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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 11:20 AM  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #72033: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Council:I am writing to thank y

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- Phone Number: 303-564-3872
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Council:

I am writing to thank you for supporting Capitol Bikeshare in Alexandria.

I appreciate your support of this valuable program. Please continue to support bicycle and pedestrian improvements in Alexandria.

I would greatly appreciate it if council would expand protected bike lanes in our city. As my children grow, they are becoming interested in riding themselves to school instead of riding on the back of my bicycle.

However, painted lanes are not adequate protection and do not adequately slow drivers. Please utilize best practices already used in cities around the globe to slow down motorists and encourage more people to utilize bicycles as everyday transportation.

Thank you again for supporting common sense policies like bikeshare.

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hi Mr. Mayor and Honorable Council Members,

I wanted to extend my personal appreciations to you all for proposing the additional funds towards ACPS's 2016 Operations budget. While it does not provide the entirety of the Superintendent's request, it certainly closes the gap. We will continue to work hard with the funds provided as we stay the course towards making all of Alexandria's public schools safe, modern, welcoming and high achieving. Sincerest of appreciations. Bill C. (703) 399-9521

- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 11

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,  
I am a parent of a current and future ACPS students and am writing regarding funding this important resource. I believe it is very short sighted to neglect adequate funding as this impacts attracting new residents to the City, and inhibits growth in the City in myriad other ways.  
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,

Amanda Robertson

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### Request Details:

- Name: Haley Crittenden Gordon
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- Phone Number: 703-933-1021
- Email: [hcrit@comcast.net](mailto:hcrit@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council, I'm contacting you as an ACPS parent and teacher and asking that you fully fund ACPS schools. The budget must be funded to support our children and the future of Alexandria. Any vote not to fund is a vote against our public schools and our children. Do the right thing and Put Kids First.
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- Name: Christy Finn
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-518-4654
- Email: [ccfinn@yahoo.com](mailto:ccfinn@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to advocate for increased funding for the ACPS budget from the City Council: money for the CIP and \$3.2M for the combined funds operating budget.

My children have been in ACPS for 8 years now. One of the things I have been impressed by over the years is the quality of teachers they have had. These teachers deserve salary adjustments. 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.

During these 8 years, student enrollment has increased significantly. To address growing student enrollment, Dr. Crawley has 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. 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.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

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### Request Details:

- Name: Marie Randall
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-888-1730
- Email: [randallmw@comcast.net](mailto:randallmw@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members -

Please provide the necessary funding to ACPS to hold steady the current per student rate - with an additional 500 students entering the system next year. This just came over my email:

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/fairfax-board-formally-adopts-2016-budget-that-leaves-schools-short/2015/04/28/52082b14-edbf-11e4-8666-a1d756d0218e\\_story.html?wpisrc=nl\\_buzz](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/fairfax-board-formally-adopts-2016-budget-that-leaves-schools-short/2015/04/28/52082b14-edbf-11e4-8666-a1d756d0218e_story.html?wpisrc=nl_buzz). It is really disheartening that local jurisdictions are not fully providing for their public schools. If a gap remains, our teachers will not receive a pay raise, other support staff for the classroom may not be hired, and if the capital improvement budget is not fully funded for this year and next, then by Sept. 2017, we will officially have not enough space at Minnie Howard for that 9th grade class. These are fundamental dollars that are needed to keep up with our enrollment - enrollment created by land use and zoning policies that were approved by previous City Councils. We have to share in the responsibility of our ever-increasing student population. Not funding ACPS at this very basic level - puts the district in a very tough position of deciding who gets those reduced resources. It doesn't strengthen our system or show our commitment to the current staff.

On the other hand, private schools increase their tuition almost annually - to keep up with their costs. Private schools also do not have any ELL students, have very few kids on scholarship (not 60% free and reduced lunch like our system) and have very few students with special needs (and any therapies cost additional to what is listed below). Why would we think that we wouldn't have to do increase our funding with our public schools? A sample of private schools in Alexandria charge the following for their programs:

\$24,910 - Full-Day Junior Kindergarten  
\$27,890 - Grades K-2  
\$28,160 - Grades 3-5  
\$30,900 - Grades 6-8  
\$33,520 - Grades 9-12

Tuition K – 3: \$25,400  
Tuition 4 – 8: \$27,500

An annual fee of \$1,000 for Capital Maintenance is charged per family.

Junior Kindergarten \$24,724  
Kindergarten \$25,714  
Grades 1-5 \$26,893  
Grades 6-8 \$28,294

K - Grade 4) Tuition \$27,790

Fees \$1,200  
Middle School (Grades 5-8) Tuition \$27,790  
Fees (Grades 5-7) \$1,200  
Fees (Grade 8) \$1,420  
8th Grade Class Trip \$1,000  
Mountain Campus (Grades 5-8) \$300

After looking at these costs, I would think that the City Council would realize that it is getting a bargain by the amount per student it is investing. However, that investment per student cannot be reduced without reducing expectations for teacher retention, student test scores, graduation rates, etc.

I implore you to provide the necessary funding to ACPS this year and for the several years to come as we deal with vast increases in numbers. ACPS, the School Board, and the parents who are strong advocates for our public school system cannot overcome inadequate funding. We need you to partner with us and show your commitment as well.

Thank you.

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 5

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- Phone Number: 7038881730
- Email: [randallmw@comcast.net](mailto:randallmw@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and City Council Members,

Just as a followup to my email yesterday about the cost of private school. Below lists tuitions for two additional schools - one in Alexandria, and one in DC. Both schools serve children with some type of disability - mostly a learning disability or some other type of developmental or cognitive diagnosis. The increase of these types of students in ACPS is significant, because it takes a lot more resources to be able to provide for them, and it is required by law, that public schools provide for them. You will note, that these tuitions are approximately \$5K-\$10K more than what had been listed yesterday. Consequently, when we try to provide data about average cost per student, that takes into account kids who don't need additional resources and kids who do need additional resources. \$13K from the City still seems to be a bargain to address all of these different students. School districts who have lower per students costs usually have much more homogeneous populations.

School #1  
2014-2015 Tuition  
Elementary - \$39,600  
Intermediate - \$39,600  
Junior High - \$40,350  
High School - \$41,995

School #2  
2015-16 Tuition & Fees - \$35,300

Thanks again for your time.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, May 6

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71707: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The Arc of Northern Virginia is a non-pr

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7032081119
- Email: [lucy.beadnell@thearcofnova.org](mailto:lucy.beadnell@thearcofnova.org)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The Arc of Northern Virginia is a non-profit serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. So many of our individual live on just \$733/month from SSI. Naturally, finding affordable housing is a top priority for our organization.

We fully support the recommendation of Allison Silberberg to add funding in the FY16 budget for for the 31 seniors/persons with disabilities on the rent relief waiting list. Having a home changes everything for the better and this is an excellent investment in the most vulnerable Alexandrians.

We are concerned with discussions about using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for services others than housing. Our understanding is that \$300,000 in carryover CDBG money could be used for much needed maintenance of 6 units of housing for extremely low income households. This is a wise use of funding. It is extremely difficult to develop affordable housing and we can't afford to let any existing units fall into disrepair.

We are opposed to diverting the small amounts of federal funding that has been traditionally used by the City for housing purposes for other needs.

With Thanks,  
Lucy Beadnell on behalf of The Arc of Northern Virginia

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, May 7

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71549: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Membe

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- Name: Rosie Wiedemer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7039079924
- Email: [rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com](mailto:rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

As a parent of ACPS students and former President of the George Mason Elementary School PTA, I am writing to implore you to fully fund the budget put forth by ACPS.

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 \$3.2 million short of the \$201 million of City funds they need to cover the budget the school board passed in February.

The School Board's proposed budget is lean and modest. Even though ACPS is projected to rise by more than 500 students or 3.7% in the coming year (a pattern we've seen for several years), the ACPS combined funds budget is only 2.8% higher than last year.

George Mason Elementary is projected to serve 570 students next year. This year GMES serves 540 but only 8 years ago GMES served approximately 370; over a 50% increase in less than a decade. And the schools on the West end are facing even larger increases.

Alexandria schools are not only faced with an increase in students; the schools are seeing an increase in English Language Learners (ELL) and students on free and reduced lunch. This is significant because all of the research and history shows these students require greater services and support.

In the last 10 years Alexandria schools have grown and changed; so much so that many families who left the public school system, returned. At this point and time, ACPS is serving a vast majority of families in the City. It is amazing that Alexandria City serves all students; not just poor students, not just privileged students, not just students of any one race or religion but all students. However, this progress is fragile and without the proper support ACPS could easily slide backward. With a decrease in funding, ACPS will be forced to choose what students and programs to serve.

While Alexandria City's budget and funding process is much different than that of Arlington and Fairfax County, we are faced with many of the same issues as our neighbors. Compared to Arlington County our appropriation per student are significantly less. In addition, their ELL and reduced lunch populations is less than Alexandria City's; 57.5% of students in Alexandria City are receiving free and reduced lunch but in Arlington this number is 32.1%. Likewise, 28.4% of students in Alexandria require ELL services while this number in Arlington is only 18%.

Communities that value public schools are rewarded with lower crime, higher property values and more importantly, the knowledge that they are providing all school-age children with access to a brighter future.

With ACPS buildings with years of deferred maintenance, with yearly increases in enrollment, with an increase in students with special circumstances, with the lack of raises for our teachers for several years and a push to get all ACPS schools to the high standards of our neighboring school districts, is now the time to ask ACPS to do more with less?

Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I look forward to hearing how you will choose to advocate for the public schools.

Best,  
Rosie Wiedemer

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**From:** Jeanne Franklin <JFranklin@franklinsolutions.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2015 1:03 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Allison Silberberg; john.taylor.hcapman@alexandriava.gov; Timothy Lovain; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Justin Wilson  
**Cc:** Michael Zupan; Jackie Henderson; alexbar@alexandriabar.com  
**Subject:** Saving The Alexandria Law Library Library

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Honorable Members of the Alexandria City Council, Chapman, Lovain, Pepper, Smedberg and Wilson:

I respectfully and strongly urge you to take action to restore the City's funding for the Alexandria Public Law Library to the budget on a continuing and permanent basis. It is a minor cost (.01% of the general fund budget) to the City but an invaluable benefit to members of the community and the courts. It provides access to members of the public about legal information applicable to them, and helps attorneys who rely on it in their work serving as GALS and other court appointed and pro bono capacities. It is truly imperative to "Save the library"- a unique trove of Virginia materials and information; doing so will be a decision of which you will be proud.

While I now have a home office in Arlington, I practiced law between 1989 and 2009 in Old Town Alexandria, and continue to serve as a *pro bono mediator* in the Alexandria District Court. I also participate in the Alexandria Bar Association Foundation Beat the Odds Scholarship Program for Alexandria youths, and am a former member of the law library board.

I will be happy to respond to any questions any of you might have.

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Franklin

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Mediator and Attorney at Law

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- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [handerson79@gmail.com](mailto:handerson79@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Members of the Alexandria City Council:  
I write, again, in support of the ACPS budget. The School Board has brought a lean and responsible budget while still being able to progress the district. The superintendent found savings and cuts adding up to nearly \$7.5M before delivering the budget. The Board does not want to cut non-instructional supports that directly support students. The Superintendent also wants to create a reliable and positive culture for our teachers through professional growth and competitive compensation.  
ACPS is planning the CIP projects based on capacity needs found in the Long Range Planning. ACPS has seen consistent and accurate growth that is projected to continue until 2030, when it could level at over 20,000 students. ACPS is currently at 14,224 students. ACPS needs to build at Minnie Howard to fulfill our commitment to the current school community and the future students from now until 2030. The School Board deferred \$6.9M before delivering the budget to City Council.  
Thank you for your support,  
Heather Anderson
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 5

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- Phone Number: 443-745-0064
- Email: [joymcb@gmail.com](mailto:joymcb@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,  
I am writing to you on behalf of the ACPS budget for FY16. I am the mother of a 2nd grader at George Mason Elementary.

I am well aware of the challenges that you are facing with this budget. You want to remain a competitive employer for the city and school employees (especially front line workers), have quality facilities and services and remain an attractive place to live and work with favorable tax rates. It is a formidable task that you face.

I know that you have been working closely with ACPS to try and bring the budget closer to the one that Dr. Crawley and the rest of the school board worked to create. Kelly Booz has said that you all have gotten about \$1M closer to the request. I want you to know that I appreciate all of the work that you have done so far.

In my time here in Alexandria, I have watched ACPS turn the corner. I have great faith in the current administration and I am proud to tell people that my child goes to public school in Alexandria.

Please invest in these kids and teachers. I know that they are worth the funds. I know others have written about the cost per pupil comparison and I think that that is a good back of the envelope computation if one remembers the make of of student in ACPS - almost 2/3 free and reduced lunch, a larger proportion of ELL students than many other near by counties and a large percentage of student who have special needs.

The school board worked very hard to present a lean budget compromising on projects and timing. Some things can not be deferred to a time when the economic climate is more favorable. There are things that have to be addressed and built now to deal with the ever increasing population of ACPS students.

Thank you again for all of your work and I look forward to seeing you support our ACPS students and teachers.

Best regards,  
Joy M. Cameron

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71447: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Honorable Alexandria City Mayor, Vice Ma

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Honorable Alexandria City Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council, and the Public School Board:

I am writing this letter to you as a concerned father of an elementary school student who is about to graduate and get ready for middle school this year.

This is what I have been observing for the past 4-5 years in Alexandria among parents as this trend continues and now started affecting me, something I wasn't thinking about so seriously until now. What I am referring to is the fact that almost all parents who can afford to keep their children away from the City middle schools try to send their middle school ready children somewhere else whether it is a private school or another public school at different jurisdiction. They do it at whatever cost they can – by using their family savings for private education, relocating somewhere else by short-selling their houses even though the current location is ideal place to raise family, or renting out their properties at very low rent – as long as their kids will stay away from Hammond or Houston middle school. It is those students who come from needy and low income families end up attending these schools. No wonder the Houston middle school that was recently re-built with the state of art classrooms and that is considered very spacious is not even half-full. Almost everyone who attend this school (or Hammond) is either African American or Latino. This obviously doesn't reflect our city's ethnic makeup though it is very diverse, something that makes me very proud as a resident.

In addition, the ratings assigned to Alexandria middle schools is usually between 1 and 3 on the scale 1 to 10.

So, what is going on? Aren't you concerned about this situation? May I know where your children went for middle school? As a city taxpayer, why should I consider sending my son to somewhere else even if this will be a huge financial burden for my family while I am paying my fair share of taxes to fund Alexandria middle schools? How are you planning to address this crisis considering that there are only few months left until the new school year begins?

I am really looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
Bedir Memmedli, CPA  
6300-310 Stevenson Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22304  
703-400-2523

- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 4

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## Jackie Henderson

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- Email: [wilkhub.va@gmail.com](mailto:wilkhub.va@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council, As both an ACPS parents with three children in the school system and as an ACPS teacher, I am strongly requesting that you fully fund the budget that ACPS is requesting.

ACPS is expecting 500 new students next year; at MVCS, where I teach, we are currently working with nearly 900 students. We need to be fully funded to continue to help these students graduate on time and fully equipped to deal with both middle school and high school—as well as with their future employment opportunities. We need ACPS graduates to have the skills to work--rather than drain our city's resources by being unemployable.

My children are at MVCS, GWMS and just recently graduated from TCW. We need to fully fund ACPS to continue to attract families and teachers to our system. Businesses also rely on a school system that is fully funded and well run to entice employees to Alexandria. It is a win-win proposition to fully fund ACPS; it is both a short-term and a long-term losing proposition to do otherwise. Sincerely, Mary Huber

- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 4

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

As a participant and consumer of the arts in Alexandria, I ask City Council to reconsider the Proposed FY2016-FY2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and its elimination of \$200,000 for Public Art for FY2016. Council should work to reinstate these funds.

Arts are an essential part of Alexandria. A nationally recognized arts community, Alexandria has dozens of arts organizations that strive to make Alexandria a wonderful place to call home. This can only truly happen, though, with the support of its elected leaders.

This is not a time to back down in support of the arts. Alexandria is entering a new time of growth – projects all across the City are moving through the pipelines every day. Public art must continue to be a part of this development. As a citizen of Alexandria, I will not stand for anything less.

City Council must reinstate \$200,000 for Public Art in the CIP for FY2016. Your continued support of the arts in Alexandria is essential to the growth of our great City. I look forward to this being addressed and await your reply.

Whitney

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71474: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council City Council needs to look at its priori

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- Email: [marabishopwinn@gmail.com](mailto:marabishopwinn@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: City Council needs to look at its priorities and ensure that our city schools are properly funded. We have a significant population of students with extra needs, our school buildings are deteriorating, and our teachers have not received a step increase in years. We can't lose families and great teaches to school districts that will support them and their needs. We also cannot keep support from those students who need it most.  
Please go back to the drawing board and support the full requested budget amount for ACPS as proposed by Dr. Crawley and the City of Alexandria School Board.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, May 5

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**Jackie Henderson**

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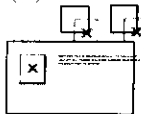
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**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2015 2:57 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Allison Silberberg; John Chapman; Timothy Lovain; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Justin Wilson; Jackie Henderson  
**Cc:** Alexandria Bar Association  
**Subject:** Save the law library

Dear City Council Members:

As a business owner in the City of Alexandria I am writing to implore you to take action to restore the City's funding for the Alexandria Public Law Library to the budget on a continuing and permanent basis. It is a minor cost (.01% of the general fund budget) to the City but an invaluable benefit to members of the community and the courts. It provides access to members of the public about legal information applicable to them, and helps attorneys who rely on it in their work serving as GALS and other court appointed and pro bono capacities. It is a unique trove of Virginia materials and information. Save the library!

Sincerely,

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**Hickman Law Office**  
**Attorney**  
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Alexandria, VA 22314  
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## Jackie Henderson

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- Request Description: Please see attached pdf.
- Attachment: [Law Library support001.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 4

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April 26, 2015

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

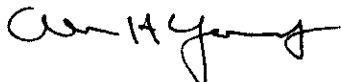
I am writing today to seek your assurance in providing funding in the FY 2016 budget to continue the operation of the Alexandria Public Law Library, which is presently in jeopardy of closing. This Library serves as a significant asset to not only the legal community within our fine City, but more importantly for use by the general public, for a minimal cost to taxpayers.

As a long-time resident and a sole practitioner attorney with over 30+ years experience within our fair City, I am fortunate enough to have the benefit of online legal services to which I subscribe. However, many other small attorneys who provide important legal representation may not have this advantage and are therefore in need of the free online legal research services the Law Library provides. I've utilized the high quality Law Library's vast professional collection when needed and believe it is imperative that the City of Alexandria not become the only Northern Virginia jurisdiction to not maintain our Law Library.

The Alexandria Bar Association provides significant funding for the Law Library – the highest per capita contribution within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Surely, the City of Alexandria can afford to dedicate a relatively small (.01%) of the general fund budget to this worthy and necessary cause.

Please do not let this professional Public Law Library close permanently.

Sincerely yours,



Alan H. Yamamoto

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Alexis Stackhouse <alexis.stackhouse01@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2015 9:17 PM  
**To:** William Euille; Allison Silberberg; John Chapman; Timothy Lovain; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Justin Wilson; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Public Law Library Funding

Dear Mayor and City Council,

. As a member of the Law Library Board appointed by the Alexandria Bar Association, I request you to take action to restore the City's funding for the Alexandria Public Law Library to the budget on a continuing and permanent basis. It is a minor cost (.01% of the general fund budget) to the City but an invaluable benefit to members of the community and the courts. It provides access to members of the public about legal information applicable to them, and helps attorneys who rely on it in their work serving as GALS and other court appointed and pro bono capacities. It is a unique trove of Virginia materials and information. Save the library!

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Alexis Stackhouse, Esq.

## Jackie Henderson

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'justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov'; 'jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov'  
**Cc:** Foster Friedman  
**Subject:** City of Alexandria Law Library

Dear City Council Members:

As an attorney in the City of Alexandria, I write to implore you to take action to restore the City's funding for the Alexandria Public Law Library to the budget on a continuing and permanent basis. It is a minor cost (.01% of the general fund budget) to the City but an invaluable benefit to members of the community and the courts. It provides access to members of the public about legal information applicable to them, and helps attorneys who rely on it in their work serving as GALS and other court appointed and pro bono capacities. It is a unique trove of Virginia materials and information. Save the library!

Sincerely,  
Christina Brown



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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Vice, Mayor/City Council,  
I am writing to let you know that I support fully funding the operating budget and the CIP budget.  
I am a strong supporter of education.  
I would appreciate your support and representation on this issue.  
Sincerely  
Maggie Tran
- Expected Response Date: Friday, May 1

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of City Council,

Please find attached a letter from the Commission for the Arts requesting Council reinstate \$200,000 in the CIP for Public Art for FY2016 during the upcoming Add/Delete sessions. We look forward to your reply.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Matthew Stensrud

Chair, Alexandria Commission for the Arts

- Attachment: [ACA-Budget-FinalAddDeleteRequest.docx](#)
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 29

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April 22, 2015  
Alexandria City Council  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

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The Alexandria Commission for the Arts welcomes each opportunity to serve the City. It strives to carefully research each public art project in the best interests of Alexandria's residents and to generate new and accessible public art through active citizen engagement that enhances the lives of the children and adults who visit our great City, and for the families who call it home.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew Stensrud  
Chair, Alexandria Commission for the Arts

Gayle Converse  
Chair, Communications and Outreach Sub-Committee

## Jackie Henderson

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- Request Description: April 22, 2015

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Allison Heck,  
Member, Alexandria Commission for the Arts

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council,

Thank you for considering my attached comments on the FY16 budget, and overall budgeting considerations.

Sincerely,  
Melissa McMahon

- Attachment: [FY16 Alexandria Budget Comment Letter.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 29

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April 22, 2015

Honorable Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg, Councilman John T. Chapman, Councilman Timothy B. Lovain, Councilwoman Redella S. “Del” Pepper, Councilman Paul C. Smedberg, Councilman Justin M. Wilson, and City Manager Mark B. Jinks:

I am writing to express my preferences with regard to Alexandria’s FY16 budget priorities. I know this is a contentious time and subject each year, and there are pressures on our city’s finances that are not resolved easily or quickly. I understand that the commercial real estate market in Alexandria and the region remains soft, and that cutbacks in federal spending are painful reminders of our over-reliance on that job base. We are approving the construction of new residential development, and this growing resident population puts pressure infrastructure, services, and the public schools. These are just some features of a long-term, overall structural imbalance between revenues and expenditures.

I provide that introduction to say, I know this is hard work, and the challenge will face us again next year, and for many years to come.

I appreciate the effort that has gone into setting budget focus areas and priorities. I would like to offer a slightly different but complementary set of values that I believe pertain to our budgeting process. I believe that Alexandria’s budget should reflect:

1. **Investment in public goods** – government has a special role in protecting public goods, such as water quality, air quality, public health, safety, and welfare. These public goods are things “the market” will not protect or prioritize on its own. It is the government’s job to look not only five years down the road, but 50; not just one election cycle, but representing the interests of future generations of Alexandrians. Wherever possible, ask yourself, is this investment reflective of our obligation to protect the public good?
2. **Investment in placemaking** – government also has a special role in seeing the big picture. The really big picture. Every year our budget must reflect a vision that extends beyond single projects, beyond single neighborhoods, and beyond cyclical financial pressures. Our budget must embody the stewardship of long range, comprehensive, and sustainable plans for our city’s future. Each year’s budget must move us toward the future outlined in these long-range community plans.
3. **Commitment to maintain our investments** – Across the US and the world, communities fail to invest in the basic maintenance of assets. From schools to roads, from streetlights to stormwater pipes, Alexandria must commit, year after year, to the maintenance of these assets. This is not something we can put off to fill a budget gap.

This public sector commitment to the public good, placemaking, and maintaining our assets will attract not only new residents, but businesses and ongoing private development investment to our community, because they will trust in the community’s commitment to its own long term success.

**My most important specific comment consistent with these values:** make sure that the City's complete streets and multimodal transportation policies are properly funded this year and every year in order to succeed. These policies supports all three of the values I describe above, most directly placemaking (but I'd be happy to talk through all the connections sometime!). I have confidence that building complete streets and multimodal transportation options is a prerequisite to being competitive with other jurisdictions in this region for residents, businesses, and other kinds of investment.

I noted that the current proposed budget dramatically increases spending on "street reconstruction and resurfacing". On the face of it, this is good, because maintaining our assets is important and a key value for responsible governance. However, at the same time, the proposed FY16 budget dramatically cuts funding for the Complete Streets program, a program that must work alongside resurfacing and similar road maintenance projects to ensure that the reconstructed road serves all users safely. A redistribution of proposed increase could result in a useful budget increase for both programs, and allow the complete streets folks to keep up with the pace of reconstruction work.

The above complete streets program example is part of a larger problem that the proposed budget disproportionately cuts multi-modal transportation (i.e., relative to elsewhere in transportation operating/transportation CHIP). Other examples of these cuts: removing operating funds from planned Capital Bikeshare expansion, and removing the City's capital investment in the only two trails planned for the next 10 years. I would call this kind of budgeting "death by a thousand cuts", also known as "creeping normality" – the way a major negative change which happens slowly in many unnoticed increments is not perceived as objectionable.

Alexandrians deserve a transportation future that is multimodal, equitable, and sustainable. Such a system is a cornerstone of truly great cities. We must commit to that future year after year, budget after budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa McMahon, AICP, MPH  
1237 Madison St  
Alexandria, VA 22314

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** gordon.amber@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2015 2:19 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71080: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Restore Public Art CIP FY2016 Funding

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### Request Details:

- Name: Susan Amber Gordon
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.626.7965
- Email: [gordon.amber@gmail.com](mailto:gordon.amber@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Restore Public Art CIP FY2016 Funding

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

Every year, in order to best manage our City, you face difficult budget choices. Frequently, compromises must be made in order to implement a plan that best meets the complex network of elements that collectively make our City great.

Public Art is essential to the cultural development and of our City and a critical component of the City's overall plans to support "Healthy and Thriving Residents" initiatives.

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, I have serious objections to the elimination of the \$200,000 originally budgeted for Public Art for FY2016.

As Chair of the former Public Art Committee, I am one of many volunteers who, alongside City staff members, worked for years on seeing the new Public Art Implementation Plan come to fruition. It would be a serious setback to the Public Art program to unnecessarily delay launching the projects already in development.

We are not asking for an increase in funding. We are simply requesting that you reinstate the \$200,000 originally budgeted for Public Art, back into the Capital Improvement Program for FY2016. As Alexandria enters a new time of growth at the Waterfront, in Potomac Yard, at Landmark, and across many other parts of this City, public art must continue to be an integral part of this development – not an afterthought. To do anything less would be a disservice to our home and its citizens.

The Commission refrained from spending public art funds until the unanimous approval of the Public Art Implementation Plan and updated Public Art Policy this past December. At this time, Council also approved the Commission's Annual Workplan, an outline of upcoming public art projects in the City. This Workplan approves the use of \$605,000 over three years: \$120,000 in FY15, \$350,000 in FY16 and \$200,000 in FY17. Projects supported with these funds include Simpson Park playground, Old Town North Small Area Plan, and Beach Park Amphitheater – where collaboration with the Maury Schoolyard Initiative is already underway. If Council zeroes out public art in the CIP for FY16, many of these projects will be seriously derailed, damaged and/or eliminated.

Further, Council has continually asked the Commission to 'think bigger' and bring a large, iconic piece of work to Alexandria. Without the ability to retain and grow funds from year to year, this dream will never be reality. For Alexandria to continue its reputation as a nationally recognized arts community, Council must reinstate some of these funds or increase funds in later fiscal years to offset the difference.

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research each public art project in the best interests of Alexandria's residents and to generate new and accessible public art through active citizen engagement that enhances the lives of the children and adults who visit our great City, and for the families who call it home.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Amber Gordon  
Alexandria Commission for the Arts,  
Executive Committee, Secretary

- Attachment: [AG FY 16 CIP FinalAddDeleteRequest 042215.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 30

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** david@goldworksusa.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 11:19 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71077: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council after attending the last ACA meeting las

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### Request Details:

- Name: David Martin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 683 0333
- Email: [david@goldworksusa.com](mailto:david@goldworksusa.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: after attending the last ACA meeting last night It became very real to me how much the Arts Commission must do to communicate with you on Council do keep our fulcrum and keel even on these current Alexandria seas. I have attached Mathew's letter which is very well written . I could not say it better . Please read it and act with me on it . I wish I could be of more help. Sincerely, David Martin
- Attachment: [ACA-Budget-FinalAddDeleteRequest.docx](#)
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 29

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April 22, 2015  
Alexandria City Council  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts has serious concerns regarding the Proposed FY2016-FY2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and its elimination of \$200,000 for Public Art for FY2016. We appreciate your recent words of support during the March 23, 2015 CIP Work Session on addressing this issue during the upcoming Add/Delete sessions and ask you to do exactly that next week.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew Stensrud  
Chair, Alexandria Commission for the Arts

Gayle Converse  
Chair, Communications and Outreach Sub-Committee

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** ellisranger@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 10:40 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71076: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: David Kaplan
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035353189
- Email: [ellisranger@yahoo.com](mailto:ellisranger@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, and members of City Council:

I was pleased to learn that a lower than anticipated subsidy request from WMATA as well as some improved revenue predictions have given the city additional flexibility in crafting the FY 2016 budget.

Although FY 2016 will still be a difficult budget year, I hope you will use some of the available funding to reduce the cut to our Complete Streets program. By restoring \$259k, you would bring the Complete Streets program back to its current funding level.

The creation of a Complete Streets Coordinator position several years ago was a very forward thinking decision by Council. Our streets are safer and our neighborhoods are more livable thanks to the curb extensions, sidewalks, and pedestrian countdown signals that have been installed.

Hillary Poole is doing a fantastic job, but there is so much more work to be done. I hope you will restore funding for Complete Streets so improvements can continue to be made as streets are scheduled for repaving.

Thank you for all your hard work in crafting the budget. I know this is a very challenging time of year for all of you.

Sincerely,

David Kaplan

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 29

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**From:** jjakubek@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 9:51 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71075: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Vice Mayor, and Cit

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

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

I am writing this evening to request that you reinstate full planned funding for the city's Complete Streets program in your work section on the city budget tomorrow.

This program is inexpensive, provides great value for little cost, and genuinely makes our city a better place to live.

I ask that you work to reinstate the planned funding of \$900,000 for this city initiative tomorrow.

Thank you for your time.

Jake Jakubek

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** allison.nance@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 9:26 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71073: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Allison Nance
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-615-1824
- Email: [allison.nance@gmail.com](mailto:allison.nance@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

As a member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, I have serious concerns regarding the Proposed FY2016-FY2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and its elimination of \$200,000 for Public Art for FY2016. As a previous member of our Public Art Committee, I am one of many volunteers and City staff members who have worked for years on seeing the new Public Art Implementation Plan come to fruition, and it is extremely disappointing that there is a chance that the funding needed to make this Plan successful might be eliminated from the budget. I appreciate your recent words of support during the March 23, 2015 CIP Work Session on addressing this issue during the upcoming Add/Delete sessions and ask you to do exactly that next week.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Allison Nance

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 29

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** sladekate@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 8:25 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71070: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Kate Elkins
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035080464
- Email: [sladekate@gmail.com](mailto:sladekate@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing regarding the recent elimination of \$200,000 for Public Art for FY2016.

I consider myself fortunate to reside in a city that values the arts and recognizes the cultural, social, and economic impact that public art brings to our community. It is for these reasons that my husband and I, two artists, chose to raise a family here. Arts are an essential part of Alexandria. A nationally recognized arts community, Alexandria has dozens of arts organizations that strive to make Alexandria a wonderful place to call home. This recognition can only continue, and grow, with the support of our elected leaders.

It is my sincere hope that the City Council can find a way to reinstate these funds for FY2016 according to previously approved levels.

Thank you for your time.

Kate Elkins  
Alexandria Arts Commission

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 29

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**From:** kevin.m.nance@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 6:32 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71064: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

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### Request Details:

- Name: Kevin Nance
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-447-3934
- Email: [kevin.m.nance@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.m.nance@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

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City Council must reinstate \$200,000 for Public Art in the CIP for FY2016. Your continued support of the arts in Alexandria is essential to the growth of our great City. I look forward to this being addressed and await your reply.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** mlhowe1@juno.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 6:32 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71063: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Marla Howell
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7034027076
- Email: [mlhowe1@juno.com](mailto:mlhowe1@juno.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

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**From:** mkozlak@artsonthehorizon.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 6:19 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71061: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council April 22, 2015Alexandria City Council

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Michelle Kozlak
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [mkozlak@artsonthehorizon.org](mailto:mkozlak@artsonthehorizon.org)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: April 22, 2015  
Alexandria City Council  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

---Michelle Kozlak

Member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts

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**From:** joan@quintango.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 6:07 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71059: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Joan Singer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035486811
- Email: [joan@quintango.com](mailto:joan@quintango.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

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**From:** alan.wile@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 5:56 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71057: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Alan Wile
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035386526
- Email: [alan.wile@comcast.net](mailto:alan.wile@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

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**From:** billcatps@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 5:55 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71056: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Bill Colosimo
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712137376
- Email: [billcatps@aol.com](mailto:billcatps@aol.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

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City Council must reinstate \$200,000 for Public Art in the CIP for FY2016, partially reinstate these funds, or offset the funds by increasing funds in future years. Your continued support of the arts in Alexandria is essential to the growth of our great City. I look forward to this being addressed and await your reply.

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
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- Email: [megmeyer411@yahoo.com](mailto:megmeyer411@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

As a participant and consumer of the arts in Alexandria, I ask City Council to reconsider the Proposed FY2016-FY2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and its elimination of \$200,000 for Public Art for FY2016. Council should work to reinstate these funds.

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Thank you for your time.

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- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

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Gayle E. Converse  
Commissioner/ Communications & Outreach Chair, Alexandria Commission for the Arts  
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**From:** Foster Friedman <friedman@oldtownlawyers.com>  
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**To:** William Euille; Allison Silberberg; John Chapman; Timothy Lovain; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Justin Wilson; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** City of Alexandria Law Library

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**From:** keenthings@comcast.net  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71107: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council please remember that the arts helped to

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### Request Details:

- Name: Lisa Schumaier
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-489-7087
- Email: [keenthings@comcast.net](mailto:keenthings@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: please remember that the arts helped to make this city what it is today! Support it in our budget.  
Discuss adding money back in for arts in Alexandria budget discussions.  
Thanks so much
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 30

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**From:** bentbiking@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2015 10:35 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71117: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Memb

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### Request Details:

- Name: Dave Levy
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-5289
- Email: [bentbiking@yahoo.com](mailto:bentbiking@yahoo.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,  
Please reconsider these items for the FY2016 budget. I would like for you to restore the funding previously planned for: the Complete Streets implementation; planning for the Old Cameron Run Trail; and expansion of the Capitol Bikeshare network.  
The Complete Streets program is essential to a comprehensive transportation system. You need to continue implementation for all the road paving projects. We need to provide safe access for pedestrians (especially school kids and city visitors)and bicyclists by accelerating the pace of improvements throughout the city.  
The Old Cameron Run Trail needs to be completed before the new buildings are finished; grant funds are already provided for it. We need the planning to be done this year.  
The Capitol Bikeshare program is the "Uber" for non-motorized on demand mobility. It needs to be expanded as we continue new infill development and redevelopment. Again, we need to catch up with demand and provide Alexandria's portion of the comprehensive regional network of stations.  
Thank you for considering my request.  
Cordially,  
Dave Levy
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 30

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**From:** Kaamil Khan <kaamil@kmkhan.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2015 10:39 AM  
**To:** William Euille; Allison Silberberg; John Chapman; Timothy Lovain; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Justin Wilson; Jackie Henderson  
**Subject:** Please Save the Alexandria Law Library

Dear Honorable Members of the Alexandria City Council:

I am an attorney with my own practice located here in the City of Alexandria. For me personally, the Alexandria law library is an invaluable resource. As a small firm practitioner, I work with individuals and families, not corporations with large legal budgets. My clients depend on me and I depend on the law library to effectively represent them.

Further, Alexandria is unique. We have our own state trial and appellate court plus the federal district and bankruptcy court as well as the trademark office within our jurisdiction. This one small law library serves as a resource to all of the attorneys who practice in these various locations.

I am imploring you to please take action to restore the City's funding for the Alexandria Law Library. My clients and the community are counting on you.

Thank you,

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## Jackie Henderson

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2015 10:45 AM  
**To:** Bridget Corridon; John Chapman; Jackie Henderson; justin.wilson@alexandria.gov; William Euille; Timothy Lovain; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Allison Silberberg  
**Subject:** Save the Law Library

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**From:** Randy.cole.n1@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2015 11:32 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71142: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hello City Council, Please make an eq

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- Phone Number: 7038877126
- Email: [Randy.cole.n1@gmail.com](mailto:Randy.cole.n1@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello City Council,

Please make an equitable increase in the funding for the Complete Street's program. Right here in my neighborhood, we could use some additional help using the funds from the program to fix the speeding / cut through problems in several places along ETR. Lot's of neighbors getting frustrated by rush hour traffic trying to get to Telegraph. Putting more into the Complete Street's budget so it totals \$1.15M would be much better than current amount of \$641k.

Thank you

Randy Cole  
Former TRCA President and BPAC Member

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71157: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and City Council, As Vice

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- Name: Michael Detomo
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- Phone Number: 202-492-3120
- Email: [michaeldetomo@gmail.com](mailto:michaeldetomo@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and City Council,

As Vice Chair of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, I would like to convey again what the Chair expressed in a formal letter yesterday. The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is concerned about the proposed FY2016-FY2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the elimination of \$200,000 from Public Art FY2016. During your recent March 23, 2015 CIP Work Session, it was appreciative to hear your support in addressing this issue during the upcoming Add/Delete sessions, and I look forward to action that supports public art.

During the extensive formulation of the recently approved Public Art Implementation Plan and updated Public Art Policy this past December, the Commission refrained from spending public art funds. With the newly approved plan, the Commission has programmed spending to meet the citizens' and the City's aspirations for a healthy community.

A sample of upcoming public art projects in the City include the use of \$605,000 over three years: \$120,000 in FY15, \$350,000 in FY16, and \$200,000 in FY17 for:  
Simpson Park Playground  
Old Town North Small Area Plan  
Beach Park Amphitheater in collaboration with the Maury Schoolyard Initiative

If City Council approves zeroing out public art in the CIP for FY16, many of these projects will be cut.

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts welcomes each opportunity to serve the City. It strives to carefully research each public art project in the best interests of Alexandria's residents and to generate new and accessible public art through active citizen engagement that enhances the lives of the children and adults who visit our great City, and for the families who call it home.

Furthermore, Council has continually asked the Commission to 'think bigger' and bring a large, iconic piece of work to Alexandria. Without the ability to retain and grow funds from year to year, this dream will never be realized.

I encourage the City Council to not back down from this opportunity to support public art through reinstating \$200,000 into the Capital Improvement Program for FY2016.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Detomo, RA  
Vice Chair, Alexandria Commission for the Arts

President, Torpedo Factory Art Center Board  
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**Subject:** City of Alexandria Law Library

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Best regards,

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## **Jackie Henderson**

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**Cc:** Alexandria Bar  
**Subject:** Save the Alexandria Law Library

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I strongly urge you not to let this precious resource die. In addition to depriving lawyers and public alike access to legal materials, doing so would make Alexandria the *only* jurisdiction in our area that does not have a public law library.

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**To:** Allison Silberberg; William Euille; John Chapman; Timothy Lovain; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Justin Wilson; Jackie Henderson  
**Cc:** alexbar@alexandriabarva.org  
**Subject:** City of Alexandria Law Library

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A first-class city such as ours must have a law library.

Save the library.

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**From:** George Tuttle <georget@getuttlelaw.com>  
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**Subject:** Law Library

Dear City Council Members,

I am a lawyer practicing by myself in the City and a citizen of the City of Alexandria. I writing to earnestly request that you to take act to restore the City's funding for the Alexandria Public Law Library to the budget on a continuing and permanent basis. The fund required is a minor cost (.01% of the general fund budget) to the City compared to the invaluable benefit it provides to members of the community and to the courts. It provides access to members of the public about legal information applicable to them, and helps attorneys like me who rely on it in their work serving as GALs and in other court appointed and pro bono capacities as well as for routine research from its fine selection and research computers. It has always been, and should be preserved as, a unique trove of Virginia materials and information. Please save the City's library.

Sincerely, George E. Tuttle, Jr.  
Attorney at Law

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'justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov'; 'jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov'  
**Cc:** friedman@oldtownlawyers.com  
**Subject:** Alexandria Law Library

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*Michele S. Cumberland  
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'justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov'; 'jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov'  
**Subject:** Alexandria Law Library

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Sincerely,

Madeline A. Trainor, Esquire  
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**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2015 2:18 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #71175: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: [beirbrigde@aol.com](mailto:beirbrigde@aol.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

As a participant and consumer of the arts in Alexandria, I ask City Council to reconsider the Proposed FY2016-FY2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and its elimination of \$200,000 for Public Art for FY2016. Council should work to reinstate these funds.

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Thank you,  
Dawn

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**Subject:** City of Alexandria Law Library

Dear City Council Members:

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Thank you.

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**Cc:** alexandriabar@listserve.com  
**Subject:** Alexandria Law Library

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am yet another lawyer, business owner, tax payer, and Alexandria voter writing you to ask you to fund the Law Library. You have received communications from many eloquent and distinguished lawyers making the case in their persuasive style; so I will attempt to be brief.

The law library not only serves, but distinguishes this community. It provides access to the law for citizens who cannot afford counsel. It reduces the cost to lawyers of delivering services. Citizens are afforded an opportunity to research their rights without the economic and other burdens of searching out an available and compatible attorney. It makes our city a place where the law is available to every citizen as a public service.

All this at a miniscule cost to the City for its participation in the library partnership. It will be very disturbing if the Council does not find a way to fund this important and long standing institution.

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**Subject:** Funding for Alexandria Bar Library

For over sixty years my father practiced law in the City of Alexandria. And I have been familiar with the Alexandria Law Library since the time it and the Circuit Court were located in the City Hall Building entering from N. Fairfax Street. I have had many occasions to use the library over the years in my practice and the availability of that resource is a major consideration for any lawyer planning to locate an office in the City of Alexandria. Without such a resource in Old Town, the choice of locating a law office in Northern Virginia would easily favor Arlington or Fairfax where such facilities are available. While my firm does not currently maintain an office in Alexandria, I will tell you that I have plans to do so soon and would be very disappointed to learn that the Law Library's funding had not been maintained. Thank you.

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Please consider increased funding for the Complete Streets program, along with financial support for the Capitol Bike Share program. The large amount of funding steered to street repaving appears disproportionate from the city manager's proposal. (I haven't heard the "why" behind the increase. Was the street repaving schedule delayed in the past due to budget constraints and now it's time to catch up?)

For the Complete Streets program, pedestrian improvements have raised the safety level at places such as the Hawk signal on Van Dorn (near Richenbacher) and the flash signal at the Braddock Metro station. These two examples support pedestrian safety for transit users which in turn increases the use of transit. Isn't that a goal of our eco-city charter? Lessen the dependence on individual car use and use alternate, more eco friendly, methods to get around the city. People using transit, in addition to lowering emissions, also remove the weight of a personal owned vehicle (POVs) on city streets which is a hidden cost of wear and tear on streets pavements.

The Hawk signal provides pedestrian safety on the West End where the suburban design makes pedestrian safety a challenge. Complete Streets is a city wide need, not just around grid street neighborhoods and Metro Stations. A Complete Streets program also would "retro fit" safety designs so students could walk to neighborhood schools. The biggest travesty in lack of Complete Streets is Samuel Tucker Elementary students not allowed to walk to school; a prime example of improper land use decision planning in an era where "we knew better."

The "CaBi" program serves a similar purpose; providing a healthy and eco friendly transportation choice. A CaBi program comes loaded with grant monies left on the table if the city abandons or delays continued support and expansion. Density of a CaBi system not only encourages use it also links us in to the regional programs in DC/MD/Arlington. A regional transportation plan is vital to moving people, not cars, successfully. The lack of supporting CaBi sends a signal to the West End that it will be years before such a program will arrive in their area. Again, the suburban design of the West End presents challenges yet spines linking the Eisenhower Ave with the Van Dorn Metro, up through Pickett St and over to Foxchase, along with a Beauregard plan, can offer a viable CaBi program for the West End. Please don't delay the program, which in turn delays a long hoped for (one day) expansion to the West End.

I respectfully request that funding be "found" to support both the Complete Streets program along with CaBi.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Wright

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**Cc:** alexandriabar@listserve.com  
**Subject:** Law Library

Dear City Council and Mayor Euille,

I am quite shocked that the City is cutting the law library budget to the detriment of the public and the legal profession when it represents such a small portion of the budget.

Before this important decision is made, I hope members of the City Council carefully consider the following points among those that others in the legal industry have recently made public.

Many of the attorneys practicing in this jurisdiction spend a substantial amount of their practice in public service, whether as *Guardian Ad Litem*s, court appointed counsel, non-profit legal services for the indigent, and so forth. It is these public service attorneys, serving the most economically challenged among Alexandria residents, who utilize the law library most frequently. Consequently, the City's proposed budget cut would have a significant impact on justice, fairness, and equality that would have a disproportionate adverse impact on those without the financial wherewithal to afford legal counsel with access to the resources the law library offers. Of course, the negative impact on those financially challenged residents would be even more severe as many residents cannot afford an attorney to begin with. It is fundamental to the vitality of this City – indeed any city - to provide citizens as equal a right to justice as possible. I hope that Alexandria does not become a place where equality in justice becomes a thing of the past.

The legal industry is a cornerstone of business in Alexandria. Depending on the resource consulted, there are anywhere from 126 (Lawyers.com) to 503 (Martindale.com) law firms engaged in the practice of law in Alexandria. Many of these law firms rent or own office space in the City and all of them contribute to the City's revenue in the form of gross receipts tax. The decision to close the law library would leave Alexandria as the only Northern Virginia jurisdiction to not have a law library open to the public. As such, these businesses and the industry as a whole, would be negatively impacted.

A number of these firms are solo practitioners who do not have readily available access to legal resources. It should come as no surprise to City Council that the legal industry is still in the process of a complete reformation as the business model of many larger firms has proven unsustainable in recent years. Many firms with limited resources are forming in Alexandria and I hope that these firms will succeed. However, by closing a resource needed for these young firms to succeed, many firms will simply move to neighboring jurisdictions that have resources available to them as opposed to Alexandria which plans to shutter a resource vital to their survival. If given the choice between starting a firm in Arlington or Fairfax (both of which have substantial legal libraries open to the public), Alexandria will lose countless firms who support the industry much better than Alexandria who plans to shut down the law library.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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**Subject:** My Clients Need the Library

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council:

I know you're hearing from many of my colleagues, but please allow me to offer a slightly different perspective.

I opened to my firm to provide access to counsel to individuals for whom retaining a traditional attorney or firm is not financially feasible or practical. These people have claims that are too small to justify hiring an attorney at market rates or may not have the ability to pay market rates even if the claim is significant.

These people really do use the library. I know this because they bring their research with them when we meet for a consultation. Sometimes they hire me and then I go to the library, but sometimes I direct them back to the library to do a bit more digging.

Of course, my colleagues also use the library, but this email is really more about the middle class and modest means individuals who would suffer if you decide not to fund the library. Often, these people cannot afford an attorney and the library is their only available resource.

Instead of closing the library, I'd rather see an increased library fee be assessed for each unlawful detainer or garnishment summons that was filed in GDC.

Sincerely,  
Steven Krieger

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**Cc:** Alexandria Bar  
**Subject:** City of Alexandria Law Library

Dear City Council Members:

As a young attorney who cherishes the privilege of practicing law in the City of Alexandria, I am writing to implore you to restore the City's funding for the Alexandria Public Law Library on a continuing and permanent basis. Other members of the Bar have no doubt pointed out to you that the Library is a minor expense to the City, constituting .01% of the general fund budget. More compelling, however, is the immeasurable benefit that the Law Library provides to the citizens of this community and the unrepresented litigants in its court system.

As a former law clerk for the Alexandria Circuit Court, I witnessed firsthand the persistent challenge that indigent and even middle class citizens have in obtaining access to justice. In a position where we could not give legal advice or educate pro se litigants about the substantive law applicable to their cases, we were nonetheless able to direct these citizens to a place where they could explore legal resources and information otherwise unavailable to them: the Alexandria Law Library. Its services such as pro se divorce and name change packets, as well as its extensive Virginia Code, case law and CLE compilations made the law accessible to these individuals in a way that only the costly services of an attorney could equal. With the prevailing rates for lawyers in Northern Virginia often making them beyond the reach of ordinary citizens and the resources of legal aid societies unable to cover the gap, I fear that the continuing closure of the Law Library will impair access to justice and deal significant damage to the rights of the most vulnerable in our court system.

Without exception, my experience has shown me that our citizens are grateful for the help that the Law Library brought to their cases. On occasion I have even seen their results in court and their satisfaction with the justice system improve because of the resources the Law Library provided. I urge the Council not to forget these individuals and dismiss the Law Library as a mere perk for the organized Bar. Please demonstrate your commitment to justice by restoring the City funding for the Law Library.

Respectfully,

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