizens struggle in dire and life threatening circumstances the case becomes stronger and stronger for increasing guardianship support.

Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments. I look forward to working constructively on these and other issues during my term on the Alexandria Commission on Aging.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Dinsmore

Jackie Henderson

From: jpowersster@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 4:05 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49405: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I support the Commission of Aging's reco

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Request Details:

- Name: Janet Powers
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: jpowersster@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I support the Commission of Aging's recommendations on Aging. Please reject the proposed changes re Proposed Budget and Budget Memo #9. We need to retain the current program, and allow the CoA to further study the program. ALSO, please retain the JobLink 50+ employment specialist. AND last but not least, PLEASE set aside \$36,000 to assist guardianship for eight people on the waiting list who have no further options. I realize that there are some tough budget choices to be made, but jeopardizing our aging population is not the way to do it. Senior Taxi was already cut 50% last year and to eliminate it is just cruel, as well as some of these other proposed cuts. There are surely other options and don't ask ME to tell you what to cut—we leave it to you elected officials to do your job and protect those who are disadvantaged and in need.

Thank you for your support on these issues.

Sincerely,
Janet Powers

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Jackie Henderson

From: mdougherty@nvrc.org
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 11:09 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49378: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council April 15, 2014 Dear Mayor Euille, Vice

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Marla Dougherty
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-352-9055
- Email: mdougherty@nvrc.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: April 15, 2014
Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilmember Pepper, Councilmember Smedberg, Council Member Lovain, Councilmember Wilson, and Councilmember Chapman:

I am writing as the Outreach Specialist for the Northern VA Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons and our organization is a member of the Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations (ACHSO).

We are sending this letter to convey our interest in the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS).

We are asking that the funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS) for FY2015 be restored to the FY2014 level, increasing the City Manager's proposed budget by \$111,829. A 5.5% decrease, following six consecutive years of level contribution by the City, is a significant cut. We understand that the City has increased personnel costs and the Manager seeks to meet these obligations. We, too, have increased personnel costs. The impact of a cut will be devastating to our nonprofit members and, more importantly, those we serve.

Alexandria's wide range of services for its seniors does not include services that address deafness and hearing loss. There is an astounding lack of information and resources available not only for those with hearing loss but for their hearing families and caregivers. Our hearing loss awareness programs educate seniors who struggle with this disability and their families and their caregivers about the resources available to them. Our educational programs help empower those with hearing loss so they can continue to be active, participating members of their communities.

We have been providing educational programs for the seniors of Alexandria since 1999. Many seniors at our hearing loss programs reveal that they have been victims of hearing aid scams. Seniors are often targeted by unscrupulous hearing aid dealers and audiologists. They spend thousands of dollars on the promise that they will be able to hear again, only to be disappointed, frustrated and angry that the hearing aids whistle, don't work well, don't fit properly, and can't be returned without substantial financial penalties, if they can be returned at all.

Education programs about hearing aids are vital to ensuring that seniors know their legal rights, whom to trust, what questions to ask, and how to make wise decisions. Seniors with hearing loss also need to be made aware of resources to assist them with financing hearing aids or obtaining them at lower costs.

We understand that times are tough; we understand that you are reconsidering your method of distributing funds with a revised AFHS. But we don't understand why those funds are being reduced before implementing the next steps, doing harm to those most in need.

Please honor goal #4 of the Plan by supporting and enhancing the well-being, success and achievement of

children, youth and families. We are a good investment for Alexandria.

We look forward to continuing our partnerships with the City to ensure that the most effective, efficient and critical services are delivered to our citizens. Thank you for your attention to these important issues.

Sincerely,
Marla Dougherty
Northern VA Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons

Please reply to: Marla Dougherty – mdougherty@nvrc.org

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 22

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Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 5:59 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49340: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please see the attached letter. Thank y

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Robert Ponichtera
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 549-9950
- Email: rponichtera@libertyspromise.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please see the attached letter. Thank you.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/pdf/b510c4aa-608d-4031-86a4-ee2333cfc9df>
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 21

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Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and Councilmembers Chapman, Lovain, Pepper, Smedberg, and Wilson,

I am writing on behalf of Liberty's Promise, a member of the Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations (ACHSO). Our organization serves low-income, immigrant youth (ages 15 to 21) at T.C. Williams High School. Through our two core programs, *Civics and Citizenship* and *Opportunities Plus*, Liberty's Promise has worked with 266 low-income immigrant youth from 35 different countries in the City since 2005. Our programs help youth realize that, despite cultural and language differences, they can succeed in the United States. We aspire to make our youth feel more at home in Alexandria and to better equip them to fulfill their personal American dream.

Civics and Citizenship, our 10-week, after-school program, highlights the benefits and importance of active civic participation through hands-on learning activities. While on field trips to police and fire stations, city hall, the courthouse, and non-profit agencies, our participants learn how participatory democracy functions in the United States, an experience reinforced by visits with elected representatives at the local, state, and national level. In fact, of you seven, five have either visited our program or hosted our youth in your offices. In addition, guest speakers, who frequently come from immigrant families or are immigrants themselves, attend on-site sessions to talk with our youth about volunteerism, professional excellence, scholarship opportunities, and opportunities for personal growth and success. Speakers from this past semester alone have included professionals from the City of Alexandria, the Esperanza Scholarship Fund, George Mason University, and the Washington Redskins.

Opportunities Plus is our year-round professional internship program, which places documented, immigrant youth in eight-week internships with small businesses, government agencies, and nonprofits throughout the City. *Opportunities Plus* familiarizes adolescents with and helps them adjust to professional work environments. They develop skills that are necessary to thrive in the work place, such as time management, customer service skills, taking initiative, and communicating with super-

visors and colleagues. To ensure that financial hardship does not prevent our youth from participating, we provide a \$100/week allowance to cover food and transportation expenses.

This past fall we implemented a new program at T.C. Williams called *Civic Engagement for Beginning English Language Learners (CE-BELL)*, a modified version of our *Civics and Citizenship* after-school program. *CE-BELL* is explicitly designed for this steadily growing population of low-level (I-II), Spanish-speaking ELL students. *CE-BELL* reaches these students by teaching civic education in Spanish with a modest English-Language-Learning component. The main goal of *CE-BELL* is to help youth access opportunities for success and become active members of their community. By meeting with guest speakers who have experienced similar challenges as immigrants, they realize that they, too, can overcome their obstacles. *CE-BELL* creates a positive environment in which young people feel like they can try, a safe space where they can realize that learning English is a real possibility for them, and, thereby, opportunities to succeed are also within their reach.

CE-BELL has already engaged more than 50 Hispanic youth at T.C. Williams. At the beginning of the spring program, just five weeks ago, when guest speakers asked students what they wanted to study in the future, most students answered that they didn't know or hadn't given it any thought. Many said they were not planning to go to college since they had to work to earn a living. Now, they have changed their mind about attending college and can proudly articulate their goals to the entire class. One student even mentioned that he had never been so encouraged about his future and the opportunities that are available to him.

Liberty's Promise has been working at T.C. Williams High School since the 2009-10 school year. We have received \$30,000 over the past three years from the Alexandria Youth Fund to serve the low-income, immigrant youth of the City. As it is, the expenses necessary to run these programs far exceed the level of funding we receive from the City; further cuts would inhibit our ability to implement our programs successfully. We believe that the non-profit organizations in the City of Alexandria play a vital role in the positive development and achievement of the city's youth and citizens. The ACHSO report available to you speaks for itself. We would therefore request that the Alexandria City Council votes to support the Fund for Human Services at last year's funding level. Without the work that is done through the non-profits of this community, the City would face a substantial increase in the cost required to address the needs of all its residents. In that case, you would be faced with the necessity of implementing a radical increase in taxes or accept a significant decline in the quality of life for many of your citizens.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City to ensure that the most effective, efficient, and critical services are delivered to the youth of our community.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Ponichtera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Ponichtera" clearly distinguishable.

Robert M. Ponichtera, Ph.D.
Founder and Executive Director

Jackie Henderson

From: mcurry@ngs.org
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 7:05 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49343: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council To the Honorable Mayor and Members of Ci

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Request Details:

- Name: Mike Curry
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-212-7116
- Email: mcurry@ngs.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: To the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council – This is Mike Curry (1418 Juliana Place, 22304) writing to protest the proposed cuts to programs for older residents of Alexandria. The cuts to Tax Relief and Senior Taxi do not reflect the values I hold dear and cherish about Alexandria. To spend \$5 million to acquire the Old Dominion Boat Club while cutting programs that help keep older residents in the community seems like a misplaced priority. The \$5 million earmarked to purchase the Boat Club would pay for more than 3 years of operation of the Tax Relief and Senior Taxi programs at their current combined funding levels, hopefully enough time for the budget climate to improve. And how much has the city spent on traffic calming in the past 10 years? Unmaintained speed bumps are littered with potholes that are now dangerous to vehicles, and the city can't afford the maintenance. Yet you would rather have more traffic calming than provide rides for older residents? Please, please consider rearranging your priorities to allow older residents to continue to enjoy living in Alexandria. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 21

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Jackie Henderson

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Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 7:22 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49344: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Our neighbors assembled yesterday to dem

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Request Details:

- Name: Kelly Vontz
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: KellyVontz@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Our neighbors assembled yesterday to demonstrate how strongly we feel that removing our engine from Powhatan will be a safety nightmare.

What happens if there is more than one fire emergency at the same time?

Row homes cannot afford any lag time for a water truck. We fear this budget proposal is of grave consequences. It is unfortunate that when the new fire stations were projected into the budget that someone did not tally up the bill on the staff it would take to man those firehouses HOWEVER North East Old Town is comprised of densely populated, historic, mostly attached homes without sprinkler systems, old wiring and older chimneys. It is upsetting to think this would be proposed without any research. We have schools and senior living facilities in this area. You do not want to be responsible for making such a flippant decision with residents' lives.

Thank you for "listening"
Kelly and Chris Vontz
12 year Tax Payer/Residents

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 21

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Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 12:07 AM
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49354: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am contacting you, Mr. Mayor and Membe

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Request Details:

- Name: Mark Abraham
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202.390.4391
- Email: vamsa@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am contacting you, Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council, to express my disappointment with the actions in the upcoming budget that materially and adversely impact the elderly in our city. I fully support the recommendations of the Commission on Aging, and without limiting such support, cannot believe that you would withdraw the tax relief at all, much less phasing it in to mitigate its effect. As a life-long resident of the city, I am embarrassed by these actions.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 22

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Jackie Henderson

From: valaura@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 12:13 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49355: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am writing to protest the cuts to tax

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Laura Abraham
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202.390.4395
- Email: valaura@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to protest the cuts to tax relief and senior taxi. These cuts do not reflect the values I hold dear and cherish about Alexandria. We are funding money for bike lanes and boat clubs on the backs of our senior citizens. I fully support the recommendations of the Commission on Aging. Please consider adjusting your priorities to enable our senior citizens to continue to enjoy living in Alexandria.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 22

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Jackie Henderson

From: michael.kreps@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 3:04 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49330: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council

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Request Details:

- Name: Michael Kreps
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7039655809
- Email: michael.kreps@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council–

Times are tough time for the elderly in Alexandria. Costs keep going up and up, and it is getting harder and harder to make ends meet. The City Manager's proposed FY15 budget would make the situation even worse by trying to balance the books on the backs of our low-income seniors. I urge you to reject the proposed cuts to vital programs and adopt the common sense changes proposed by the Commission on Aging.

The first proposal is to undo the misguided proposal to eliminate Senior Taxi, which helps seniors get to the doctor, pharmacy, and grocery store. Without the program, many of our friends and neighbors will not be able to get the care they need. And eliminating Senior Taxi may not even save the city much money because some seniors will be forced to rely on other, more expensive programs.

Second, City Council should reject the proposed changes to real estate tax relief program for low income seniors and those with disabilities. Many of the people eligible for the program have lived in Alexandria for years, and their home values have risen year-after-year. That has led to ever increasing property taxes, even though their incomes have stayed flat. Without continued relief from the growing tax burden, many of our friends and neighbors will be forced to choose between paying their taxes or filling their prescriptions.

Finally, the City Council should give a helping hand to seniors facing hard times. For example, the city should retain the Older Worker Employment Specialist at JobLink to help unemployed seniors find gainful employment and ensure there is adequate funding to provide guardians for individuals who can no longer take care of themselves.

There is no question that we are facing some difficult choices this year, but Alexandria has always been a community that cares about its seniors and takes great pride in being able to help those in need. I ask for your help in ensuring that the final budget reflects our commitment to the elderly, particularly those with limited financial resources.

Thank you for your service and for considering my views.

Sincerely,
Michael Kreps
3217 Valley Drive
Alexandria, VA

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 21

Jackie Henderson

From: waudr@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 1:45 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49321: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille & City Council Members

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Request Details:

- Name: Roger Waud
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-838-7603
- Email: waudr@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille & City Council Members,

Regarding the removal of the fire engine from Fire Station 204, that particular fire truck is the only one in that station that carries water. In that part of town many of the fire hydrants have low water pressure, which exacerbates the risks of removing the only fire truck that carries water.

Moreover the density in that part of town is rapidly increasing due to the rapid expansion of development in Potomac Yard; the growing demand for residential (especially high rise condos and apartment buildings) and business development in the neighborhoods in the Northeast, in North Old Town, along Washington Street, and along route one all the way down past the Braddock metrostation. And looking ahead just a bit, consider what's going to happen to density on the 24 acre Power Plant site as its redeveloped. All these are areas of rapid current and future expansion of density that immediately surround Fire Station 204.

As just one example of the demand for fire engine services in the area, I live in Marina Towers right at the end of Slaters Lane on the Potomac, a 283 unit, 44 year old condo building. In the past year the fire department has had to come to this building about a half dozen times, 2 or 3 times because of fires in units. The rapidly increasing number of such high-density buildings, as well as the age of many current buildings in this area of the City, very much argues against removing the only water-carrying fire truck from Fire Station 204. I urge you not to do it.

Sincerely,

Roger Waud
703-838-7603

Past President of NOTICE, current Board member.

Past Co-chair, Federation of Alexandria Civic Associations, current Board member.

Current Board member of UDAC (Urban Design Advisory Committee, North Old Town).

Past President, Marina Towers.

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48936: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear City Council:I am writing regar

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Request Details:

- Name: Elise Reeder
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-3335
- Email: elisepsteph@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council:

I am writing regarding the proposed City budget.

It looks to me like the proposed new budgets calls for cuts for the libraries, cuts for the recreation centers, cuts in services to the elderly, including Senior taxi services (really?!), cuts to social programs while there has been and continues to be financial incentivizing for developers and Bike Share on every corner. We are being asked to make choices between programs for elderly and other at risk groups and the budget for the schools. Not a choice we should be asked to make!

Alexandria has a City Council made up entirely of Democrats who certainly sound like Republicans. No new taxes? Please think again. My husband and I have lived in this City since 1975 and do not feel like we are being overtaxed. Please make sure you understand the priorities of your voting base. I think you are off base and I do vote.

I also support the schools and do not want to see their funding cut. I teach English (for free) in Rec Centers and Libraries and let me assure you, those places make a difference in the lives of many people who cannot afford to a reduction in services.

You are, collectively, a group of very smart people. I generally avoid "shooting my mouth off" because I vote for you and trust your good judgment. Surely you can come up with some better solutions than Draconian cuts to programs that are very important to our City and its citizens.

Please go back to the drawing board! Elise Reeder
8 East Bellefonte Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 14

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From: Robert Wiles <wilesco@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 8:49 AM
To: William Euille; Jackie Henderson
Subject: ENGINE FIREHOUSE #204, PRINCE STREET

Dear Mayor and City Council:

Good morning.

My wife and I have lived in Old Town since 1977. Further, my company's townhouse office building is located in Old Town as well.

I have become aware of the issue surrounding Engine House #204 on Prince Street. I believe this firehouse plays an extraordinary role in public safety for one primary reason:

If you were to study a 1-2 mile radius of the Prince Street firehouse, I am quite certain you would notice an vast majority of older homes/buildings that do not have the benefit of current construction standards/ techniques regarding Party Wall fire barriers between one building to another. In other words, the response time required within this radius of the Prince Street firehouse is highly critical in order to avoid multi-building fires taking place within the 1-2 mile radius. I would imagine the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review or the Alexandria Historical Society would have such data regarding the age of buildings in question here at their fingertips.

My supposition: Far too many older houses/ buildings have insufficient party wall construction to prevent one fire moving quickly from one house/ building to another.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this issue. Best regards. Bob Wiles.

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From: michye00@hotmail.com
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2014 10:39 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49221: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I support efforts to place reasonable co

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Request Details:

- Name: Micheline Eyraud
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035648896
- Email: michye00@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I support efforts to place reasonable controls on senior/disabled tax subsidies. The Committee on Aging must think they are the only thing the City funds each year. If we start at \$700K indexed for inflation we will be subsidizing people in million dollar condos in the not too distant future and we will have problems like California did in the late 70s and 80s (wide disparity in tax rates for new residents and market slump because taxes and fees were too high). An alternative would be to cap household income (40-45K) to make sure the people who need it the most received subsidies. We could do more but we need to cut back on management overhead (like the City Managers Office where we have a high priced City Manager and 4 high priced deputies (\$165 - 170K each). The working level is where services are delivered and that's where the focus should be. If we are going to cut services, then we need to reapportion work and eliminate non productive management positions. It is a disgrace that we continue to reward highly paid positions which higher than average pay raises to the detriment of persons who actually provide the service.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 21

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From: thismarksmith@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2014 7:56 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49237: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please continue to fund the Alexandria c

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Request Details:

- Name: Mark Smith
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 6784634178
- Email: thismarksmith@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council .
- Request Description: Please continue to fund the Alexandria compost program. We use it every weekend and find that it not only improves our community in terms of the environment, but also brings us all together. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 21

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From: pamstc@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2014 3:43 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49242: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I support the recommendations of the Com

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Request Details:

- Name: Pam St. Clair
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-6077
- Email: pamstc@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I support the recommendations of the Commission on Aging. I know budget decisions are difficult with so many asking you to fund their special need or request. I think we can all agree that, with luck, the only services we will all need down the road is those things that make Alexandria a good place to keep living even as we grow older. I am willing to support those services for those who need it now and I hope they are still available when I need them!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 21

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From: christiansonthomas1027@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2014 4:18 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49251: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council We live on Powhatan Street, Alexandria-

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Request Details:

- Name: LTC R Thomas & Darlene Christianson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: christiansonthomas1027@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: We live on Powhatan Street, Alexandria- This is letter is to urge you to vote to keep the water truck at Engine 204- SAVE 204!
This is a life and death situation for our residents, seconds mean everything in an emergency and in this area IF one townhouse goes up in fire we could lose the whole neighbourhood- WE NEED our Water truck at Engine 204
Thank you for your time
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 21

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From: billahern@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2014 4:57 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49254: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE support the Commi

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Request Details:

- Name: Mona Miller
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: billahern@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE support the Commission of Aging's recommendations on Aging. Please reject the proposed changes re Proposed Budget and Budget Memo #9. We need to retain the current program, and allow the CoA to further study the program. ALSO, please please please retain the JobLink 50+ employment specialist. AND last but not least, PLEASE set aside \$36,000 to assist guardianship for eight people on the waiting list who have no further options. Thank you for your support on these issues.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 21

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From: cedar1950@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 1:28 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49130: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille & Council Members:I

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Request Details:

- Name: Cedar Dvorin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-838-1677
- Email: cedar1950@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille & Council Members:
I think I could almost copy my email to you from last year- except this year is even worse for older Alexandrians. I see the City Manager (who makes quite a healthy salary), in his proposed budget, made deep cuts to programs that help the most vulnerable in our community. He either doesn't know or doesn't remember what it's like to live on a limited income.

The budget eliminates Senior Taxi, the program helps seniors get to the doctor, pharmacy, or grocery store. Without Senior Taxi, many won't be able to get to the care they need. We can't all afford regular taxi fares. With many outpatient procedure and hospital discharges, people can't go home on the bus (even if a bus gets them close enough to their home). Most Senior Taxi users who could qualify for DOT (the City's paratransit program) already switched to that program.

The budget also slashes the real estate tax relief program for low-income seniors and those with disabilities. Given the high cost of real estate, too many of these people, who are house rich & on limited incomes, may be forced from their homes. Please consider a \$700,000 property value cap. Instead of an exemption, consider a change to a deferral, to be collected when the property is sold by the owner (make it so that if the owner dies & the house is inherited, the taxes are due at that time). This may not help the city's budget now but it will help keep older & disabled Alexandrians in their homes and the City will collect the property taxes in the future.

I'd also like to ask that you maintain the Older Worker Employment Specialist at JobLink. It is difficult for older people to find work on their own. Working people pay taxes, participate in the economy (unless they work at Wal-Mart and other employers who pay the current minimum wage) and need fewer or no financial supports and social services.

One of the most overlooked needs- guardians for elderly individuals who can no longer take care of themselves. Their dire situations put their lives at risk. The city's guardianship program has eight persons on a wait-list. An additional appropriation of \$36,000 would allow them to be served while maintaining those already in the program.

I do not envy your job. I do have a suggestion that will not make you popular, especially with those who have no compassion for citizens of the city they live in, but can afford the very expensive houses being built now. I support the proposed half cent property tax increase. Alexandria has always been a community that cares about its older residents. We have some great programs to help people that are really in need. Please don't let them be decimated.

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 17

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Jackie Henderson

From: marianneanderson@verizon.net
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2014 2:00 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49216: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Mr. Mayor and Council members, This is

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Request Details:

- Name: Marianne Anderson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-582-6811
- Email: marianneanderson@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Mr. Mayor and Council members,
This is about Firehouse 204, public safety, and the rising concern that our safety is being jeopardized. We in the Northeast, including all of Old Town Greens and Potomac Greens, and North Old Town, are very concerned about the proposal to move engine 204 and the firefighters who go with it. Our area is densely populated with increasing numbers of high-rise apartment buildings along with old homes, and, in many areas, low water pressure What a combination for concern.

We also have the perception that this proposal is being put forth based on very little research. We further understand that Mr. Young has asked for a study of the fire department needs -- said study to begin next year! Why make changes now, before a study of needs is undertaken?

Please carefully consider the advisability, or lack thereof, of the proposal to leave our area with no engine (water pumping) capability from our fire station.

I think I speak for many in the northern part of the city. I hope you will take our concerns seriously when you have your add/delete session and/or when you vote on May 1.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 21

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From: aimeedavis42@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 12:18 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49073: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am a practicing attorney in Virginia a

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Request Details:

- Name: Aimee Davis
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: aimeedavis42@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am a practicing attorney in Virginia and every jurisdiction in which I practice has a law library and librarian associated with it. It seems unthinkable that the Alexandria law library would be defunded and potentially go away. To propose defunding without a solution to protect the library and the wealth of resource in it makes scant sense. I use Alexandria's law library to do research prior to filing cases. People, in some instances, can choose which court's to file in and when there is not the option of a law library it may also force some of us to go to other jurisdictions who provide this resource simply for the sake of convenience.

This library is also a community resource where laymen come to learn about specific issues which they are presented with, especially when they are unable to afford an attorney.

The City should respect the dignity and integrity of their Courts through funding this very vital community resource. To defund such an important tool for people in the area would be to send a message that the City does not value its citizens and does not respect its own courts. Please reconsider defunding the library.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 16

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From: jkmalseed@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 11:58 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49069: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Thank you for voting unanimously to dire

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Request Details:

- Name: Jenny Malseed
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-312-5270
- Email: jkmalseed@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Thank you for voting unanimously to direct the City Manager to make preparations to re-open Warwick pool for this Summer. So many members of the community truly appreciate it.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 16

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From: daven006@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 1:51 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49019: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council With recent and projected increases in t

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Request Details:

- Name: Charles Davenport
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-582-9503
- Email: daven006@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: With recent and projected increases in the student population being served by ACPS (almost 1,500 in the last 3 years), it is essential that the Alexandria City Council provide sufficient funds to meet all of the critical needs identified in the current School Board's budget proposal. ACPS funding per student has continued to fall (from \$15,179 in 2008 to \$13,556 this year). In an environment where many of the new students are entering our schools requiring ELL, free and reduced lunch, or other special services to succeed academically, those per student funding declines are not sustainable.

Creating a robust and successful school system is essential to being a competitive city that provides an attractive place to live for families. Right now Alexandria is falling short of that standard and the City Council needs to provide the budget that is needed to help our schools succeed.

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 15

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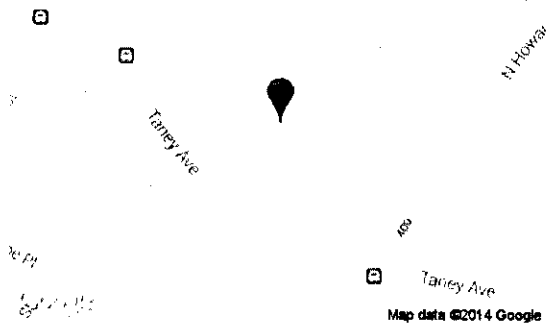
From: fiveofsix@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 12:56 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #49015: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council at 4643 TANEY AV Hello! I am a parent of a student at Pat

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Request Details:

- Name: Sondra Rhodes
- Approximate Address: 4643 TANEY AV (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-370-0874
- Email: fiveofsix@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Hello! I am a parent of a student at Patrick Henry Elementary. We have the best children in Alexandria City attending Patrick Henry, and I am writing to request full funding for the Patrick Henry Project. I am looking forward to my daughter attending Patrick Henry through the eighth grade. Thank you!
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 15



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From: sarahedale@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 9:01 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48975: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council at 3301 LANDOVER ST
Hello, My name is Sarah Dale, I'm a 5

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Request Details:

- Name: Sarah Dale
- Approximate Address: 3301 LANDOVER ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 2025568133
- Email: sarahedale@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Hello,

My name is Sarah Dale, I'm a 5-year resident and homeowner in Alexandria. I volunteer with Casa Chirilagua in the Arlandria/Chirilagua neighborhood where my home is located.

Please find room in the budget to keep Warwick pool open this summer. The children and families we work with in Chirilagua do not have readily available access to cars nor money for public transportation, thus their main form of transportation is walking, and Warwick pool is the only pool within walking distance of our neighborhood.

Our students are always at extreme risk to adopting drug and gang-related behaviors as they are surrounded by these opportunities, and are given little else in which to find community. The public pool is a safe space where students can spend their time out of their apartment homes, away from unsafe home and neighborhood conditions, getting exercise and playtime in the outdoors, which is key to healthy child development.

Taking away the pool is akin to removing their playground. Please find room in the budget to invest in our high-risk children who deserve a chance to not only survive but thrive.

Feel free to contact me with any further questions. As a Chirilagua resident and volunteer, I'm happy to introduce you to some of our students and families or give you a tour of our neighborhood so you can learn first-hand about the Alexandria residents we are all trying to serve.

Thank you for your service to the city.

Best,

Sarah Dale
sarahedale@gmail.com
202-556-8133

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 15

Jackie Henderson

From: Dianaa.Saget@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 9:41 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48983: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council This message is a request to fully fund

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Request Details:

- Name: Dianara Saget
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5714656728
- Email: Dianaa.Saget@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: This message is a request to fully fund the Patrick Henry project. I have been informed that the budget will not allow the building of the new school to go thru successfully. My request is to for the City to find a way to fully fund this project. We live on the west end and my children attend Patrick Henry. I believe in the k-8 project considering my daughter experience in ACPS. It was a bad experience. I do have 2 little boys that will attend Patrick Henry and would love for them to have a great experience there and the school budget is very important for that the process.

Sincerely,

Dianara Saget

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From: CommunityRelations@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 9:11 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48977: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Good morning, Just a quick note to s

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Request Details:

- Name: Emily Cooney
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: emil **Note:** *This email address appears to be invalid.*
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Good morning,

Just a quick note to say how fantastic the composting project in the community is! The staff out at the Del Ray Farmers Market is friendly and knowledgeable. It is so easy to participate. I have overheard many parents talking to their kids about it and deciding to take part as a family. Lots of folks are definitely interested in seeing this grow - especially if it gets to the point that we may purchase some of the mulch back for our own use. I understand it is used in the parks right now - which is great too! Anyway, just wanted to voice my support for this great project. It has the community here engaged with a "everyone is doing it" vibe. I hope the council will continue to support this wonderful program.

Many thanks,
Emily Cooney

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From: martyz@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 10:55 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48954: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Hello there, I just wanted to show our s

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Request Details:

- Name: Martin Zager
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-623-1007
- Email: martyz@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Hello there, I just wanted to show our strong support for Alexandria's composting program and hope it receives additional funding so it can continue to grow in our community. You truly don't realize how much is thrown away and wasted until you start composting on a regular basis. We were excited to try the composting program while teaching our kids about it after learning how easy it was at the Del Ray Farmer's Market - we are astounded at how much we've thrown out that could have been composted in the past. We're excited to see that it's grown tremendously, talking to Chris at the Del Ray market who is collecting around 1,000 or more pounds every weekend. We hope that it not only continues to grow in Del Ray and Old Town but becomes a model for cities around the nation.

Thank you,

Martin Zager

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From: tape.man.o@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 4:30 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48944: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Hi i'm Owen i am 8 years old. Will you o

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Request Details:

- Name: owen maccubbin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: tape.man.o@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Hi i'm Owen i am 8 years old. Will you open worrick pool agen? I am also known as tape man.
Worick pool is so close to my house i can walk to it.
sinserly -tape man.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 14

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From: amanuelf@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 3:12 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48938: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am writing to ask for your support/a

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Request Details:

- Name: Amanuel Fessahaye
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-481-6611
- Email: amanuelf@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description:
I am writing to ask for your support/approval for Lost Dog Café at the Belle Pre without the following restrictions stated in Condition 9:

Beer or wine coolers may be sold only in 4-packs, 6-packs or bottles of more than 40 fluid ounces. Wine may be sold only in bottles of at least 750 ml or 25.4 ounces. Fortified wine (wine with an alcohol content of 14% or more by volume) may not be sold.

And thanks for the increased police presence near the Adkins public housing and the route to the Braddock metro, following the recent gun violence in the neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Amanuel Fessahaye
1111 Wythe st
Alexandria, VA 22314

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 14

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Jackie Henderson

From: Elena Valasiadou <elenaev@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 2:59 PM
To: Paul Smedberg; Allison Silberberg; Timothy Lovain; Rashad Young; delpepper@aol.com; Justin Wilson; William Euille; John Chapman; braddockloftshoa@gmail.com; Faroll Hamer; Dirk Geratz; Nathan Randall; Jackie Henderson
Subject: support for Lost Dog Cafe

Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council, City Manager:

I want to reiterate my support for the approval of the SUP for Lost Dog Café at the Belle Pre *without* the following restrictions stated in Condition 9:

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Over the past several weeks we have been working with the Department of Planning and Zoning Staff to examine the issues surrounding the restrictions on some retailers with respect to off premise alcohol sales. These concerns and recommendations were ultimately reviewed by the Planning Commission who **support** removal of the restrictive language as you can see in the Staff report.

The current wording of Condition 9 is a *problem* for Lost Dog's business model as well as *any* wine or gourmet shop that want to do business in our neighborhood because:

- Most of Lost Dog's beers are sold as singles and do not fit the 40 oz condition. These beers range from 11.2 oz to 1 liter and start at more than \$5 per bottle.
- Because these beers are served in the restaurant from existing stock, if they are forced to sell beers in packs, rather than as singles, they will be stuck with partial cases leaving them with significant inventory that they cannot sell for carry-out. This is an operational problem and bad for business.
- The 40 fluid ounce limitation would preclude half bottle wine sales.
- The alcohol percentage limitation would preclude some amazing wines including some high end California Cabs and Zins, Dessert Wines, Ports and Sherries.

Clearly there is a gap in the standard requirements that do not accommodate the direction of our local neighborhood restaurants and specialty shops. **YOU, as our elected leaders, have the ability and authority to make a pro-business policy decision by removing these restrictions for Lost Dog Café and future restaurant / retailers of this quality.**

Approval of the Lost Dog's SUP *without* the restrictions imposed by Condition 9 is very important to us *and* to the successful future development of the Braddock Metro Neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Eleni Valasiadou and Dimitris Geragas
733 N Fayette St
Alexandria VA 22314

Jackie Henderson

From: Christine Stout <christine_cs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 11:58 AM
To: Paul Smedberg; Allison Silberberg; Timothy Lovain; Rashad Young; delpepper@aol.com; Justin Wilson; William Euille; John Chapman; Faroll Hamer; Dirk Geratz; Nathan Randall; Jackie Henderson
Cc: Salena Zellers
Subject: Lost Dog Cafe- Braddock Metro Neighborhood

Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council, City Manager:

We are writing to you to reiterate our support for Lost Dog Cafe's move to the Braddock Metro neighborhood at the Belle Pre without the restrictions stated in Condition 9, specifically those that restrict off-premise and delivery sales of alcohol. As a frequent customer of Lost Dog's Arlington location from my office in Shirlington, I can attest to the fact that we utilize their off premise sales and delivery option frequently. It is a convenient and easy way to enjoy their high quality food and beverage options to include single bottles specialty craft beers. We believe this amenity would be a welcomed addition to the Braddock Metro area residents such as ourselves and our neighbors at Braddock Lofts.

Off premise alcohol sales in single bottles are an important part of Lost Dog's successful business model. If they were to not occupy the space in the Belle Pre due to the inability to execute this portion of their sales it would be a very negative step backward but also will deter other retailers from moving to the area which is growing in population with each additional new community that is built. We want our neighborhood to be an attractive place for quality specialty retailers such as Lost Dog Cafe to do business and therefore we need to be respectful of the operational decisions they make in order to maintain their successful business model.

We request that you approve Lost Dog Cafe's SUP without the restrictions imposed by Condition 9 forcing Lost Dog Cafe to sell alcohol off premises in only 4-pack, 6-packs or bottles of more than 40 fl oz. We feel this restriction is completely unnecessary for this type of high end retailer and serves no purpose other than making our neighborhood a less attractive place to do business, which I know that none of us want for our community.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Caldwell
Braddock Lofts
735 N Fayette St
Alexandria

Jackie Henderson

From: Jennifer Lachman <jennifer.lachman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 12:42 PM
To: Paul Smedberg; Allison Silberberg; Timothy Lovain; Rashad Young; delpepper@aol.com; Justin Wilson; William Euille; John Chapman; Faroll Hamer; Dirk Geratz; Nathan Randall; Jackie Henderson
Cc: Villar, John; Salena Zellers Schmidtke; braddockloftshoa@gmail.com
Subject: Approval of SUP 2014-00014 Lost Dog Cafe

Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council, City Manager:

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Sincerely,

Jen Lachman & John Villar
714 N. Henry St.
Braddock Lofts residents

Jackie Henderson

From: walz5@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 5:13 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48836: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please continue to fund the compost coll

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Request Details:

- Name: Michele Walz
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 804-370-3814
- Email: walz5@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please continue to fund the compost collection program. I am a relatively new resident to Alexandria and so far have been impressed with the city's efforts to reduce waste and support enviromental education.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 11

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Jackie Henderson

From: afalk@afalk-editing.com
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2014 7:58 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48872: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the Cit

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Request Details:

- Name: Alice Falk
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 836-3295
- Email: afalk@afalk-editing.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council,

I am disappointed to see that, once again, Warwick Pool is on the chopping block: I know that these are difficult budgetary times, but I believe it is very important to the long-term health of the city as a community to maintain recreation venues for all its citizens. The pool is an extremely popular, affordable recreation spot that serves one end of the city—not just residents of Warwick Village, for whom the pool house is an essential community resource, but also those in Arlandria (many of whom lack air conditioning in their apartments), who can easily walk to it. This is a population that is unlikely to take advantage of Chinquapin.

I believe it is vital to maintain an aquatic program that is balanced across Alexandria. The city's recent investments in the Warwick Pool site suggest that there is support for a pool or other water feature there; but if the pool closes now, I find it hard to believe that it will ever reopen. Cutting the pool this summer may be penny-wise, but in the long run it would be decision that we all would regret.

Yours sincerely,
Alice Falk
35 Ansell St.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 14

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Jackie Henderson

From: mjobaxter@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 9:11 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48798: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Note for the next City Council meeting:

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Maryjo Baxter
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: mjobaxter@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Note for the next City Council meeting:

I have been a homeowner in Warwick Village for over 20 years, and an active member of the Warwick Village Citizens Association. I was sad to learn that the Warwick Pool is again in danger of not opening this summer.

Our pool serves not just the residents of Warwick Village but all Alexandria residents throughout the city, particularly those in Arlandria, Lynhaven and Del Ray. It is the only way for many young people and adults to learn to swim or simply cool off during our hot summers.

According to page 65 of the 2015 budget, this may be just a temporary closure for renovations. I sincerely hope so. Please add my voice to others who wish to see this vital city amenity kept open for as long as possible.

Thank you, Maryjo Baxter, 203 Guthrie Ave.

- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 11

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From: Steve Sindiong
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 5:13 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Mark Jinks; Hillary Poole; Sandra Marks; Rich Baier; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Jerry King; Kerry Donley (kerry.donley@gmail.com); Kevin Posey; Louisa Ward; Maria Wasowski; Monica Starnes; Nathan Macek; Timothy Lovain; William Euille
Subject: Letters from the Transportation Commission to Council re: Complete Streets / FY 2015 - FY 2024 CIP
Attachments: 2014-04-03 TC Complete Streets re-enactment Letter to Council.pdf; 2014-04-03 TC Letter to Council re FY 2015 CIP.pdf

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

Please see attached two letters from the Chair of the Transportation Commission regarding two items that were reviewed at the April 2, 2014 Transportation Commission meeting. These include the Complete Streets program and policy reenactment; and the FY 2015 – FY 2014 CIP. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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

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Alexandria Transportation Commission
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

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

April 3, 2014

Re: FY 2015-FY 2024 Capital Improvement Program

Dear Mayor and City Council,

At its April 2, 2014 meeting, staff provided an overview to the Transportation Commission (Commission) of the recommended projects included in the draft FY 2015– FY 2024 transportation budget, highlighting significant funding changes from the FY 2014 – FY 2023 adopted budget and expanded definition of projects that could be funded with Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funds. The draft budget was developed based on guidance that the Commission provided to staff at its October 2, 2013 meeting regarding the preparation of the budget, as shown below.

- Maintain funding for highest priorities set by the Transportation Commission.
- Allocate Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 70% funds for high priority major capital investments with regional impacts, with an emphasis on leveraging non-city funds and/or accelerating project delivery.
- Utilize funding sources with the least restrictions on project eligibility (i.e. CMAQ, RSTP, and NVTA 30% funds) for non-motorized projects, project development, ADA improvements, maintenance and operations.
- Commit adequate operating funds to provide the project management, procurement, management and of staff resources necessary to implement new capital projects and programs. Consider capitalizing staff positions that are directly related to capital project implementation, as allowable, in order to utilize capital funds and reduce impacts on the operating budget.
- Ensure that city transportation funding levels are maintained or increased above the maintenance-of-effort requirements of HB2313, to provide new transportation capacity and enhanced transportation services and programs while also maintaining existing assets in a state of good repair.
- Preserve the 2.2 cent transportation reservation in order to comply with maintenance-of-effort requirements, maintain flexibility, and to offset previous loss of state urban funds.

The Commission has had many discussions over the past six months on the FY 2015 – FY 2024 transportation budget. The members of the Commission that were present at the April 3, 2014 meeting support the expanded definition of the TIP and are supportive of the City Manager's draft budget, however, are concerned about the lack of adequate staffing resources to procure and deliver the projects included in the proposed budget.

We appreciate your consideration of the Commission's request to review the proposed FY 2015-FY 2024 CIP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan M. Macek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nathan" being more prominent.

Nathan M. Macek

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria City Council
Alexandria Transportation Commission

Jackie Henderson

From: lejones@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 7:31 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48791: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I live with my family at 3112 Holly St.

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Lindsay Jones
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-727-7309
- Email: lejones@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I live with my family at 3112 Holly St. And we use Warwick pool all summer long. I am very concerned that yet again this city facility is on the chopping block. I oppose closing it and I urge you to oppose that as well. Warwick needs a restoration but is a wonderful safe gathering place for all families in our community. I hope you will carefully consider this proposal and reject it. Keep Warwick open! Thank you. Lindsay Jones
- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 11

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From: LaDonna.Sanders78@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 11:48 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48748: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council No descriptive text provided

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- Name: LaDonna Sanders
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7034075865
- Email: LaDonna.Sanders78@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: No description provided.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/86f1c64e-eb1b-438d-8615-cc188f173f64>
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 10

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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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President: LaDonna J. Sanders Secretary: Myra Addison

To: City Manager and Members of City Council

Re: Proposed FY 2015 Budget

Date: April 3, 2014

The Alexandria Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) applauds the City Manager, Alexandria City Council and various Departments for the time and effort utilized in preparation for the budget. While making tough decisions all in the spirit of doing what you believe is in the best interest of the constituents of this City, the NAACP asks that you:

- Provide additional funding for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS)
- Provide adequate financial resources to ensure maintenance of existing affordable housing as well as fund programs that significantly increase opportunities
- Explain why a reduction in workforce is necessary versus the use of other alternatives (tax increase, furloughs, freeze on merit increases)
- Reconsider the implications of underfunding the public library system and eliminating the law librarian position

Alexandria City Public Schools

The NAACP's is greatly concerned regarding the City Manager's underfunding of the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS).

While the proposed budget provides additional funding to ACPS, this additional funding will not be enough to adequately fund programming to address the growing achievement gap between minority students and their peers, sufficiently account for the resources needed to meet the needs of the projected increase of student enrollment, and provide adequate resources to some of our most vulnerable populations like ESL learners and students receiving special education services. According to the statistics on page 11.81 of the proposed budget, in SY 12-13 only 35% of special education students passed the reading SOL and 32% passed the math SOL, this is unacceptable! The City has identified four Focus Areas as part of the City Manager's Performance Plan. Two of the outcomes include ensuring the educational and developmental attainment of all residents and ensuring all children and youth thrive, these outcomes cannot be achieved when spending dollars per child is insufficient. Providing ACPS with at least a minimum of 1.5 million dollars will provide teachers and students with the necessary resources to improve educational outcomes and prepare students of varying socioeconomic backgrounds to be successful.

In 2013, Superintendent Morton Sherman hired Victor Martin as the new director of equity to monitor areas of disproportionality within ACPS. Disproportionality exists currently in the enrollment of African-American students in special education, suspension rates in elementary, middle, and high school, as well as K-5 TAG. In addition the achievement gap between African American and Hispanic students and their White and Asian counterparts is vast! Although Dr. Crawley has committed to working aggressively to address this issue, it is unrealistic to think he or the teachers can do so adequately without the necessary resources. It is the NAACP's belief that underfunding ACPS will continue to violate the principal spirit of Brown v. Board of Education wherein you will create an environment of separate and unequal educational opportunities for minority students.

Gwen Lewis and Gwen Day Fuller along with students receiving supportive services through the Concerned Citizen Network of Alexandria spoke at the public hearing held on March 10, 2014. Sitting in the room I was pleasantly surprised to hear the outcomes of the RISE Program being implemented at Hammond Middle School. Our recommendation would be that the City partner with community resources and organizations to implement evidenced based afterschool enrichment programs for students. This type of collaboration promotes positive fiscal responsibility.

Housing

Over the last five years, the City has lost a significant amount of affordable housing and opportunities for home ownership have diminished despite the City's commitment in the 2010 Strategic Plan to promote a continuum of affordable housing opportunities for all residents especially those most in need. The adoption of the Housing Master Plan was a significant step in the right direction however without consistent bold interventions from City Council to fund these goals, gentrification will continue to leave a void in the City. The plan further identifies a goal to create livable communities that enable seniors and persons with disabilities to age or remain in place, we applaud the City Manager's addition of 240,000 for Senior/Disabled rent relief programs but worry about the cuts to the senior tax relief program.

As a result of development, low and moderate income families have been pushed out of a City that they helped grow. When I talk with friends and community members instead of Alexandria being characterized as the diverse, inclusive, affordable City used in print to attract new residents and business, current residents have described Alexandria as "the City of the Haves and the Have Not's". We must do better.

The NAACP believes challenging developers to increase financial contributions beyond the minimum percentages and provide units will assist Council's in reaching the goal of 2,000 units by 2025. The graph on page 12.34 outlines in FY 2014 financial contributions secured through the development process was over two million dollars; however projections for FY 2015 are 850,000. Please explain how this drastic decrease will support additional development opportunities.

Additionally, the NAACP requests the City Council work aggressively with the office of housing and other community partners to ensure fair and equitable housing exists and all efforts to reduce displacement of residents be considered.

Impact of reduction in workforce

Across the proposed budget multiple Departments have chosen a reduction in workforce as a solution. In a city with approximately 300 homeless individuals, 4800 families on food stamps, and 60% of students receiving free and reduced lunch, this decision will ultimately lead to a rise in the number of families visiting the Department of Community and Human Services. The NAACP believes this methodology will negatively impact residents and will add to the frustration of families trying to get ahead. With growing income inequality locally and nationally the NAACP ask that City Council provide information on why this option is more viable versus instituting furlough days, hiring freezes, or freezing merit increases.

In preparation for writing this letter, members of the NAACP executive board interfaced with several employees of Parks and Recreation. The overarching theme was not worry that they themselves could lose their job, but the overall impact on the children and families who participate in the multitude of programming offered at these recreation centers. Growing up in Alexandria, I attended the Cora Kelly Recreation Center and viewed it as a safe place filled with fun and love. When I return to the center, some of those same employees are still there and I marvel at their ability to engage, comfort, and guide the youth of today, in the same manner in which they did for me. The possibility of having senior employees replaced is frightening.

Public Library and Law Library

The proposed Alexandria City budget is a cruel letdown for school children, parents, and patrons of our public and law libraries. African Americans once had to go to separate but unequal schools and were not permitted to enter the City's Jim Crow public library. Samuel Tucker and other brave heroes held a sit-in there in August 1939 against a hateful racial divide. But more than 70 years later, our poor people of all races must still put up with a reading divide just as unfair.

In the City Amazon calls the "most well read" in the United States based on the company's sales statistics, we've got two classes of readers—affluent Amazon customers and the rest of us, not so equal. Even without a proposed cut, our local public library can spend only \$3.25 per capita on books and other materials annually. \$3.25 is far below the national average of \$4.22 in the 2010 fiscal year. This in a city of Volvos, BMWs and an ever-growing number of multimillion-dollar homes! And now our City manager's office wants a \$25,000 net cut in money for books—just a mere fragment of a proposed operating budget of \$635 million. What shameful priorities. As we approach National Library Week--April 13-19—surely Alexandria can do better.

Adding to the disgrace, we are about to lay off a dedicated law librarian—who works daily to help moderate to low income patrons navigate local laws and enjoy fairer treatment under our legal system. If these aren't civil rights issues, pray tell just what is? Martin Luther King once said that "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically". How can education and full citizenship happen without enough money for schools, teachers, books and librarians? We have genuine civil rights in the voting booths in Alexandria. Why can't we have them in our classrooms and libraries?

That means well-stocked, well-staffed public and school libraries. Alexandrians deserve enough money for public library programs to encourage everyone even in the poorest families to read

for fun as well as for school and work. We can't just think of our children while neglecting their parents—their role models—and the budget must reflect this.

Our library system needs the resources to continue the transition to e-books. This means not just a better selection of titles but also well-promoted training for users of all ages and the purchase and lending of suitable devices (perhaps with ownership as an eventual option for the low-income readers who participate the most actively in library programs). Used Kindles sell for as little as \$45 on Craigslist. Imagine the benefits not just for young families but also elderly people unable to drive or even ride to the library. E-book devices are easier for frail, arthritic hands to hold than are heavy large-print books.

Alexandria must keep Christine Hall, the law librarian, if it is to maintain its reputation as a City respectful of civil rights. She is a true beacon to those in need of legal advice, as a law librarian for 7 1/2 years. Ms. Hall's professional and educational skills make her essential to the fabric of the Alexandria community. The information she leads patrons to is not available locally for free on the Net or at the public library—only through the law library's print collection and electronic databases.

Ms. Hall's office received 6,600 reference requests last year. Sixty-five percent of patrons are not attorneys. Without legal remedies easily available, how can we expect individuals to educate and empower themselves.

If a tax increase is not possible to help pay for the above, then we recommend a good, hard-look at personnel costs of all kinds, from the top on down—especially in areas such as “merit pay” for upper-level administrators.

The NAACP recognizes the significant challenges city departments and City Council face approaching the FY2015 budget. The cuts to various departments and community services appear to be an assault on the civil rights of children, the poor, and the most vulnerable in the Alexandria workforce.

Sincerely,

LaDonna J. Sanders, President
Alexandria NAACP

Jackie Henderson

From: katharinebriscoe@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 9:25 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48728: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I'm writing to express my STRONG support

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Request Details:

- Name: Katharine Briscoe
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-200-5658
- Email: katharinebriscoe@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I'm writing to express my STRONG support for the composting program at Alexandria farmers markets. I've been using the Del Ray program since it launched last year. Every Saturday I see so many people carrying their buckets of compost to the market. Sustainability programs like this are what make Alexandria a model eco-city for the country. I know people from outside the area who would LOVE to have similar programs in their city. Please continue to fund this program which benefits our city residents and, most important, our environment.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 10

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Jackie Henderson

From: maryandchris@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 10:53 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48718: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please fund Warwick Pool and keep it open

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 48718.

Request Details:

- Name: Mary Denby
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-910-1346
- Email: maryandchris@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please fund Warwick Pool and keep it open. We have so few options for pools in the city. It would be a tremendous loss for our community if Warwick Pool didn't open this summer.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 9

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From: emilymancia@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:59 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48712: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear City Council,Greetings. I
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Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 48712.

Request Details:

- Name: Emily Mancia
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712462797
- Email: emilymancia@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council,

Greetings.

I have just been informed that the proposed city budget did not include funding for Warwick Pool to open this summer.

I ask you to please reconsider and make the necessary adjustments to keep this pool open. I am a resident of Arlandria/Chirilagua and this pool is very important for my family and our neighborhood.

I especially want to speak on behalf of my many neighbors and friends that I work with in Chirilagua and that regularly enjoy the Warwick pool during the summer. For many of these low-income families, the pool is their only affordable summer recreation. The kids look forward to pool visits and it provides a safe and healthy place for them to pass their summer days.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Emily Mancia

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 9

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From: swimberry@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 5:19 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48699: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille & City Council Members

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Anne Berry
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-837-9765
- Email: swimberry@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille & City Council Members:

I am writing to ask you to please keep Warwick Pool open this summer. There are so few options available to help people through the long, hot Alexandria summer and Warwick pool, while in need of repair, provides an important service to the community for recreation, leisure and neighborhood unity.

I know you are considering long term solutions for the woefully inadequate aquatics facilities in our city but I urge you to not close Warwick until or unless there are other options for swimming/bathing/recreation. Warwick is an important part of the fabric of our city and I hope you will find a way to continue to fund its operation in 2014.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or can provide any updates on funding Warwick pool.

Thank you.

Anne Berry
2400A E Randolph Ave
Alexandria, VA 22301

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 9

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From: joannebroderick@verizon.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 2:52 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48673: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am very disturbed by the budget cuts c

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Request Details:

- Name: Joanne Broderick
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-4045
- Email: joannebroderick@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am very disturbed by the budget cuts coming up, especially cutting services to the elderly and contracting out waterfron park maintenance. Whe are we opeing new parks if we don't secure maintence of the old ones. I am also disturbed by the lact of affordable housing, which is now critical. I believe this city is forcing out the impovrished to make room for the wealthy, who are all it cars about.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 9

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From: adrianagomez814@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 12:29 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48666: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear City Council Members, My name is

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Request Details:

- Name: Adriana Gomez
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038706258
- Email: adrianagomez814@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council Members,

My name is Adriana Gomez and I live in Arlandria in Alexandria, also known as "Chirilagua". I am upset to hear that the proposed city budget DID NOT include funding for the Warwick Pool to open this summer. Would you please reconsider your decision on this matter? Our families and I enjoy having this pool in our neighborhood and the children spend almost every waking moment at this pool during the summer. Most of my neighbors do not have transportation and this pool provides recreation without having to leave the neighborhood. Please consider providing a budget to have the Warwick pool open during the summer. It will mean so much to our community. If this isn't possible, could you provide an alternative pool location for our families and a shuttle so those without transportation can enjoy the pool during the summer?

Thank you,

Adriana Gomez

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 9

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From: jordan@whiskandquill.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 12:45 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48668: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council It has come to my attention again this y

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Request Details:

- Name: Jordan Wright
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 549-1548
- Email: jordan@whiskandquill.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: It has come to my attention again this year that City Council is considering closing the Warwick Pool this summer. Recreational facilities such as this pool are a crucial resource for both the youth of our city as well as a healthy recreation for families. Moreover it will put additional pressure on the remaining pools to accommodate day camp programs that are utilized by many different youth groups (Boys and Girls Clubs, etc.) to provide an affordable and healthy outlet for those less fortunate. Clearly the city is proud of its Cameron Run facility, but it is expensive and not a viable option for many.

Do we really want to cut summer activities for children and teens when there are so few affordable activities for them? Our pools and rec centers are a valuable asset to the community. They prove the city cares for its families' welfare and their good health.

Perhaps if you visited these pools in the summer you would see how popular they are and that they are very much needed in our communities. Nearby Fairfax County has a wealth of pools and recreation facilities for its citizens. Why should Alexandria close down one of its very few summer facilities? This action would be contradictory to the President and First Lady's message to strive for more exercise and fight the rising rates of obesity and diabetes in our youth. It simply sends the wrong message.

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From: kgrowitz@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 11:27 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #48661: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please vote to fund the Warwick pool.

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Kristin Growitz-Bermudez
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7033042060
- Email: kgrowitz@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please vote to fund the Warwick pool.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 9

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