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From: jjakubek@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 9:22 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68444: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Vice Mayor, and Cit

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Request Details:

- Name: Jake Jakubek
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: jjakubek@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Vice Mayor, and City Council,

My name is Jake Jakubek and I live in the West End of the city of Alexandria.

I am writing to express my concern about the potential elimination of funding for the proposed Cameron Run and Backlick Run Trails. Both trails would serve the city and region well in its pursuit of providing multimodal options to residents such as myself and visitors as well as create connections where none currently exist.

The Cameron Run Trail would serve to connect the end of the Eisenhower Valley with Old Town and complete a major missing portion of the Alexandria cycling network. I commute through the Eisenhower valley via Carlyle and whilst I may be brave enough to ride along Mill Road among other people driving at rush hour, it would be much more relaxing and safer for me to have a different option to get home. I also love to get out on weekend mornings with my wife and ride our bikes to Old Town to have a cup of coffee by the Potomac. It's part of what makes Alexandria special. Having this connection would make the ride through Carlyle much more pleasant for my wife and I on our weekend morning jaunts.

The Backlick Run Trail would create non-motorized links to the Van Dorn Metro Station and out to the city's border with Fairfax County creating additional multimodal connections where they are sorely needed. I have to navigate slip lanes, speeding cars, and awkward road crossings to get to the station on foot or by bike. The environment undoubtedly dissuades others from walking to our local metro station and has to be partially responsible for the low daily boarding numbers at Van Dorn relative to other stations in the city. I am stubborn and will do it anyway however, others require something better.

I urge the Council to not cut these projects from the budget. They are inexpensive, are sorely needed, and will provide our residents and visitors with much needed options.

Sincerely,

Jake Jakubek

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 26

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68424: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hello Council Members - I am writing

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Request Details:

- Name: Alexandra Rutherford
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7033422126
- Email: alex1kat@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello Council Members -

I am writing today to urge you to support funding for the Maury Elementary Schoolyard project. Specifically, I am asking that you allocate \$250,000 from the City's budget to fund underground storm water management and infrastructure repair.

As you know, the Maury Schoolyard effort is a unique public-private partnership that will create a community-wide area for all Alexandrians to enjoy. By sheer bad geographic luck, the Maury schoolyard sits at the bottom of a 30-acre gulch. All attempts by the City to provide patchwork solutions to the drainage problems that plague the yard have proven ineffective. The area requires a permanent solution that will remove the stormwater in an environmentally safe manner.

The Maury Schoolyard Initiative is Alexandria's first large-scale, public-private initiative involving the City and the school system and it will set an example for future projects. As evidenced by the support the project is receiving, numerous individuals and families from the community - many of whom are not Maury parents - have dipped into their own pockets to help fund this public school infrastructure problem. We have raised money, performed engineering studies, obtained funding from ACPS and put in countless hours of personal time.

Yet, for this project to be successful, adequate City funding is necessary.

With funding from the City of Alexandria, we can finally renovate this dangerous, unhealthy and unsafe schoolyard into a community-wide gem for everyone from senior citizens to children in strollers to enjoy.

Please let me know if you plan to support the hundreds of private citizens in Alexandria who have done their part to make this project a reality by allocating funding toward Maury.

Thank you,
Alex and Josh Rutherford (21 W. Masonic View)

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 10:47 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68326: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Allison Please support the new City fie

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Request Details:

- Name: Bill Goff
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-447-6832
- Email: WGoff1950@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Allison Please support the new City field at the Eisenhower Corridor great location generous revenues minimum cost to finish. Excellent investment
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 25

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68292: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor & City Council,I understa

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Request Details:

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

I understand that this year's budget is extra challenging due to the economy. That's why I'm writing to urge you to keep the funding for the Backlick Extension and Old Cameron Run trails in the budget. Nearly two thirds of the budget for these projects is paid by a federal grant - that's an incredible return of investment on the \$2.6M Alexandria will invest.

Funding these projects is an investment that will pay for itself in:

- greater mobility for city residents & youth
- increased health for trail users
- increased health for all residents (less pollution)
- less reliance on cars as the sole method for transpiration

Funding these trails is a win for the budget and win for a healthier Alexandria.

Please continue funding these projects.

Respectfully

Randy Cole
136 Moncure Dr

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 25

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From: michyhe00@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 12:20 PM
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68262: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council For a city which is loaded with debt out

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Request Details:

- Name: Micheline Eyraud
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035678896
- Email: michyhe00@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: For a city which is loaded with debt out into the outyears we are spending too much on the waterfront when we have real needs (like the required sanitary sewer upgrades and fixing our roads). The city also needs to be vigilant in monitoring spending in our school system. I watched the meeting last night and it is clear that the school board thinks that taxpayers have unlimited amounts of money to provide them with anything and everything they want. I would not give them any money for new schools until they produce a written report comparing the costs of renovation/upgrade of existing facilities vs. a new build scenario.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 25

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68260: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg and

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Request Details:

- Name: Bill Campbell
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7033999521
- Email: bill.campbell@acps.k12.va.us
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg and Councilmen,

Sincerest of appreciations for meeting with the school board last night and sharing your guidance, concerns, questions, wisdom and most importantly, potential solutions.

I am absolutely convinced that our board appreciates the fiscal (and political) challenges faced by you all and our city and we look forward to continuing to work together to get to the best solutions for all stakeholders.

Bill Campbell

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 25

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 11:41 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68257: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please see attached letter regarding Cit

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Request Details:

- Name: J Glenn Hopkins
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-480-4094
- Email: Hopkins@Hopkinshouse.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please see attached letter regarding City's FY16 Budget
- Attachment: [2015 - FY16 City Budget Comment Letter.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 25

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March 18, 2015

The Honorable William D. Fuille
And Members of City Council
Alexandria City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, and Members of Council:

With regard to the City's proposed fiscal 2016 budget, and on behalf of Hopkins House, I write to thank you for your leadership in providing the resources necessary to support the goal of creating healthy and thriving residents of the City of Alexandria.

In particular, we thank you for allocating \$125,000 in resources to support the implementation of the City's Children, Youth, and Families Master Plan. This wise investment promises significant return to City residents in the form of more efficient and better coordinated services, and improved social outcomes for Alexandria's children, youths, and families.

We also thank you for your current services investment of resources in the Alexandria Fund for Human Services. As was shown in the "*Return on Investment: Alexandria Nonprofit Impact Report*" released last year by the Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations, through modest investment of taxpayer resources, City residents receive substantial, compounded, long-term economic and social returns.

Again, thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to the best interests of our City's children, youths, and families.

Sincerely,



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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 5:21 AM
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68209: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please endorse the proposal to make the

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Request Details:

- Name: Nancy Jennings
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038206930
- Email: nrjennings@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please endorse the proposal to make the new athletic field being built by Alexandria Renew Enterprise into a state-of-the-art stadium for the City.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 25

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68164: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Unfortunately I was unable to share at t

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Request Details:

- Name: Tammy Mann
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-0111
- Email: tmann@campagnacenter.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Unfortunately I was unable to share at the Hearing on yesterday, but did want to send along a letter of thanks for investments being made to support children and youth in our community.
- Attachment: [Thank You Letter to City Council.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 24

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March 17, 2015

Alexandria City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria VA, 22314

Dear Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, City Council Members, and Acting City Manager,

After spending a considerable amount of time reviewing the recently proposed City Budget for FY16, I write to express our appreciation for your leadership to maintain and provide resources designed to realize the goal of creating healthy and thriving residents. An investment in our city's youth is an important part of making sure that more residents are indeed thriving in this community. Thank you for allocating funding to ensure implementation of the Children and Youth Master Plan. This action increases the likelihood that we can accelerate our progress towards implementing and ultimately reaching our desired goal of all children and youth succeeding today and tomorrow.

In addition, thank you for your leadership to invest in services provided by the nonprofit sector. A great deal of time was spent last year to engage a variety of stakeholders in discussions designed to help improve the process and approach used to make certain that grants awarded align with a broad set of outcomes that help address city priorities. Nonprofit organizations play a vital role in addressing the needs of under-resourced residents in our community. In a time of considerable fiscal challenges, we value your commitment to make decisions that support nonprofit organizations committed to bridging the gap that many children, youth and families face in our community.

As the next phase of the budget process gets underway, we hope we can continue to count on your steadfast support to ensure these investments are protected. Thank you again for your leadership for children and families.

Sincerely,

Tammy L. Mann, PhD
President & CEO

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From: agroehnkick@oas.org
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 9:28 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68099: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The City Administrator has proposed a bu

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Request Details:

- Name: Andrea Groehn Kick
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038395762
- Email: agroehnkick@oas.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The City Administrator has proposed a budget for ACPS approximately \$3 million less than approved by the School Board. Unfortunately I am unable to make it to the City Budget Hearing today, but wanted to register my concern. The schools are already underfunded, and cutting their budget even further is reckless and shortsighted. Pls consider the School Board's proposal for the welfare of the children and the city as a whole. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 24

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68150: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I support the proposed Alexandria City P

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Request Details:

- Name: Katharine Wiand
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-998-0529
- Email: redqueenk@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support the proposed Alexandria City Public Schools budget for FY16. Appropriate resources for a growing city and youth population are critical to providing quality programs, infrastructure, teacher salaries, and reduced priced meals in support of our diverse population. Investing in our schools is an investment in our future and is critical to attracting and maintaining families to Alexandria and Alexandria's public schools. Please support the full proposed budget.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 24

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From: jsandsatkins@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 11:09 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68067: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council No doubt you have heard much from many a

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Request Details:

- Name: Jennifer Atkins
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7036849635
- Email: jsandsatkins@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: No doubt you have heard much from many about the budget. I write to add my voice to those who have spoken in support of fully funding our public schools. I recognize that to do so means either reducing funding for other things or potentially increasing tax rates, something I'm sure no one wants to do. Although neither of those options is truly desirable, I contend that choosing one is necessary.

I'm sure you have heard the statistics and the numbers about our increasing student population, our desperately needed capital improvements, how we compare to neighboring jurisdictions, and the work the school board and ACPS staff did to present a pared down budget. I will not repeat those here. Because although those are persuasive reasons to fully fund the ACPS budget, I know you are aware of them and I believe equally persuasive is the impact that schools have on economic development.

As you all know, the city needs to grow the economy and increase the commercial tax base. Great schools are critical to that effort. There is significant scholarship demonstrating that quality schools cause decreases in crime rates, increases in property values, and attract economic development. For example, a recent study out of the Business Economic and Community Outreach Network at Salisbury University demonstrated that every dollar spent on a county's public schools in Maryland returned \$1.49 to the county. A 2004 Report from Jonathan Weiss of the Knowledge Works Foundation that can be found at this web address:

http://www.mea.org/tef/pdf/public_schools_development.pdf collected a variety of sources showing connections between schools and local economies, including studies that showed renovated or particularly well-maintained school facilities had a positive economic impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. Good schools provide an educated workforce, create entrepreneurs, and strengthen the community. Investing in schools as a priority is a strong signal to businesses of a commitment to a vibrant community attractive to employees.

Right now, our schools do not send any such signal. Our schools are bursting at the seams. My children attend an elementary school that has more than 800 students! Our school has failing retaining walls, often floods, and, despite the best efforts of the staff, is in a general state of disrepair. I have heard people in the neighborhood talking about how uninviting our school looks. And our school is not alone. Each of Alexandria's schools has facilities maintenance or capacity issues or both. However these conditions may have been allowed to occur, allowing them to stand any longer is unconscionable. As our student population increases, those problems will only get worse.

Those increasing numbers will no doubt include significant numbers of students for whom English is a second language or who need specialized services. We must not turn our backs on these students. It amazes me when people complain about a cost of \$17,000 per student, when the private schools in the area – with much smaller student and staff populations, few if any of whom need specialized services, and with the benefit of large private endowments - charge tuitions ranging from \$25,000 to \$35,000 per student.

The suggestion that our schools have asked too much of us does not square with the reality on the ground. And scrimping on investment in the schools now will not just hurt the schools but will negatively impact our economic development efforts in the future. I do not envy you the balancing of the many city needs in the budget, but I urge you to increase the ACPS allotment in the budget to match that which was requested by ACPS.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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From: kim_fondren@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 3:03 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68013: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please consider the consequences of not

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Request Details:

- Name: Kimberly Fondren
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-220-8400
- Email: kim_fondren@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please consider the consequences of not fully funding the School Board's request for Budget. The School Budget is already not enough to move timely on all of the modernization and maintenance issues at facilities. Alexandria continues to pay teachers less than surrounding jurisdictions. This is a moral and a practical issues. The quality of our schools and the first impression from their appearance both impact the City's ability to attract new businesses and offices to the area. Investing in the children of our city shows not only that we are serious about their education but about having an educated workforce. Please fully fund the School Board's requested budget.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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From: julietaylor202@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 3:42 PM
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68019: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Membe

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Request Details:

- Name: Julie Taylor
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-684-0598
- Email: julietaylor202@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

I am very concerned that the City Manager's version of the FY16 budget does not provide enough funds for the Alexandria City Public School system. While I know that funds are short for the city's budget altogether, we simply must as a city community find a way to fully fund the school system.

Why? Because our city's future depends upon it, and because our children deserve the opportunity their peers in other cities in Northern Virginia have to learn in a safe and healthy facility from qualified teachers. While it's true that a minority of Alexandrians have school-aged children, good schools improve the quality of life, property values, and business opportunities for all city residents. A commitment to education is a core value I believe all Alexandrians share, and I believe Alexandrians are willing to pay more in taxes, or reduce other elements of the city budget so that funds can be reallocated to the schools (or both), to ensure that our schools and our children keep pace with those in neighboring jurisdictions.

While enrollment in FY16 is projected to grow by 3.7 percent, the City Manager's budget, illogically, would actually reduce the amount of funding per pupil. And, as that same growing enrollment places ever more significant demands on our aging school facilities, the City Manager's budget would deny the funding proposed by ACPS and the School Board to maintain our schools' infrastructure.

I ask you to please fully fund the ACPS school budget as proposed by ACPS and the School Board. I look forward to seeing your response for ACPS and for the children and families of Alexandria.

Sincerely,
Julie Taylor

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From: director@plti-alex.org
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 4:19 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68036: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Good evening Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Si

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Request Details:

- Name: Adrienne Fikes
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7037390233
- Email: director@plti-alex.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Good evening Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and Council Members. I am Adrienne Fikes, a resident and homeowner, the Executive Director of the Parent Leadership Training Institute of Alexandria (PLTI), and a parent of an ACPS graduate.

I am writing to ask that you fund the full budget request of the School Board. Although I no longer have children in ACPS, I am willing to bear the 1% increase in taxes that would be required to do this. Strong communities cannot survive without strong school systems.

PLTI is a Community Partner of Alexandria City Public Schools and depends on the generous funding support to continue our program. Our partnership grant was \$7100 in FY15. Although it is not one of the larger grants for ACPS partners, this funding is critical to our small but mighty program. Every dollar ensures PLTI can continue providing advocacy and leadership skills training at no cost to the participants. I am concerned about the impact a budget shortfall would have on the amount of grant money available to community partners and the other initiatives that support the overall educational experience of our children.

PLTI gives more residents the confidence to find their voice and actively engage in our community. We are the step stool helping more voices stand up, show up, and speak out about the things that make Alexandria a viable, welcoming, vibrant place to live.

I thought I could not be with you in person tonight, I have included more extensive remarks in the attachment. I hope you will take time to read it in full.

Thank you for seriously considering fully funding the ACPS budget. Thank you for your ongoing support of ACPS and the Parent Leadership Training Institute of Alexandria.

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Request Details:

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- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: wendymoniz@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support the 1% property tax increase to help support our schools.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68052: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council My name is Melissa Harrington. I am a pa

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035494121
- Email: melissaharrington33@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: My name is Melissa Harrington. I am a parent of two ACPS elementary school children and I am the George Mason PTA President.

While I am grateful that the City Manager's 2016 proposed budget includes a 3.1% increase over current funding to ACPS, this still leaves ACPS \$3 million short of the 201 million of City funds they need to cover the combined operating and capital improvement program budget.

It is important to note that the budget passed by the school board in February is a lean, no frills budget. Even though the ACPS population is projected to rise by more than 500 students or 3.7% in the coming school year (a pattern we've seen for several years), the ACPS combined funds budget is only 2.8% higher than last year; which actually brings DOWN the average cost per student from \$17,025 to \$16,635.

The 3 million increase that ACPS is requesting is NEEDED to keep up with the growth in our school population, to refurbish and rebuilt schools that have been neglected and are literally crumbling and leaking and to hire and retain excellent teachers.

The City of Alexandria and ACPS are growing, yet our appropriation per student is decreasing. The City of Alexandria's appropriation per student is significantly less than Arlington County. I recognize that per student appropriation is just one of many indicators, however it is startling to read that Arlington's per student appropriation is higher than ACPS's while their ELL and free and reduced lunch populations are significantly lower; 32.1% free and reduced lunch and 18% ELL compared to Alexandria's 57.5% receiving free and reduced lunch and 28.4% of English Language Learners.

These numbers are important because a significant portion of the increase in ACPS enrollment comes from students who are English Language Learners or who receive free or reduced lunch. While these students bring amazing diversity and experiences to our schools, it is very well documented that they also require more intensive services and support and therefore require more funding than general education students. If the budget is not fully funded ACPS can not provide the differentiated teaching and services every student deserves whether in the talented and gifted program, ELL, special education or general education. Every student deserves to be challenged and supported.

While families with school age children are in the minority in Alexandria, more and more families are sending their children to ACPS. There is a great deal of research that shows all citizen's are impacted by the success of their community schools even if they don't have children in the schools; that dollar for dollar local funds yield far larger gains in school system performance than additional state funds, that state's with higher per pupil spending generally outscore states with low per pupil spending and that school system quality is correlated with higher property values (In fact, according to the Brookings Institution, living near a high-scoring school can increase your

home's value by over \$200,000).

For all of these reasons and more, I support the 1% increase in taxes that would be required to fund the full budget request of the school board. I know that we are coming up on an election year and I know that the city council has raised property taxes the last two years in a row to fund important spending and capital improvements; so a property tax increase is not looked upon favorably by some. But without a tax increase the city will only have \$11 million of new funds available within a total budget of \$815 million. Again, while ACPS is grateful for the city proposing 6 million of the 11 million in new funds going to ACPS, this still leaves ACPS \$3 million short.

With consistent yearly increases in enrollment, years of deferred maintenance for all schools, the lack of raises for ACPS staff, increases in class sizes and a push to get all ACPS schools to the high standards of our neighboring school districts is now the time for the City to ask ACPS to do more with less. ACPS has made great strides the last 10 years. The successes in the classroom and on the field and stage are fragile and decreased funding and lack of community support could slow or even stop the steady progress ACPS is making toward becoming a high performing school division.

Thank you for listening and for doing what you can to advocate for our schools in the 2016 Alexandria City budget.

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Request Details:

- Name: Bethany Harrington
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2404345603
- Email: bawilson1@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear city leaders,

I am writing as a resident and parent living in Alexandria City. I want to voice my support for a 1% tax increase required to fund the full school board budget. The increase, which is equal to about \$50/year for a residence valued at \$500,000, seems very reasonable. It is approximately \$4/month -- the cost of a pack of cigarettes, a Starbucks latte, or a magazine. No one can deny that they find money in their monthly budget for such "extras" as these. As such, I find that skipping that extra pack of cigarettes each month, driving by the Starbucks, and placing the magazine back on the shelf is in the best interest of our children. It's 2015 - times are hard for many families yet we are survivors. We need to give our children the best chance they have at success. Their education is critical.

If you can't find agreement at 1%, please find some compromise at perhaps a 0.5% or 0.75% increase in taxes. Every dollar raised helps the next generation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Bethany Harrington

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Request Details:

- Name: Kimberly Fondren
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-220-8400
- Email: kim_fondren@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please consider the consequences of not fully funding the School Board's request for Budget. The School Budget is already not enough to move timely on all of the modernization and maintenance issues at facilities. Alexandria continues to pay teachers less than surrounding jurisdictions. This is a moral and a practical issues. The quality of our schools and the first impression from their appearance both impact the City's ability to attract new businesses and offices to the area. Investing in the children of our city shows not only that we are serious about their education but about having an educated workforce. Please fully fund the School Board's requested budget.
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68009: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and City Council:My name

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Request Details:

- Name: June Shih
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 6509962430
- Email: juneshih888@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and City Council:

My name is June Shih and I am the mother of a kindergartner and third grader at George Mason Elementary. I am very concerned that the city manager's version of the FY16 budget does not provide enough money for the Alexandria City Public School system. The overall budget is facing a \$3 million shortfall and the proposed appropriation for ACPS is a further \$3 million short of the budget proposed by ACPS and the School Board.

I was born and raised in Alexandria and chose to return to my hometown to raise my own children. I grew up attending private schools - (St. Stephen's and St. Agnes), but am now extremely committed to investing in my community and sending my own children to the Alexandria public schools. I have been happy with my decision.

But I am finding it increasingly difficult to ignore the fact that neighboring jurisdictions continue to invest more heavily in their children and schools - and are generally considered to have stronger school systems. For instance, in FY 2015, Arlington, with 32.1% of their population receiving subsidized lunches, is spending \$18,880 per pupil while Alexandria is spending a little over \$17,000 per pupil with almost 60% (57.54%) of our student body receiving free or reduced lunch. This is simply unacceptable, especially when school enrollment is expected to grow significantly, when our facilities continue to age and require significant repair, when our teachers deserve raises so that their salaries may be considered competitive for the region.

The lifeblood of any community depends on an excellent school system. Please act to fully-fund our public schools.

Thank you.

June Shih
3108 Circle Hill Road

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Request Details:

- Name: Beth Caseman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 683-1608
- Email: b.caseman@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am a homeowner and concerned parent and resident of Alexandria, writing to urge the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and honored Members of the City Council to fully fund the Alexandria School Board's proposed budget. I have two children attending Samuel Tucker Elementary, in the City's West End. My children have each attended Tucker since kindergarten, and we're proud to call ourselves Tucker Tigers. Tucker has many wonderful teachers and staff, and I am confident that my children are getting an excellent education. But the teachers and staff at Tucker, and across our school system, need help. The West End of Alexandria is home to one of the most diverse populations in the DC metro area, with many recent immigrants and a large number of ELL students. Funding additional ELL supports for our schools is essential. And if we're to retain the excellent, committed teachers we have, we have to pay them competitively. Adequately funding our schools to ensure the success of our students benefits not only the Alexandria families attending those schools, but the entire community. Property values rise for all when neighborhood schools succeed. I am in favor of a modest property tax increase to ensure this success. Let us not be penny wise and pound foolish -- We are investing in our children's future, and the future of our community.

Respectfully,
Beth A. Caseman

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #68006: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please see the attached letter from Voic

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Request Details:

- Name: Emily Griffey
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 8046490184
- Email: emily@vakids.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please see the attached letter from Voices' for Virginia's Children urging your support of investments in the Children and Youth Master Plan and Early Childhood Education in the FY16 Alexandria City Budget.
- Attachment: [Alex City Council ECE.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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March 16, 2015

To Mayor Euille and Members of Alexandria City Council:

I write to you today to thank you for your thoughtfulness for including investments in young children in Alexandria's FY16 budget. The proposed investments in preschool and the implementation of the Children and Youth Master Plan will help prepare Alexandria's youngest children for school and future success.

Voices for Virginia's Children is a statewide, non-profit, privately-funded child advocacy organization promoting smart policies and investments for children and families. As Voices works to connect the dots and prioritize action at the federal and state level, we also support localities taking bold steps to invest in children. Alexandria is poised to take those bold steps again this coming year.

The city budget proposal calls for an investment in the implementation of the Children and Youth Master Plan. Voices supports the Children and Youth Master Plan, and the successful implementation means maximizing resources to children and youth in this community. Voices urges the City Council to invest in the implementation of the Children and Youth Master Plan.

The budget calls for continued funding for early education and school readiness services. Alexandria's model of early learning is gaining attention, not just for crucial prekindergarten opportunities for four-year-olds but also the important work for children birth to age five, in child care and school-based settings. Investments are needed to achieve access to affordable, high-quality early care and education in Alexandria. Voices urges the City Council to invest in early education.

Thank you for your leadership for children and families. Please contact us if we can be of assistance during the budget process.

Sincerely,

Margaret Nimmo Crowe
Executive Director

Jackie Henderson

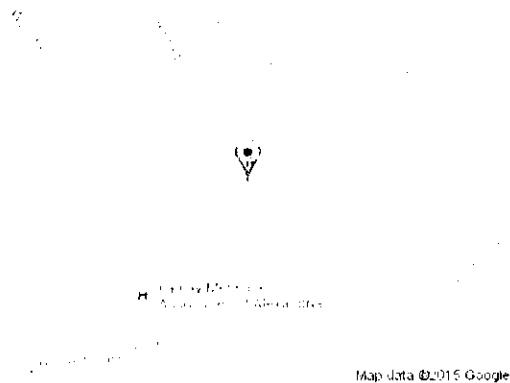
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Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 2:02 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67996: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 5004 HERITAGE LN As you know, page 6.3 of the proposed FY

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Request Details:

- Name: Roger Sullivan
- Approximate Address: 5004 HERITAGE LN (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-820-3788
- Email: rjsullivan8@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As you know, page 6.3 of the proposed FY16 Budget states that "Annual Deficits" will be \$8.3M in FY17, \$16.4M in FY18, etc., with a "Cumulative Deficit" of \$132M by FY 21. My opinion is, as Shakespeare said, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be!" (Hamlet, Act I, Scene 3, Polonius's advice to Laertes). I urge you to eliminate these deficits, through some combination of cutting spending and raising taxes. Difficult, I know, but necessary, in my opinion. Many thanks for your continuing hard work for Alexandria!
Best wishes –
Roger Sullivan
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Request Details:

- Name: Liz Johnson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: liz.johnson.va@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council,

As a parent of a second grader at Mount Vernon Community School, and a graduate of the ACPS system (T.C. Williams class of 1996), I urge you to provide additional funding for the ACPS FY 2016 budget.

In particular, I am concerned that by not meeting the levels proposed by ACPS, City Council will jeopardize the step increases so needed by our city's teachers. These teachers are professionals, and the budget should reflect the value they provide to our city.

I am also concerned that necessary facilities improvements could be neglected due to lack of funds. While each school has its needs, and all are important, I would like to highlight a specific example of how funding in the ACPS CIP budget for FY 2016 would affect a project at Mount Vernon Community School.

For the past year, parents and staff at MVCS have been working with ACPS and with DRPCA to plan for much needed maintenance and improvement to the MVCS play area. Design plans for the site would make the space compliant with the ADA, improve safety, and provide a wider variety of teaching, learning and discovery uses on the site.

The transformation of the MVCS play area aligns with the goals of Eco-City Alexandria and the City's Playspace Policy.

However, this project needs proper funding to come into fruition and provide its potential benefit to children and the community at large.

The healthy and optimal development of children is worth the investment.

Please fully support ACPS in your budgeting decisions.

Best regards,

Liz Johnson

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From: rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 11:39 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67947: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I'm writing in support of the City Council

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Request Details:

- Name: Rosemarie Wiedemer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035492551
- Email: rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm writing in support of the City Council FULLY FUNDING the ACPS budget this fiscal year. I have 2 sons, one at George Mason Elementary and one at George Washington Middle School. The school system needs to be fully funded in order to address all the challenges that are ready to greet us in the coming school year. Some of those challenges include:
 - * Increased enrollment - more kids need more teachers, support staff, books, and space
 - * Increased enrollment of English Language Learners - these students need even more support as they not only try to master the basic subjects, but have to do this while trying to learn a new language!
 - * Aging buildings - most of the school buildings need serious attention from the facilities department. George Mason, for one example, has terrible windows that allow rain to flow IN to the classrooms if the wind blows while it's raining. Plus there are the decrepit bathrooms and VERY old roof.These are just a few examples of why ACPS needs all the money that it is requesting from the city budget. Please also keep in mind, that although the percent of the population in Alexandria with school-age children is a minority, the success of our public schools effects the whole community. Good public schools raises property values, helping all of Alexandria. Also a great public school system, graduates future Alexandria residents that can continue to contribute to this great town. City Council members, when looking at this year's budget, please remember how important a great public school education is and fully-fund ACPS's budget request.
Sincerely,
Rosemarie Wiedemer
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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Request Details:

- Name: David Glade
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7034830317
- Email: dglade@ctkalexandria.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

I am very concerned about the city manager's version of the FY16 budget does provide enough money for the Alexandria City Public School system. I am aware that the overall budget is facing a \$3 million shortfall and that the proposed appropriation for ACPS is a further \$3 million short of the budget proposed by ACPS and the School Board.

Despite these significant factors, I am going to ask you to reach out and encourage full funding for the school system. There are several major areas that require the need for additional funds and impact the allocation of resources within the budget. These include increased compensation for employees, addressing growing student enrollment and increased support for facilities maintenance and operations.

- Salary adjustment for teachers: Approximately \$4.6 million has been included in the Proposed Budget for a full step implementation as well as other targeted salary adjustments for all employees so that ACPS remains competitive with surrounding jurisdictions and retains high quality staff. ACPS employees have not received a full step since FY 2012.

- To address growing student enrollment, ACPS and the School Board have proposed an additional \$3.5 million to cover the cost of teachers and instructional support personnel to meet the needs of students. Enrollment is expected to reach 14,745 students, which is an increase of 3.7 percent over the current school year. By 2020, ACPS is projected to have 16,449 students. ACPS has the most diverse student population and the highest percentage of students (60 percent) who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals in Northern Virginia. Per pupil cost in FY 2016 is proposed at \$16,838, a decrease from FY 2015 of \$17,153.

- ACPS' growing enrollment places more demands on aging facilities, which will require significant investment to maintain and improve. Dr. Crawley, the superintendent of schools, has proposed an additional \$2 million to provide support for building maintenance and custodial services, capital project management and contractual services to improve building conditions.

I look forward to seeing your support for the Alexandria Public School System and the children of Alexandria.

Best regards,

David Glade

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Request Details:

- Name: Jennifer Glade
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7034893264
- Email: jgrglade@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

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Most importantly is supporting the physical needs of the school system. ACPS' growing enrollment places more demands on aging facilities, which will require significant investment to maintain and improve. Dr. Crawley, the superintendent of schools, has proposed an additional \$2 million to provide support for building maintenance and custodial services, capital project management and contractual services to improve building conditions.

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Best regards,

Jennifer Glade

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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Jackie Henderson

From: wagnerek@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 1:04 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67981: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille, Dear members of City

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Request Details:

- Name: Eric Wagner
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-5261
- Email: wagnerek@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille, Dear members of City Council,

I am writing to express my support for continued funding of the Capital Bikeshare (CaBi) Operating Budget. I understand budget priorities from a personal and professional perspective but letting the available capital funds for the much-needed CaBi expansion lay fallow to save \$150,000 in operating funds is not a prudent decision.

The CaBi system in Alexandria has shown to be popular and is helping to connect our neighborhoods. The stations proposed for the next expansion are important for several reasons: They will

- connect diverse and economically challenged communities like Arlandria
- connect new population and business centers like Potomac Avenue
- expand the reach to take advantage of the growing familiarity and popularity of the system like in North and South Old Town and Eisenhower Avenue

We are all familiar with the network effect and how it will increase the positive effects of a great system. CaBi is such a case.

Supporting the implementation of the CaBi expansion will also further other important priorities of the City such as the commitment to Complete Streets. It will also help in mastering the challenge by US Transportation Secretary Foxx, recently accepted by the Mayor, to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities over the next year.

Please support the implementation of the Capital Bikeshare expansion and do not agree to cut the required funding in the operating budget.

Best regards,

Eric Wagner
Del Ray

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From: legoshinaov@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 1:29 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67985: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please make funding the ACPS your top pr

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Request Details:

- Name: Olia Legoshina
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038691253
- Email: legoshinaov@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please make funding the ACPS your top priority! Thank you!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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From: maryandchris@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 11:47 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67953: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I'm writing about the upcoming budget pr

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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: I'm writing about the upcoming budget proposed for ACPS. Our children are our single most important asset and year after year I see the city under funding our public school system. I want to encourage the city to fully fund ACPS with the funding that the school board is requesting. Our children are suffering. One recent example is from the cold spell just weeks ago when my daughter (among many other students) was forced to sit through two days of school in a classroom with no heat. She and her classmates had to wear their coats and hat throughout the school day and was still cold. I consider my son fortunate because his classroom's heater was also not working but they were allowed to relocate their class into the library. The teacher was unable to complete her anticipated lesson plan without all of her materials so the children were having to settle for a second rate education for the day. This is unacceptable. I see many ELL students that are not getting the intervention that they need to help them succeed. If we don't make the investment now it will cost us at least twice as much in the future to support and deal with young adults that our school system is failing. I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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From: mctracy@mac.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 10:42 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67924: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please consider the attached letter. Man

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Request Details:

- Name: Maryclare Tracy
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: mctracy@mac.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please consider the attached letter. Many Thanks, Maryclare Tracy
- Attachment: [full ACPS support letter.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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Best regards,

Maryclare Tracy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Tracy', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jackie Henderson

From: lhinkelstein@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 10:41 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67923: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to advocate that the \$3 mil

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Request Details:

- Name: Lauren Finkelstein
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 823 2137
- Email: lhinkelstein@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to advocate that the \$3 million needed for the ACPS budget be restored. As a parent with 2 children here in Alexandria, we are proud to be an active part of the public school system. However, the system has its challenges and frankly, the quality of the public schools is a concern often echoed by parents in other Northern Virginia school districts. Lately, the school system is on an upward swing and maintaining that momentum is crucial. What can be more important than investing in the education of our children? Better educated children benefit all of us and make our community a better place to live. And if you are concerned about property taxes and real estate assessments, new residents move to districts that have strong schools. The ACPS school board passed a budget that did not have a lot of "fat" to trim. Please restore these vital funds for our children.
Thank you. Lauren Finkelstein
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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From: lizc@fool.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 10:29 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67921: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Membe

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Request Details:

- Name: Liz Cherry
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035685523
- Email: lizc@fool.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

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Best regards,

Liz Cherry

Mom to

Angus Argetsinger - George Mason 1st Grader

Edie Argetsinger - Soon to be GM Kindergartener - 2018

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

Jackie Henderson

From: dmccormack@deloitte.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 9:39 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67915: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille,I am very concerne

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Request Details:

- Name: Debra McCormack
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 519 8980
- Email: dmccormack@deloitte.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille,

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- To address growing student enrollment, ACPS and the School Board have proposed an additional \$3.5 million to cover the cost of teachers and instructional support personnel to meet the needs of students. Enrollment is expected to reach 14,745 students, which is an increase of 3.7 percent over the current school year. By 2020, ACPS is projected to have 16,449 students. ACPS has the most diverse student population and the highest percentage of students (60 percent) who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals in Northern Virginia. Per pupil cost in FY 2016 is proposed at \$16,838, a decrease from FY 2015 of \$17,153. This number should be increasing each year, illustrating we are investing in our students and schools.

I look forward to seeing your support for the Alexandria Public School System and the children of Alexandria and their teachers.

Thank you,
Debra McCormack
6th Grader at GW Middle School
4th Grader at George Mason Elementary
2nd Grader at George Mason Elementary

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 9:45 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67916: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I support the school district's request

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Request Details:

- Name: Margaret Martsching
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: lordmarg@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support the school district's request for funds as part of the 2016 budget. Alexandria must make public schools a priority and I'm willing to pay a 1% increase in order to provide for the infrastructure and staff salaries to support public schools. I have children in the system now - the classes are large and the buildings are run down. The teachers are fantastic and in order to retain the best teachers, we must be able to pay them competitively! Please make our schools a priority for Alexandria.
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Jackie Henderson

To: Council and Aides
Subject: comments on budget

Debra McCormick, 703-338-8511, called to give the following comments on the budget:

ACPS Budget:

Increase teacher's salary

Free and reduced lunch needs increased contributions

Spending more at GW Middle School

Jackie M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council
(703) 746-3975

3/16/2015

GLORIA SITTON

Deputy City Clerk
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City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia

Debra McCormick

703-338-8511

- ACPs budget -

- increase teachers salary

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School

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From: mariakennickell@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 8:25 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67903: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Membe

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Request Details:

- Name: Maria Kennickell
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7033109551
- Email: mariakennickell@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

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From: amy.burwell@me.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 8:48 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67910: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please support the city schools in next

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Request Details:

- Name: Amy Burwell
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-566-9597
- Email: amy.burwell@me.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please support the city schools in next years proposed budget. We can't hurt our future by cutting funds to our schools.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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From: meg.rose@apsva.us
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 7:34 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67825: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Membe

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Request Details:

- Name: Meg Rose
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: meg.rose@apsva.us
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,
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Best regards,

Meg Rose

- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 20

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From: mjroden@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 9:16 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67850: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please support the ACPS full proposed bu

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Request Details:

- Name: Mary Jane Roden
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-751-5129
- Email: mjroden@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please support the ACPS full proposed budget. Our household would be willing to absorb a *tax increase* to continue to assure our grandchildren great schools, and a great school system in their future
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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From: samsonshanna@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 12:12 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67865: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As a parent with 2 children in ACPS, I a

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Request Details:

- Name: Shanna Samson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: samsonshanna@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As a parent with 2 children in ACPS, I am very concerned about the budget that the City has proposed. The \$3 million deficit to the budget put forth by our school board is completely uncomprehendable. It is common knowledge that investigating in our youth is how we prepare for our city's future. We need to ensure we have qualified staff and systems in place to meet the needs of our students with such complex needs. ACPS students and their tax paying parents have greater needs in general than the typical Alexandria resident. The budget should be reflective of this. I am happy to endure the cost through increased taxes. By investing in our youth, we make for a better City for all..today and tomorrow.
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Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 3:20 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67877: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Re: Budget Public Hearing for Monday 3/1

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Request Details:

- Name: Kimberly Scott
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035893637
- Email: madamethomas1@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Re: Budget Public Hearing for Monday 3/16--my letter of concern
- Attachment: [full ACPS support letter.docx](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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- ACPS' growing enrollment places more demands on **aging facilities**, which will require significant investment to maintain and improve. Dr. Crawley, the superintendent of schools, has proposed an additional \$2 million to provide support for building maintenance and custodial services, capital project management and contractual services to improve building conditions.

In all, I cannot imagine any possibility or consideration given to cutting our ACPS FY budget, even by a couple hundred dollars. When comparing our children's needs to those in neighboring public schools, it is evident that we have greater obligations in areas, i.e. funding to support 60% of our children who are eligible for free and reduced-priced meals. We need to ensure that our children are given every opportunity to succeed in our public schools. I look forward to seeing your support for the Alexandria Public School System and the children of Alexandria.

Best regards,

Kim and Joe Scott

Jackie Henderson

From: melynda.wilcox@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 3:25 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67878: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and members of the Cit

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Request Details:

- Name: Melynda Wilcox
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035493865
- Email: melynda.wilcox@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and members of the City Council, I am writing to declare my support for full funding of the ACPS budget request. It is a lean, sensible, no-frills plan for a time of constrained revenue. New initiatives in the budget are modest--I would submit that they are TOO modest to address the two most important issues that the school division faces, the achievement gap and overcrowding—but they are appropriately modest given the budget constraints. Our teachers deserve a raise and our expected 521 additional students for next year deserve the same high-quality education that we strive to provide to all of the students who came before them. My husband David and I are willing to bear the 1% tax increase that would be required to fund the full ACPS budget request, and I respectfully urge you to pursue that course of action. Thank you for your time, and for your dedicated service to our community.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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From: alicia.hosmer@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 5:11 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67883: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Membe

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Request Details:

- Name: Alicia Hosmer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712714097
- Email: alicia.hosmer@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

As a resident of Alexandria with one child at Polk Elementary School and one child beginning kindergarten in the autumn, I am very concerned about the city manager's version of the FY16 budget.

It does provide enough money for the Alexandria City Public School system. I am aware that the overall budget is facing a \$3 million shortfall and that the proposed appropriation for ACPS is a further \$3 million short of the budget proposed by ACPS and the School Board.

Despite these significant factors, I urge you to reach out and encourage full funding for the school system.

There are several major areas that require the need for additional funds and impact the allocation of resources within the budget. These include increased compensation for employees, addressing growing student enrollment and increased support for facilities maintenance and operations.

- Salary adjustment for teachers: Approximately \$4.6 million has been included in the Proposed Budget for a full step implementation as well as other targeted salary adjustments for all employees so that ACPS remains competitive with surrounding jurisdictions and retains high quality staff. ACPS employees have not received a full step since FY 2012. Our teachers make our schools great and to ensure we retain them and do not lose them to surrounding jurisdictions, we need to properly compensate them.
- To address growing student enrollment, ACPS and the School Board have proposed an additional \$3.5 million to cover the cost of teachers and instructional support personnel to meet the needs of students. Enrollment is expected to reach 14,745 students, which is an increase of 3.7 percent over the current school year. By 2020, ACPS is projected to have 16,449 students. ACPS has the most diverse student population and the highest percentage of students (60 percent) who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals in Northern Virginia. Per pupil cost in FY 2016 is proposed at \$16,838, a decrease from FY 2015 of \$17,153.
- ACPS' growing enrollment places more demands on aging facilities, which will require significant investment to maintain and improve. Dr. Crawley, the superintendent of schools, has proposed an additional \$2 million to provide support for building maintenance and custodial services, capital project management and contractual services to improve building conditions.

I look forward to seeing your support for the Alexandria Public School System and the children of Alexandria.

Best regards,
Alicia Hosmer

5015 Talbot Place
Alexandria, VA 22304

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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Jackie Henderson

From: janesebechtol@hotmail.com
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 5:37 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67884: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Budget input

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Request Details:

- Name: Janese Bechtol
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-470-0086
- Email: janesebechtol@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Budget input
- Attachment: [City Council letter 2015.docx](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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March 15, 2015

Greetings Councilmembers,

I write as a proud resident of Alexandria's West End and a grateful consumer of Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS). As the city embarks on its annual review of the budget, the city records continuing increases to its student population.

With my family transitioning from Hammond Middle School to T.C. Williams next year, I look back at a middle school that had 1303 students when we entered in 2012 and is projected to have 1462 students next year, a 12% increase. That is remarkable growth in such a short span of time and is replicated at schools throughout the city. The Superintendent and School Board have proposed a lean budget to accommodate that growth while striving to provide the education our students need to succeed in our 21st century economy.

I appreciate the many competing interests you have to weigh to keep Alexandria a safe, livable city and the city administrator's attempt to balance those interests with his proposed budget, but his deeper cuts beyond the school board's proposed budget are shortsighted. The best way to remain a safe, livable city is to provide our students a first class education so they become productive, contributing adult residents.

I am told that Alexandria has a substantial number of households with no students in our schools, some of which resent the resources directed to the schools. I argue, however, that every dollar spent on our schools benefits the entire community.

- I invite all residents to stroll through the Durant Center in Old Town before the end of the month to see the wonderful art display from our student artists representing schools from across the city.
- I invite gardeners to meet Mr. Dwyer, a Hammond science teacher running a worm-composting project producing high quality planting soil.
- I invite those that love music, drama, or sports to come to the many performances and events at T.C. Williams.
- I invite Alexandria's scientists and engineers to partner with our STEM program to create a stream of eager, prepared interns willing to work in your field.

Numerous such efforts reach well beyond the walls of each school. On a personal level, I am watching my daughter blossom into an engaged, responsible adult because of her experiences in ACPS. How can that be anything but good for Alexandria?

Last year, we sold our townhouse and bought a single-family home. Our tax assessment on the new house increased substantially this year and as a result we will be paying a substantially larger amount in property taxes. I imagine, especially with the increased assessments, the council is hesitant to raise taxes again. I, however, can think of no better investment for my money than our students. I hope you can find a way to meet ACPS's funding request

Sincerely,
Janese Bechtol

Jackie Henderson

From: jandjz@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 9:32 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67892: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council:

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: John Zanone
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-519-6450
- Email: jandjz@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council:
As a lifelong Alexandrian and taxpayer, I am urging you to support the latest ACPS budget proposal. I understand it's difficult to raises taxes or make cuts but in order to keep the quality of our schools high it is very difficult to absorb the additional 500 students expected without any additional resources. Please see this investment as a necessary, long term investment so we can keep good teachers, allow for reasonable classroom sizes and keep the quality at a high level. Thank you.
Sincerely,
John and Jennifer Zanone
304 S. Payne Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 23

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From: mindyllyle@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 9:57 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67730: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Fire Station 210 was built to meet the n

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Request Details:

- Name: Mindy Lyle
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035667113
- Email: mindyllyle@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Fire Station 210 was built to meet the needs and to reduce response times for emergencies on the West End. However, this station has been completed and remains unopened, without staff and without equipment. The equipment purchased by Norfolk Southern specifically designed to fight ethanol fires remains housed (with the staff trained to use it) in Potomac Yards a full 45 minutes away on a good traffic day. We now understand that it may be 2 more years before this station is staffed and the equipment moved to the only part of the city where it will ever be used. This is inexcusable. We have been fortunate that the only fires at the ethanol transloading site were small. We have been told that there is a "multi-jurisdictional" response protocol. However, the equipment that is needed is still housed in another part of the city and if that staff is on a call in Arlington nothing can be done. Staffing and housing the correct equipment in this station must be done. It can not wait 2 more years.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 19

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From: thompson.patrickw@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 8:04 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67725: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I write today to share my full support f

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Request Details:

- Name: Patrick Thompson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 8043370629
- Email: thompson.patrickw@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I write today to share my full support for the proposed budget from ACPS for FY 2016.

- The ACPS Combined Funds Budget for \$261.45 Million represents an overall budget increase of 2.8 percent capered with a 3.7 percent growth in projected enrollment next year. This budget is projected to serve 14,745 students.

- \$2 million will provide support for building maintenance and custodial services, capitol project management and contractual services to improve building conditions. ACPS' growing enrollment places more demands on aging facilities, which will require significant investment to maintain and improve.

- ACPS must recruit and retain the best workforce. \$4.6 million has been included in the Proposed Budget for a full step salary increase for teachers, as well as other targeted salary adjustments for all employees so that ACPS remains competitive with surrounding jurisdictions and retains high quality staff. ACPS employees have not received a full step since FY 2012.

- \$3.5 million to cover the cost of teacher and instructional support personnel needed to meet the needs of the increased number of students next year. Resources are essential to education our diverse student population—one of the most diverse in the region—and the highest percentage of students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals in Northern Virginia, who make up 60% of the population (up from 53.8% in 2011). Resources are also essential for education our ever-increasing population for English Language Learners, who number more than 3500 students.

Please consider full funding to ACPS. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Patrick Thompson

1200 N. Quaker Ln.

Alexandria, VA 22302

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 19

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From: handerson79@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 2:49 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67682: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I write today to share my full support f

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Heather Anderson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.201.2232
- Email: handerson79@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I write today to share my full support for the proposed budget from ACPS for FY 2016.

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Please consider full funding to ACPS. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Heather M. Anderson

3315 Wyndham Cir #3231

Alexandria, VA

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 19

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Seminary Hill Association, Inc.
2115 Marlboro Drive
Alexandria, VA 22304-1013

March 12, 2015

Mayor Euille and City Council Members:

The City's budget today is constrained by the economy, past growth in City government, and non-essential spending in past budgets. The Seminary Hill Association, Inc. (SHA), held a panel discussion on budget concerns at its annual meeting in 2013. Former City Manager Rashad Young began an approach to our budget challenges for which we, the taxpayers, are responsible. In an effort to help elected officials move the City of Alexandria forward, SHA asks for more accountability on spending related to major projects—both the City's and ACPS's—and on the potential impacts these projects will have on taxpayers.

To foster discussions about choices to be made, SHA requests better more complete data on where taxes go so that the true cost and tax consequences of major proposals can be assessed. Specifically, SHA requests a document for each CIP project under consideration—whether for transportation, schools, sewers, or police—with:

1. The projected cost.
2. The method of payment; e.g. special tax district, bonds, etc.
3. The annual cost of debt service, if applicable.
4. The final total cost for each completed CIP project.

The City has several large budget items that will come due in the next decade but is planning/budgeting for no more than a year.

- **Additional growth in services** created by new residents in housing created by proffers to developers for increased density. The increased costs in services and schools will come due when the affordable housing units given for proffers are built by developers. The cost of the services—such as police, fire, roads, and parks—is estimated by City staff at \$7,000 per unit. Former City Manager Rashad Young said at the December 3, 2014 meeting of the Federation of civic associations that it costs around \$17,000 a year to educate a child in Alexandria. Given the thousands of new affordable housing units already proffered, the costs of services will grow into the millions for them and the cost of schools into the tens of millions. This means in the next few years, taxpayers will have an annual increase of close to a hundred million in costs generated by these small proffers. Perhaps the real cost of proffers should be assessed before they are approved.
- **Alexandria's part of the Chesapeake Bay cleanup** is estimated to cost \$150 million over the next 15 years. Staff's plan to meet this obligation is irresponsible and unrealistic: pay very little now and have the majority of it due in 10 years; 5% in the next 5 years (2015-20), 25% in years 6-10 (2020-25) and 60% for the last five years (2025-30). In addition, the cost of solving the outflow of Alexandria sewage into the Potomac because of combined sewers systems in Old

Town is, by the City website estimate, \$150 to \$300 million over the next 20 years. We are committed to this expenditure without clear guidance on how it will be paid for.

- **Debt servicing continues to grow** without out the necessary growth of the tax base to justify it. For example, the recently borrowed \$50 Million to plan for building a Potomac Yard Metro.
- **The funding increases for the school budget are out of line with the increase of City revenue.** Recent School Board meeting revealed that the ACPS is flush with funds for non-educational programs. The ACPS budget should be capped for CIP items and only a “per capita” allowance for additions to the student body be considered.

Citizen discussions and joint planning are needed to navigate the challenges in the coming years and develop goals to guide elected officials. In this budget cycle, the City Manager should present to City Council targeted and specific cuts and other reductions beyond an across the board reduction in the growth of staff spending.

With respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy R. Jennings". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Nancy R. Jennings
President, SHA

Jackie Henderson

From: nrjennings@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 7:03 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67531: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Good Morning, Please forward the atta

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Request Details:

- Name: Nancy Jennings
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038206930
- Email: nrjennings@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Good Morning,

Please forward the attached letter from SHA to the Mayor and City Council.

Thanks,
Nan Jennings

- Attachment: [Planning a sound fiscal future for our City.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 19

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Jackie Henderson

From: Anderstone0900@msn.com
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 9:01 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67536: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembe

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Request Details:

- Name: Christine Stoneman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035485023
- Email: Anderstone0900@msn.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers,

I write to ask that you support an expanded budget budget for ACPS, as enrollment expands and our buildings need more work. More and more children need expanded and improved programs and facilities and we need to attract the best teachers to meet the goal of providing a world class education.

Christine Stoneman
Farm Road

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 19

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From: swotom@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2015 12:57 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #66839: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, City Council

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Tom Williamson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7039660503
- Email: swotom@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, City Council Members,
As you begin the difficult process of approving next year's budget, I wanted to take a moment to voice support, on behalf of the Warwick Village Citizens Association, for Warwick Pool. As you may recall, the City staff does not intend to include money for operations at the pool in 2016 because of the deteriorated condition of the site. We understand this decision, but continue to support a long-term plan to replace or renovate the pool so that this closure can be as short as possible. As discussed last fall, we support the allocation of capital improvement funds in FY16 to begin the process of replacing or renovating the pool. I have attended some of the budget presentations conducted by the City staff, so I fully understand that you are going to have to make difficult choices in the coming months. Thank you for your past support for Warwick Pool and I hope that we can find a way to make the pool part of the future of our city infrastructure.

All the best, Tom

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 9

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From: elizabeth.jones@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:19 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #66742: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,As

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

A request was just created using *Call.Click.Connect.* The request ID is 66742.

Request Details:

- Name: Elizabeth Jones
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712131362
- Email: elizabeth.jones@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

As we wait for the budget to come out next week, I wanted to share the below email with you that came from the 'front office' of MacArthur Elementary school earlier this week. I know you guys will have a tough budget this year, as has been for the last several years. As you work with ACPS on their budget request, please keep in mind real-life experiences kids in the community are dealing with as described in the email below. It is about the 5th such email parents have been sent this school year about failing building systems at our school impacting the learning environment. I know other ACPS schools have similar building issues and that ACPS has certainly had challenges lately they are working through, not unlike what City Council dealt with about 12 years ago in its own facilities.

___shared email___

Our unusually cold winter weather continues to impact our school building. We started today with a broken water pipe in Ms. McFadden's fourth grade classroom. The pipe, tucked up in the ceiling, appears to have cracked some time during the night. Student desks and materials were moved to the fifth grade pod where instruction took place for the entire day. In the meantime, ACPS facilities staff were on site assessing the problem and determined the need to turn off the water to fix the break. All second, third, fourth, and fifth grade classrooms were notified before turning the water off to the back of the building. We continued the day with water in the cafeteria and the front of the building. Water was restored to the entire building at 12:20p.m.

Next, we turned our attention to the loss of heat in four fifth grade classrooms and in Mrs. Quaid and Ms. Angelo's first grade classrooms. The heat was on and off in fifth grade; however, the two first grade classrooms were moved first to the cafeteria and later to the library and K pod for instruction. The ACPS facilities department continues to work on the old rooftop units in close partnership with Carrier.

Our students' comfort and safety is always our top priority, and we thank you for your patience. We're keeping our fingers crossed for an early spring!

___end of shared email___

Best,
Elizabeth Jones

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 5

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Jackie Henderson

From: j barn54015@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 1:20 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Cc: suestory55@hotmail.com; georgeandpeyton@cox.net; csmithpage@gmail.com; barbara727@comcast.net; vaneckel@verizon.net; awlong@msn.com; bjohnson123@comcast.net; jtfederico@yahoo.com; janedalex@aol.com; bga.cole@gmail.com; rich5411@cox.net; captken97@aol.com; bhmagid@comcast.net; laclark8@hotmail.com; jtpitzer@gmail.com; ohbewood@comcast.net; weeze@firehouseemail.com; pczessey@cox.net; jimneurohr53@gmail.com; nmoultrie@yahoo.com; mrs49310@gmail.com; kschramm@comcast.net; mre49310@gmail.com; dierjer@aol.com; jneurohr5581@gmail.com; jneurohr53@gmail.com; nga.cole@gmail.com; lillian.b.brooks@gmail.com; carolstearns@cox.net
Subject: Re: Protect retirees compensation packages.

Jackie: can you send this to the Mayor and Members of Council? Thank you.

To The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council:

On behalf of the retirees copied on this email, we ask that as you study and approve the FY 2015-16 City Budget, that you continue to provide the benefits to us that we were promised when we were hired and when we retired. For most of us this includes covering costs associated with our life insurance premium and some costs for health insurance.

We thank you for your support.

Janet Barnett
Sue Story
Peyton Parish
Cindy Smith Page
Barbara Ross
Dan Neckel
Amy Long
Bruce Johnson
Jean Federico
Jane Malik
Bill Cole
Rich Kauffman
Ken Howard
Barbara Magid
Leslie Clark
Jack Pitzer
Patrick O'brien
Pam Cressey
Jim Neurohr
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Lillian Brooks
Carol Stearns
John Shaffer

Jackie Henderson

From: Deborah Warren
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 5:53 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Cc: Sean McEnearney
Subject: letters to Council from CYFCC
Attachments: Letters to Council from CYFCC.pdf

Hi, Jackie! Sean McEnearney, Chair of the Children, Youth & Family Collaborative Commission, asked that you send the two attached letters to Council.

Thank you!

Deborah Warren, DCSW, LCSW
Director
Center for Children & Families
City of Alexandria
Department of Community & Human Services
703-746-3571 (office)
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ALEXANDRIA CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION

Department of Community and Human Services Center, 2525 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301

March 2, 2015

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

Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

I write on behalf of the Alexandria Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) to congratulate you and the City staff on the success of the civic engagement forums on the city budget held this past January and February. The Commission believes this is a very worthwhile and important first step in engaging Alexandria citizens in the budget process.

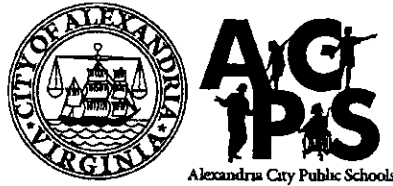
In our role as advisors to the city leadership, the Commission would like to offer a few recommendations for your consideration moving forward:

1. Consider a similar series of forums for the FY17 budget, but schedule them for this coming spring or summer (perhaps in May, June or July), in order to give input to the City Manager earlier in the budget development process.
2. Consider inviting the City Manager to include in his budget proposal an analysis of the input received from citizens through the forums and a discussion as to how the input may (or may not) have influenced specific budget recommendations. For example, if the analysis of civic input indicated strong support for increased city funding for "Child Welfare", the City Manager might include a brief statement explaining that this input resulted in his recommendation to add additional dollars for this purpose.

We hope that these recommendations are helpful to you and the City staff.

Sincerely,


Sean McNehearney
Chair, Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission



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The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
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Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

At the 11 February 2015 meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission we discussed at great length the positive impact that will come from the implementation of the first ever Alexandria Children and Youth Master Plan. However, given that the City has had seven consecutive years of budget constraint and cuts, we are concerned that a dedicated staff, stretched to the breaking point, will not have the time necessary to ensure the Plan is implemented in a timely manner. Getting the plan implemented is imperative to the success of many, even most, of our children and youth. Avoidable delays are unacceptable.

Therefore, as advisors to Council and the School Board, we would like to recommend in the strongest way possible, that Council find the revenue necessary to fund a dedicated, and appropriately qualified, staff person who's sole responsibility is to work with staff, elected officials and the CYFCC in an effort to keep the Children and Youth Master Plan implementation moving forward in a timely and coherent fashion.

Respectfully submitted,


Sean McEneaney

Chair, Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission

Jackie Henderson

From: ginacico@earthlink.net
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 12:52 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67116: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Through federal and other grants, Alexan

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Request Details:

- Name: Gina Cicotello
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 410-255-5061
- Email: ginacico@earthlink.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Through federal and other grants, Alexandria has available nearly one million in capital funds for up to 15 new Capital Bikeshare (CaBi) stations, but the 2015-16 proposed budget does not allow that money to be spent. Why? Because the budget does not include money to operate any more stations. The savings? About \$150,000. That's a big number for a household budget but a very small fraction of the city budget.

Likely new station locations are in Arlandria, Potomac Yard, Del Ray, North and South Old Town and Carlyle.

I urge you to please add Capital Bikeshare operating funds to the budget to support more stations.

I am selling my house in Anne Arundel County, and in a matter of weeks will be moving to the south Arlington or north Alexandria area to live closer to my job in downtown DC (I work for National Geographic). I plan to park my cars and use bikes or public transportation for my daily commutes. Capital Bikeshare has been a cheap, healthy, and fun way to get around inside the Beltway, but there is a dearth of CaBi docks in the neighborhoods where I want to move. Especially since the streetcar program was killed, it only makes sense to expand other transportation options.

Arlington and Alexandria could join their neighbor DC to become one of the most successful walkable/bikeable communities in the country. They need your support!

Thanks for your consideration.

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 12

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Jackie Henderson

From: bayley.vanderpoel@velocitycoop.org
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 12:00 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67115: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please consider more funding to operate

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Request Details:

- Name: Bayley vanderpoel
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.863.4464
- Email: bayley.vanderpoel@velocitycoop.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please consider more funding to operate more Cabi Stations. Using the Cabi bikes is my primarily means of transportation and expanding the stations in Alexandria would allow me not to rely so much on public transit and would allow me to bike more. Please consider funding more stations. Thanks!
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 12

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From: TCSwimDive@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 11:04 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67111: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please see attached.

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- Name: C Schieber
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: TCSwimDive@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please see attached.
- Attachment: [Letter to City Council - 030415.docx](#)
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 12

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March 4, 2015

To Mayor Euille and City Council:

We are writing on behalf of the T. C. Williams Swim and Dive Boosters to express our strong support for a 50-meter aquatics facility at Chinquapin. We realize the development and construction of such a facility will require a substantial investment from the City of Alexandria, local taxpayers and the private sector. However, a 50-meter aquatics facility is greatly needed in Alexandria. We are confident that, when constructed, it will provide a number of benefits to the community for many years.

As a group that is passionate about swimming, we believe that the importance of the sport transcends age, gender and socio-economic status. Everyone should have the opportunity to learn to swim so they are safe in the water. Every resident in the area should have access to affordable aquatics facilities to cool off on a hot summer day, celebrate a birthday with friends or just have a fun afternoon at the pool. And, for those who develop a passion for swimming, the opportunity to train at a first-rate facility is vital to helping them to become the best possible athlete.

With its lack of a 50-meter pool, Alexandria's swimmers have suffered. The local pools are crowded and often there is tension among recreational, therapeutic and competition users for access. Swim team practices are often held at unusual hours in cramped facilities, extra travel time is needed for meets and practices, and there is no such thing as a "home pool advantage" for Alexandria swimmers.

A state-of-the-art, 50-meter facility in Alexandria will make a lasting impact on our community today and for many generations in the future. A 50-meter pool will create 20 additional swim lanes to be used for recreational or competitive swimming. Such a facility will serve as a magnet to attract the best instructors, provide an opportunity for up-and-coming swimmers to be empowered by training in a great facility and allow the City to reap the economic benefits of hosting meets involving large numbers of top-caliber swimmers.

For those reasons, we strongly support a 50-meter aquatics facility at Chinquapin that is designed and built in a way that allows our young swimmers to excel, attract the best talent to the region and gives everyone a chance to enjoy the sport of swimming.

Our group will continue to advocate for the 50-meter facility, and we are happy to further discuss this matter at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Missi Cox and Cindi Schieber, T. C. Williams Swim and Dive Booster Presidents

Jackie Henderson

From: jjkingconsulting@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 11:01 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67134: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Support for Capital BikeShare There

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Request Details:

- Name: Jerry King
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7036841688
- Email: jjkingconsulting@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Support for Capital BikeShare
There has been a transformation in our city over the last 50 years. Alexandria has changed its status as one Washington's inner suburbs to a city with evolving densely developed hubs. This transformation from a car-centric sprawl to densely populated centers built around walking, cycling and public transit. The younger population moving to these hubs relies more on other transportation options than the car. The transportation system in our city includes walking, cycling, buses and Metrorail. Capital Bikeshare is a part of this system and as part of the city's multi-modal system it requires some funding from the city. The operating and capital expenses are small compared to other forms of transportation. Please restore the operating expenses for the expansion for Capital Bikeshare.
Jerry King
- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 13

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Jackie Henderson

From: kfitzgerald55@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 4:01 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67302: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please provide appropriate funding to AI

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Request Details:

- Name: Karin Fitzgerald Purugganan
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-548-2183
- Email: kfitzgerald55@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please provide appropriate funding to Alexandria City Public Schools to give our children the best opportunity in the future! We need it!!! We have been a long-time George Mason family, and it shows that the school needs money in order to run programs, improve facilities and help the neediest of children. Please help to make it happen!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 16

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From: civ2daddy@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 8:29 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #67320: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I would like to suggest that Capital Bik

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Request Details:

- Name: Ken Notis
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-678-9566
- Email: civ2daddy@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I would like to suggest that Capital Bikeshare expansion is important to the City of Alexandria. I live in the Park Center area (3001), which is not now served by CaBi, but is close to parts of Arlington that are. If CaBi came here we would get a membership. We only own one adult sized bicycle (storage is an issue here) and this would make it possible for my wife and I to bike together on recreational trips, for errands, etc. It would improve biking in the northwest Alexandria area, and it would ultimately help add value to the new transitway, by making car free and car lite living easier. Thus not only will it improve health outcomes, and take cars off our crowded roads, but will encourage development in the area. The proposal to cut the expansion would imperil these desirable benefits.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 16

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Jackie Henderson

From: matthews.katy@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 10:45 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #66577: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I write to you in support for the ACPS b

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Katy Matthews
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-899-7955
- Email: matthews.katy@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I write to you in support for the ACPS budgets that will be submitted to the City Council for consideration.

There are several major drivers in the FY 2016 Proposed Budget that require the need for additional funds and impact the allocation of resources within the budget. These drivers include increased compensation for employees (we must recruit and retain the best educators for our children), growing student enrollment (families have decided that Alexandria City is a fantastic place to live and raise their families) and increased support for facilities maintenance and operations (our children deserve to be in safe, high tech learning environments). Superintendent Crawley has proposed an additional \$3.5 million to cover the cost of teachers and instructional support personnel to meet the needs of students. As you know, enrollment is expected to reach 14,745 students, which is an increase of 3.7 percent over the current school year. By 2020, ACPS is projected to have 16,449 students. ACPS has the most diverse student population and the highest percentage of students (60 percent) who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals in Northern Virginia. Per pupil cost in FY 2016 is proposed at \$16,838, a decrease from FY 2015 of \$17,153.

ACPS' growing enrollment places more demands on aging facilities, which will require significant investment to maintain and improve. Dr. Crawley has proposed an additional \$2 million to provide support for building maintenance and custodial services, capital project management and contractual services to improve building conditions.

The final ACPS budget will be submitted to you shortly. I urge you to fully fund it. Every child deserves at top notch education. You have the ability to provide that for them.

Thank you for your consideration,

Katy Matthews
707 N. Paxton St.
Alexandria, VA 22304

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 3

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Jackie Henderson

From: michye00@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 12:37 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #66500; Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council After reading Bill Euille's article on h

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Request Details:

- Name: Micheline Eyraud
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035678896
- Email: michye00@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: After reading Bill Euille's article on healthcare in the Gazette, it is clear that the council has already decided to burden the taxpayers of this city with yet another money sink that we cannot possibly pay for. While I don't disagree that it is important for people to have healthcare, if you don't happen to have a spare 60 million dollars (which is a rough estimate of what it would cost to buy health insurance for 5000 people) this will be a difficult problem to address. It is also clear that you do not identify with the middle class if you can say that "Alexandria is wealthy" and would be able to fix this problem easily. Yes, there are wealthy people in this city. There are also people who live on fixed incomes and others who live paycheck to paycheck. I say that if you would like to tackle this issue you should start thinking of ways we can save money, like eliminating the skating rink at the end of King Street and the other "nice to have" items that you are fond of tacking on the budget at the end when no one is looking. Establishing a nonprofit foundation or looking for grants to help address the problem are other options. I also want to remind you that it is also possible to lower the tax rate (which could be done because assessments are up so much this year). After all, this is an election year.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 2

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From: warejh@icloud.com
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 8:31 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #66256: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I read the Gazette Packet's article "New

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Request Details:

- Name: Jennifer Hansen Ware
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-465-8588
- Email: warejh@icloud.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I read the Gazette Packet's article "New Orleans on the Potomac" with great interest. In the same issue of the Packet was an article entitled "City Manager Present Disheartening Property Assessment." I strongly hope that City Council members will think carefully when discussing and voting on a flood mitigation system. In these times, the City does not need to waste money on an excessive system that has drawbacks. Please focus on finding a system that is cost-effective. Council Members should not be voting to spend \$33 million to "solve" an issue that is not that big of a problem when looking at the overall City. Please choose to spend taxpayer money on our local schools instead. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, February 26

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From: matthews.katy@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 10:55 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #66052: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I write to you in support for the ACPS b

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Request Details:

- Name: Katy Matthews
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-899-7955
- Email: matthews.katy@gmail.com
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- Expected Response Date: Monday, February 23

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Jackie Henderson

From: henleyassociates@verizon.net
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:22 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65917: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Good morning, council membersI been

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Request Details:

- Name: iris henley
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-307-0234
- Email: henleyassociates@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Good morning, council members

I been reading in the papers and heard discussions about the budget. In particular I hear that we are considering a pay increase for the police department. I hope that this is also applicable to the Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff's Department and the work they do are an integral and valuable part of our wellbeing as a community. I could recite all their attributes. I respect your time constraints and you know what I would say.

My request during these difficult budget decisions is to be mindful and conscious of the Sheriff's Department. Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments and concerns.

Thank you,

Iris

Iris Henley, CSAB
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- Expected Response Date: Thursday, February 19

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Jackie Henderson

From: rivers.15wmtida@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 12:49 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65820: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Bill Rivers
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.6836526
- Email: rivers.15wmtida@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council:

We at the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics (AAA) hope that your new year is off to a good start. While the upcoming year holds much promise, it also holds many challenges. Multiple important initiatives will require your attention, which often translates into difficult funding decisions.

With newspaper articles and letters cropping up on various capital projects, we want to take this opportunity to reiterate our support for the 50-meter pool at Chinguapin. The City's consultants are working on the cost/benefit analysis of the new pool and will soon be providing important information to you to help in decision-making.

We want to remind you that the disastrous pool situation that we as a City faced in 2014 was a result of ignoring capital needs. The City Manager had recommended eliminating virtually all capital funding for pools – a veritable death knell for swimming in the City. You had the collective wisdom to counteract that with new funding identified for specific pool projects, highlighted by the 50-meter pool at Chinguapin. You understood what a poor state the pools had fallen into, at the same time that demand for aquatic recreation was growing significantly.

We are close to the realization of a significant improvement in Alexandria aquatics. You have created the opportunity to provide a long-term solution to a major deficiency in Alexandria. The consultant has stated that the current indoor pool only meets 20% of its demand. The other unfulfilled 80 % can only be met by expanding facilities. We ask that you continue to strongly support the 50-meter pool at Chinguapin. We underscore that request with our commitment to continue working with you and the City to make this a reality.

Thank you for your consideration.

William Rivers

Chair, Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, February 17

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Jackie Henderson

From: kfernekes@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2015 7:16 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #64706: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Good Evening,I wanted to contact you

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Request Details:

- Name: Kristen Fernekes
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-3448
- Email: kfernekes@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Good Evening,

I wanted to contact you to ask about the issue of pay for our city's police. I understand that there are budget constraints, but I also believe that we must make sure that our officers are payed appropriately.

Given recent national questions regarding police treatment of citizens, I take solace in Alexandria having a capable police force. I think we need to make sure it stays that way.

I'd like to know more about your perspective on this issue.

Please let me know.

All the best to you,

Kristen Fernekes
Del Ray

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, January 27

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Jackie Henderson

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Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 10:51 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #64733: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council City Council:I have lived in Delray al

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Request Details:

- Name: Barbara Cumbo
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038369179
- Email: bcumbo@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: City Council:
I have lived in Delray all my life! I am so disappointed in how
You have treated our policemen! I am so glad they have made
It aware to myself and neighbors regarding how under paid they
Are. I am displeased with you as you have let this happen. If any
Of you want to stay on our city council you must get this fixed!
All of us neighbors are in agreement and will vote for the ones
Who compensate fairly our wonderful police department. We are
Losing them to other higher paid departments! Don't you see
What you have done? Please email me back your response!
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, January 27

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Jackie Henderson

From: Jack Sullivan <jack.sullivan9@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 11:01 AM
To: Jackie Henderson
Cc: Mark Jinks
Subject: Please forward to the Mayor and Council

Mr. Mayor, Members of Council: The revelation that the projected school budget for 2015-2016 is \$9.6 million in arrears should be a wake-up call for Alexandria, including you folks. Rashad Young last year recommended that you cap the last ACPS budget with a "per capita" allowance for additions to the student body. You ignored that and gave the ACSP and School Board what they requested. A mistake. In the ensuing year we all have seen the bloated nature of that budget, one able to find \$1.2 million to \$1.6 million for lighted tennis courts at TC Williams High School and a push for a revamped, lighted football stadium there, estimated at \$3.6 million.

The acting City Manager, Mark Jinks, on the ACPS budget has stated in the press: "The funding increase is greater than all of the revenue increase in the city." As I have testified before Council in the past — The school budget is out of control and it is your job to bring to a halt its reckless spending on "sports not scholarship, entertainment not education." You should adopt Mr. Young's proposed cap. The alternative is another boost to our taxes — this time for fripperies, not for essentials such as public safety and health reflected in the Council budget. The public understands those needs; it may not be so understanding about a hike in property taxes to pay for tennis courts, stadiums and the lawyers to fight neighbors who oppose such expenditures.

The ball (fully inflated) is in your part of the playing field. A fumble could be very costly for you and for all of us. Jack Sullivan

Jackie Henderson

From: markcwilliams@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 9:57 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65104: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To the Mayor and Members of Council

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Mark Williams
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202.531.5125
- Email: markcwilliams@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description:

To the Mayor and Members of Council --

I hope that the City's police union and alleged "fair pay" association do not continue to bully and intimidate the entire City government.

The bizarre, menacing appearance of dozens of uniformed police before Council, only a few weeks ago, demanding money from Council was unseemly and inappropriate. The police captain's comments warning that Alexandria would experience a Ferguson event unless police were immediately given additional money was plainly extortionate. And it is unforgivable that the City's police chief and management took no action whatsoever against these hostile and dangerous employees.

Alexandria's police personnel are well paid. The fact that anyone could always identify a handful or more highly compensated personnel is of no effective importance, and rests on non-valid microscopy. Alexandria cops receive fully-compensated training, they make more than the City pays teachers and many white-collar employees, and an astounding number receive either take home cars or detail/assignment cars, since the City seems to believe that it owes police personnel rides to work. And Alexandria police personnel are rarely subject to meaningful personnel discipline, since the police department customarily declines to take the disciplinary actions permitted under Virginia's "police bill of rights" statute, instead leaving the police department to police itself. Which, of course, it does not do.

It is common knowledge that public complaints about the police department have been steadily increasing. Each of you is familiar with horror stories about police unresponsiveness, police abuses, and police management accountability failures. You have received more complaints, and more serious complaints, about the Alexandria police department in recent years than was the case in the recent past. You know that the police department is seen by growing numbers of citizens as a volatile and arrogant agency that is effectively above the law.

The appearance of City police, bearing arms, wearing their City-paid uniforms, in an off-duty effort to strangle cash from City Council was grotesque; the open threats of a police captain to undertake violent attacks on civilians absent the delivery of cash was a criminal act -- it was extortion, not free speech. He should have been fired, at once, for cause, with a revocation of VRS rights.

You are now being bombarded by email demands to further increase police pay. Please do not do so.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, February 2

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Jackie Henderson

From: margethiel@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2015 1:55 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65423: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to request your support for

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Request Details:

- Name: Margaret Thiel
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: margethiel@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to request your support for the Alexandria libraries. The Beatley Library is especially important to my family. My son has MS and depends on large-print books. Please act to increase funding for purchase of these books. I attend meetings of the Great Books club and other groups at the library and use the various media available. My grandson also uses books and DVD's from the attractive new children's section of the library, and a friend attends ESL classes. The library continues to be essential to my family and community.
Margaret Thiel
- Expected Response Date: Monday, February 9

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Jackie Henderson

From: dfpsurrenders@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2015 4:18 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65396: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am writing to express support for the

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Request Details:

- Name: David Prouty
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 751-9080
- Email: dfpsurrenders@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to express support for the Alexandria Library system. While I realize that funds are tight, in my opinion there are few city services more important than its library system. I frequent the Beatley Library approx. 20-30 times per year. The staff is friendly, professional, and competent. The library, especially the computer and children's sections are always crowded. My mother, who is 93 and nearly blind, has made extensive use of the Books for the Blind (Kym has been an enormous help to our family). Please keep the library system the wonderful resource that it is.
Thanks you,
David Prouty
ZIP 22304
- Expected Response Date: Monday, February 9

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Jackie Henderson

From: hawksmichelle@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 9:53 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #65296: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Seminary Heights Condominium Association

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: hawksmichelle@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Seminary Heights Condominium Association request to City Council regarding the BUDGET.
- Attachment: [City Council Request Budget 1.29.15.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, February 5

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January 29, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Alexandria City Budget

Dear Mayor Euille,

On behalf of the Seminary Heights Condominium Association, a townhome community of 108 units, I strongly urge the Council to consider the following points while developing the 2016 Budget.

- The Council should develop a revenue generation plan to expand the tax base beyond commercial and residential property taxes.
- Council should make economic development its top priority through commercial revenue generation.
- Developer proffers should be targeted for schools, roads, police and fire, parks and recreation, etc rather than only for affordable housing (which require not only subsidies to create them, but also to provide for their essential and non-essential City services).
- Council should find creative ways of funding programs and raising more revenue such as through public-private partnerships.
- The five-year financial plan is the baseline from which 2016 budget decisions should be made: 1) Council should closely examine the areas of the budget that are not directly accountable to the City Manager and ask those organizations to provide metrics that show progress in their missions. If the Council is going to provide funds, then organizations receiving those funds should, at a minimum, show progress in their mission. Every expenditure, including funds for education, should be subject to line item review, and 2) Efficiencies can be found by carefully reviewing the current budget. The City Manager should present the Council with targeted and specific cuts or reductions that eliminate legacy budget contributions that are no longer needed.
- Council needs to take into account items that are not fully covered in the five-year plan since their duration is longer, i.e. education and Chesapeake Bay clean up. How is the City going to pay for an increase of 3000-4000 students, at a cost of \$17,000 per student over the next 5-7 years? This \$60 million would be on top of the projected \$22-33 million budget shortfall over the next five years. How is the City going to pay for more than \$100 million to do our part of cleaning up Chesapeake Bay (Phase II and III are outside the five year plan and where 95% of the costs are incurred)?

The operating budget is the City's most important work product. Aside from pay expenses and allocating resources among departments, it is an evaluation of past objectives and a projection of future goals. It is

imperative the City get control over the mentioned items to keep Alexandria an ideal place to live, work, and play. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincere regards,

Michelle Reinshuttle
President
Seminary Heights Condominium Association

CC: Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg
Councilman John Chapman
Councilman Timothy Lovain
Councilwoman Redella Del Pepper
Councilman Paul Smedberg
Councilman Justin Wilson