

MARY BETH WALKER

March 13, 2017

Alexandria City Council
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Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members:

I am a long-time Alexandria City resident, property owner, and ACPS parent. I write regarding the budget proposed by City Manager Mark Jinks.

Mr. Jinks recently proposed a budget that he has promoted as “future-oriented” and “investing in needed services, public buildings and infrastructure.” I applaud Mr. Jinks’ commitment to the future of the city, and agree that investments must be made now to secure its future.

I am, however, seriously concerned about the lack of full funding for Alexandria City Public Schools in the proposed budget. The budget provides a significant shortfall from the funds both the ACPS school system and the school board have identified as necessary. Those necessary expenses relate both to infrastructure maintenance and improvement, as well as teacher retention. The ACPS school system is critical to the future of Alexandria City, just as its municipal services are. Our family chose to invest in property in the city because of the many opportunities it offers. One of the most important for us was our local elementary school. Because we are at the beginning of our school journey, we are continually monitoring our school options. If ACPS cannot provide quality educational opportunities for our children, we will make the decision to move to a neighboring county.

Mr. Jinks explained in a recent letter to the editor that there was “not enough money at the tax rate [he] recommended to fund all the needs on . . . the school side.” That is the beginning of the process, not the end. I urge the City Council to examine carefully not only the monetary amounts Mr. Jinks has proposed, but the proposed tax rate as well. I, for one, would support an increased tax assessment, if it is necessary to provide funding for our schools. No vote on a budget should be held until a variety of options—and the consequences of each—are fully explored and explained to the residents of Alexandria.

Sincerely,



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FY 2018 Proposed Budget Public Hearing

Monday, March 13, 2017

Economic Outlook

- Slow growing regional economy
- Tax base growth of 2%
- Federal government employment and policy changes
- Near 20% office vacancy rate
- Need for more economic growth



Proposed Budget Highlights

- \$712.5 M General Fund
 - 3.5% Increase
- \$873.7 M All Funds
 - 2.5% Increase
- Base Revenue Growth = \$15 M or +1.6%
- 2.7 Cent Real Estate Tax Rate Increase
 - Adds \$10.4 M to FY 2018 Revenues
- ACPS Transfer increase of \$7.5 M to 214.1 M or +3.6%
 - Funds 99 % of ACPS Budget
- City operations increase +0.9%
- Metro operating increase of \$7 M
- Metro capital increase of \$26 M



Revenue

- Real estate tax rate increases 2.7 cents to \$1.10
 - Average homeowner's tax bill increase of \$197 or 3.5%
- Sanitary Sewer rate increasing 30% from \$1.40 to \$1.82
- New Stormwater Utility Fee of \$140 per year proposed
- Household waste collection increasing \$10 per year to \$373
- Other proposed user fee increases



Compensation & Personnel

- Annual merit increases of \$5.0 M
- One additional step at end of the pay scale (\$0.8 M)
- Fiscal stability of Supplemental Retirement Plan with lump sum payout reform
- Budget funds 2,564 FTEs, a net change of -1 from FY 2017
- Since FY 2009, the City is operating with 100 fewer positions

10-Year Capital

Improvement Program

- \$2 Billion 10-year plan for City and Schools
- WMATA Safe & Reliable program adds \$161 M
- Combined Sewer Overflow System funding of \$390 M to meet new mandates
- City Facilities capital maintenance of \$106 M
- \$62 M 10-year State/Federal mandated Stormwater



Capital Improvement Program

- FY 2018 Projects
 - Fund first half of broadband initiative (\$5.0 M)
 - 9-1-1 upgrade to NextGen911 (\$1.7 M)
 - Courthouse security system replacement (\$2.3 M)
 - Combined Sewer Overflow planning (\$1.0 M)
 - DASH bus replacements (\$3.3 M)
 - Street and road repaving (\$5.3 M)



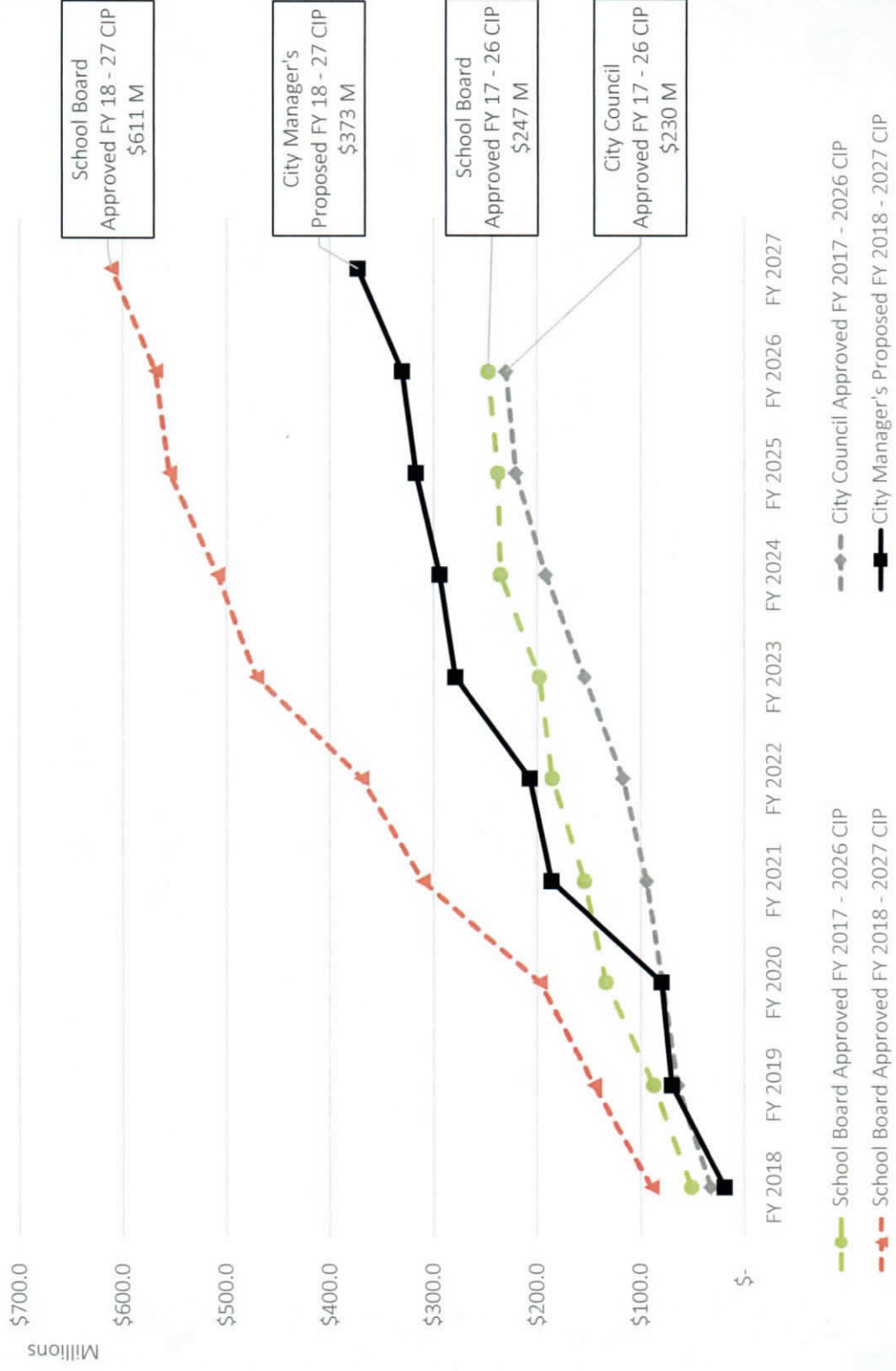
ACPS Capital Improvement Program

Comparison of Proposed City and ACPS
10-Year Capital Improvement Programs

(\$ in millions)		Previously Adopted FY 2018 - 2027	Proposed FY 2018 - 2027	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
ACPS		\$247	\$611	\$364	+147%
City		\$230	\$373	\$143	+62%
Difference		\$17	\$238		



ACPS Funding Comparison





Unfunded Supplemental CIP

- Requested in City Council Guidance
- Totals \$325.2 M over 10 years
 - ACPS funding (\$203 M)
 - 50 meter Chinquapin pool addition (\$15 M)
 - Affordable housing funds (\$4 M)
 - Open Space Acquisition (\$8 M)
 - DASH bus replacements (\$10 M)
 - New public safety indoor firing range (\$25 M)
 - Waterfront Parks development (\$15 M)
- Funding options presented



Budget Development Dates

Tuesday, February 21	7:00pm	FY 2018 Proposed Budget Presentation & Budget Work Session: Revenues/Five Year Financial Planning Model/Compensation
Tuesday, February 28	7:00pm	City Debt Policy Update (during legislative meeting)
Wednesday, March 1	7:00pm	Budget Work Session: Capital Improvement Program
Wednesday, March 8	7:00pm	Budget Work Session: Alexandria City Public Schools
Monday, March 13	4:00pm	Public Hearing: FY 2018 Budget
Tuesday, March 14	7:00pm	Introduce the Maximum Property Tax Rates
Wednesday, March 15	7:00pm	Budget Work Session: Healthy & Thriving Residents
Tuesday, March 21	7:00pm	Budget Work Session: Livable, Green & Prospering City
Wednesday, March 29	7:00pm	Budget Work Session: Safe, Secure & Just Community
Wednesday, April 5	7:00pm	Budget Work Session: Accountable, Effective & Well-Managed Government
Wednesday, April 19	7:00pm	Budget Work Session: Topic TBD
Saturday, April 22	9:30am	Public Hearing: FY 2018 Tax Rate
Tuesday, April 25	6:00pm	Budget Work Session: Preliminary Add/Delete Discussion
Monday, May 1	7:00pm	Budget Work Session: Final Add/Delete Discussion
Thursday, May 4	7:00pm	Special Meeting: Budget Adoption

Thank You



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Thomas Knighton

Madam Mayor, Members of City Council and City Manager

Good Afternoon and thank you for allowing me to speak today.

I would like to start by saying that we have the UTMOST respect for the Police and Fire Departments. With that being said, those departments are receiving a raise AND a bonus and we will be receiving nothing. Let me also say that I do believe that those 2 departments deserve those raises, but, with all due respect, the Police and Fire Departments would have a very difficult time doing their jobs if not for T&ES Public Works Services. We are the backbone of the City that keeps it possible for everyone to get around quickly and safely.

T&ES is responsible for maintaining the streets, sidewalks, sanitary sewers, fire hydrants and storm drains, including BMPs. For clarification, BMPs are all the storm water filtration systems. There are approximately 500 BMPs in the city and we maintain roughly 100, with more being added nearly every month.

We have a single BMP crew consisting of one person to inspect the BMP and a crew of 3 to maintain them to remain compliant with the MS4 Permit.

Our sewer, fire hydrant and street crews are also understaffed.

We understand the dangers of being police officers or fireman, however, our crews risk dangers as well, on a daily basis. After setting up traffic control, our crews are in danger of being hit by passing vehicles, as the drivers do not always slow down when passing our work zones. I, myself, have had passing cars not notice me and have had to jump out of the way to miss being struck.

There are also manholes we need to enter. The air quality needs to be tested at 3 different levels before it is safe to enter. The same procedure is done when we excavate a sewer or fire hydrant. While a crew member is in a sewer or ditch, someone must always be on top to ensure their safety.

Lets not forget, that during the winter months our department is always on call, ready to make the streets passable and safe for the Police, Fire, Rescue and the citizens.

If the City continues in the direction of taking from our department but giving us nothing in return, then soon we will be unable to afford to work here. Even looking at our insurance premiums rising every year and with such high deductibles, I personally, only go to the Doctor once a year to maintain my DOT card.

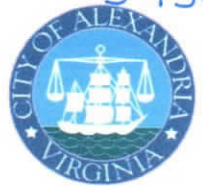
With the rising cost of living, we would like for you to please give our department the same consideration you are giving to the Police and Fire Departments. We understand that there are times when the budget needs to be cut, however, it seems to affect our department more often than not. I love my job and working for the City of Alexandria. I am asking again, please reconsider how the budget is allocated.

Thank you.



ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Promoting Respect, Recovery, Hope



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Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of the City Council,

As you deliberate over the City Manager's proposed budget for the fiscal year 2018, please consider the fact that in fiscal year 2016 Alexandria served or contracted to serve 4,693 individuals in 29 core services. The Center for Adult Services and the Center for Children and Family Services for the most part met or exceeded all outcome measures. In addition, the Community Services Board increasingly will be on the front lines of the City's battle against the rapidly spreading epidemic of opioid abuse.

Over the past ten years the Community Services Board has served an average of 4,795 individuals a year. Its comprehensive services address individual and family needs across the lifespan, and recipients rate these services highly.

Thankfully the City Manager's proposed budget keeps intact the benefits that the Community Services Board can offer Alexandria citizens.

We are grateful for your continuing support and hope that you will vote to sustain the Board's mission to serve Alexandria's most vulnerable citizens by approving the City Manager's budget.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roy Shannon", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Roy R. Shannon, Chair

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I am Mollie Danforth, current chairperson of the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

We were very pleased to see the City Manager's proposed budget for FY 2018; there are no proposed reductions for a number of programs supporting persons with disabilities: namely, programs in the Division of Aging and Adult Services, paratransit services, tax relief and workforce development. In addition, by reallocating program savings, there is a proposed wage increase for in-home aides.

We fully support the Vision Zero initiative and funding therefor.

We also support full funding for affordable housing development in the City. There is an unmet need for affordable housing with accessibility features and a particular need for affordable, supportive independent housing for individuals with cognitive disabilities.

There are some items ACPD would like to request be **added** to the budget:

First is the supplemental request from the Office for Human Rights for a full time paralegal position. We support this request for several reasons:

1. This position supports the work of our commission. This person facilitates communication between members and between the Commission and the Human Rights Office and other City departments.
2. Population growth, growth in the aging population, and deinstitutionalization have increased the number of individuals seeking accommodations and needing accessible public spaces.
3. Aging city infrastructure is creating a significant number of situations that create accessibility issues. For example, the handicapped stalls at City Hall are not large enough for motorized wheelchairs, the Beatley Library entrance is too steep to comply with the ADA, many parks and recreation programs have not been updated to comply with the ADA, aging brick sidewalks create impassible areas for wheelchairs and others with mobility issues. These issues need to be addressed proactively to avoid legal action.

To follow up on issues such as these and complaints about accessibility at privately owned buildings that serve the public requires more than one full time investigator. The workload of the Human Rights Office requires additional staff. We urge you to **add this paralegal position**.

Second, we request additional funds so the more diagonal curb cuts can be replaced with perpendicular curb cuts. This request is related to Vision Zero goals of safety. Diagonal crosswalks are dangerous. A person must enter the moving lane of traffic and then turn back into the safe crosswalk. Large strollers, persons with vision impairments, and those in wheelchairs are at risk. The former head of TE&S, Rich Baier, committed to favoring perpendicular curb cuts, but since his departure no perpendicular curb cuts have been implemented. Cost seems to be a factor in implementing this safety measure. Please provide sufficient funding to the street repair budget to correct these dangerous curb cuts.

Please support the funded programs and grant our request for two additions to the budget. Thank you for the opportunity to offer ACPD'S suggestions on the FY 2018 budget.

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Statement for the Mayor and Members of the City Council March 13, 2017

**Diane L. Charles,
Executive Director**

**Food
Furniture
Housewares
Last Saturday Food
ALIVE! House Shelter
Child Development Center
Family Emergency Program**

*Agudas Achim Congregation
Alexandria Church of the Nazarene
Alfred Street Baptist Church
Beth El Hebrew Congregation
Beverly Hills Community United
Methodist Church
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community
Christ Church
Church of St. Clement
Church of the Resurrection
Church of God and Saints
of Christ Sixteenth Tabernacle
Commonwealth Baptist Church
Community Praise Center
Convergence: A Creative Community of Faith
Del Ray United Methodist Church
Downtown Baptist Church
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Fairlington Presbyterian Church
Fairlington United Methodist Church
First Agape Baptist Community of Faith
First Baptist Church of Alexandria
First Christian Church of Alexandria
First Church of Christ, Scientist
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Grace Episcopal Church
Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Meade Memorial Episcopal Church
Old Presbyterian Meeting House
Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church
Spiritual Assembly of Baha'is of Alexandria
St. Andrews United Methodist Church
St. James United Methodist Church
St. Joseph Catholic Church
St. Mary Catholic Church
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Saint Rita Catholic Church
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Third Baptist Church
Trinity United Methodist Church
Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington
Victory Temple Missionary Baptist Church
Washington Street United Methodist Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Zion Baptist Church*

**United Way # 8352
CFC #44658**

Good afternoon. I am Mary Eileen Dixon and I am here on behalf of ALIVE!, Alexandria's largest private safety net organization. I am here specifically on behalf of ALIVE!'s Child Development Center. As I told you a year ago, the CDC may be one of ALIVE!'s lesser known programs but it is one of which we are extremely proud.

Since 1972, we have been providing full day, year round early care and education to children of low-income working families in Alexandria. We are unique in offering a sliding scale tuition structure to families who are not eligible for various government programs but who cannot afford market rate programs.

We provide a small but highly rated program in a warm and nurturing environment to 3 and 4 year olds to help prepare them for kindergarten while their working parents are assured that their children are being well cared for.

But, as I told you last year, we are a program which has experienced substantial financial difficulties over the last few years, caused primarily by a reduction in the number of children referred to us with a state child care fee subsidy. Between 2014 and 2016 that number fell from 25 to 8. The amount that ALIVE! itself has to underwrite for each student has doubled, from \$4600 in 2014 to almost \$9400 last year. While ALIVE! is committed to subsidizing all our students— even those who receive government support— to some extent, this trend could not continue. The increase in the ALIVE! subsidy to CDC students was impacting the money available to support our other valuable programs.

But I am happy to report that this year has been a better year for us, thanks in no small part, to the additional dollars that you put into the local fee subsidy and Scholars for Fours programs last year.



With the income from 5 additional Scholars for Fours who we enrolled this year, as well as some substantial paring of expenses on our part, we have been able to keep ALIVE!'s subsidy to a manageable level. We think (we hope) we are on our way to making the program sustainable so that we can continue to provide high quality education and care to children of low-income working families. Many of our students arrive already exhibiting the problems that too often accompany low incomes and parental job insecurity. For many of our children, the hours at the Center appear to be the most stable in their existence. To watch them leave, much more self-confident and ready to enter kindergarten on a level with other students, is a real joy.

I know that you have very difficult choices this year with competing demands that need to be met and that come with very high price tags. But if you could find your way to doing something similar to what you did last year, it would be extremely helpful to the CDC and to other programs serving at risk preschoolers. Compared to some of the other amounts you are considering, it is a small price to pay and yet will have a huge impact in the lives of some very vulnerable children.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. We would be happy to provide additional details.

Mary Eileen Dixon

Chair, ALIVE! Child Development Center Committee

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STATEMENT BY RICHARD MERRITT, CO-CHAIR,
ALLIANCE FOR ALEXANDRIA'S UNINSURED
BEFORE THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 13, 2017

MY NAME IS RICHARD MERRITT AND I AM THE CO-CHAIR OF THE ALLIANCE FOR ALEXANDRIA'S UNINSURED. THE ALLIANCE'S MISSION IS TWO-FOLD:

(1) TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF THE VERY LOW-INCOME UNINSURED ADULTS WITHIN THE CITY WHO FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS HAVE BEEN DENIED COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH MEDICAID BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND,
(2) TO FOSTER PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THOSE LOW-INCOME ADULTS WHO ARE WITHOUT A MEDICAL HOME OR A ROUTINE SOURCE OF CARE.

THE MORAL UNDERPINNING OF THE ALLIANCE AND ITS NON-PROFIT, *ALEXANDRIA CARES FOR THE UNINSURED*, WAS SUCCINCTLY STATED MANY YEARS AGO BY H. JACK GEIGER, MD, A PIONEER IN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH MOVEMENT IN THE US. HE WROTE:

"THE POOR ARE LIKELIER TO BE SICK. THE SICK ARE LIKELIER TO BE POOR. WITHOUT INTERVENTION, THE POOR WILL GROW SICKER AND THE SICK WILL GROW POORER. AND THAT HAS TROUBLING CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL OF US. "

I AM HERE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMPASSION OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS WITH RESPECT TO STRENGTHENING THE CITY'S HEALTH SAFETY NET FOR THE POOR AND UNINSURED AND SPECIFICALLY TO URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$667,997 FOR NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH, THE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDING PRIMARY CARE SERVICES TO ALEXANDRIA'S POOR AND UNINSURED SINCE 2004.

FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2014 SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY – THE SESSION WHICH PROVIDED OUR STATE LAWMAKERS WITH THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THE MEDICAID PROGRAM AS PERMITTED UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS OBAMACARE) BUT CHOSE NOT TO DO SO – CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED THEN MAYOR EUILLE'S REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ADVISORY PANEL ON THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE UNINSURED IN ALEXANDRIA, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO BE GIVEN TO THE APPROXIMATELY 5,500 LOW-INCOME, NON-DISABLED, NON-ELDERLY (18-64 YRS.) ADULTS – MANY OF WHOM ARE AMONG THE "WORKING POOR" – THAT WERE BEING DEPRIVED OF COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH MEDICAID BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE PANEL MET ON MORE THAN TEN OCCASIONS OVER A SIX MONTH PERIOD AND BASED ON FINDINGS FROM LONG-STANDING RESEARCH THAT INDICATED A CLOSE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN LACK OF HEALTH INSURANCE AND INCREASED RISK FOR POOR HEALTH OUTCOMES, INCLUDING PREMATURE DEATH, A MAJORITY RECOMMENDED TWO ACTIONS THAT THE CITY AND COMMUNITY COULD PARTNER ON TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR AT LEAST THE MOST VULNERABLE AND NEEDY MEMBERS OF THE LOW-INCOME UNINSURED POPULATION:

- (1) HOST A FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR FOR THE CITY'S LOW-INCOME UNINSURED IN 2015; AND,
- (2) SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH IN ACHIEVING ITS GOAL OF PROVIDING A MEDICAL HOME FOR THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY CARE, DENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR AT LEAST 90 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S LOW-INCOME, UNINSURED POPULATION BY 2018.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ADVISORY PANEL BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, ALONG WITH ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, WERE THE CATALYST BEHIND THE CREATION OF THE ALLIANCE FOR ALEXANDRIA'S UNINSURED – AS IT ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TWO KEY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL.

IT IS WELL DOCUMENTED THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF UNINSURED ADULTS GO WITHOUT NEEDED CARE DUE TO COST CONCERNS OR THEY FORGO CARE UNTIL SYMPTOMS ARE SO ADVANCED THEY ARE DIFFICULT AND VERY COSTLY TO TREAT.

FINANCIAL COVERAGE FOR PRIMARY CARE VISITS TO NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH FOR A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF LOW-INCOME UNINSURED ADULTS – AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE FY 2017 BUDGET DUE TO COUNCILMAN LOVAIN'S BUDGET AMENDMENT AND INCLUDED IN THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED FY 2018 BUDGET – SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD REDUCING FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO SEEKING HEALTH CARE FOR MANY UNINSURED RESIDENTS OF THE CITY. MOREOVER, BY MAKING IT EASIER TO ACCESS TIMELY AND AFFORDABLE PRIMARY CARE SERVICES, AND THEREFORE HAVING THEIR ILLNESSES OR DISEASES DIAGNOSED AND TREATED AT AN EARLY STAGE, SHOULD ALSO LEAD TO REDUCTIONS IN COST AND IMPROVEMENTS IN HEALTH OUTCOMES.

DR. BASIM KHAN, THE CEO OF NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH, PUT IT NICELY BY SAYING:

"OUR GOAL IS TO FIND THE PERSON WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS, LIKE DIABETES, WHICH AFFECTS 20 PERCENT OF THE ADULT PATIENTS AT NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH, BEFORE THE PATIENT NEEDS DIALYSIS OR AMPUTATION."

BY THE WAY, I HOPE COUNCIL REALIZES THAT THE DOLLARS IT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH (FORMERLY ALEXANDRIA NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH SERVICES INC.) GOES TO A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER THAT WAS ONLY ONE OF 57 AMONG 1,200 HEALTH CENTERS NATIONALLY TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A **NATIONAL QUALITY LEADER**. IT RECEIVED THE AWARD FOR EXCEEDING NATIONAL BENCHMARKS FOR CRHONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTIVE CARE.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT COUNCIL'S SUPPORT LAST YEAR TO EXPAND NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH'S CAPACITY TO PROVIDE PRIMARY CARE SERVICES TO APPROXIMATELY 700 LOW-INCOME UNINSURED RESIDENTS ALSO PROVIDED THE IMPETUS FOR THE HOSTING OF A SECOND FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR FOR ALEXANDRIA'S UNINSURED IN NOVEMBER OF 2016.

WHILE THE PREVENTIVE SCREENS AND SERVICES OFFERED AT THE FAIR ARE PROVIDED WITHOUT COST BY THE MANY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PARTNERS, AND SCORES OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS COVER THE STAFFING NEEDS AT THE FAIR, CRITICAL FOLLOW-UP CARE IS NEEDED FOR THOSE UNINSURED RESIDENTS WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH ABNORMAL SCREENS OR HIGH RISK FACTORS FOR CHRONIC DISEASE. WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO REFER MANY PATIENTS TO NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH FOR SUCH CRITICAL FOLLOW UP CARE, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE SECOND HEALTH FAIR WOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

BUT SINCE THE SECOND FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR DID TAKE PLACE LAST NOVEMBER 5 – AND WE WERE HONORED TO HAVE MAYOR SILBERBERG AND COUNCILMAN LOVAIN ATTEND, ALONG WITH CONGRESSMAN DON BEYER, AND SENATOR ADAM EBBEN AND DELEGATE MARK LEVINE – I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE A FEW SECONDS TO REVIEW THE SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FAIR THAT IS ATTACHED TO MY STATEMENT.

I WILL SAY THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A THIRD FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR FOR ALEXANDRIA'S UNINSURED LATER THIS YEAR. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE A DATE AND SITE FOR THE FAIR RELATIVELY SOON.

TO CLOSE, I WANT TO THANK COUNCIL AGAIN FOR ITS EARLY ATTENTION AND POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY'S LOW-INCOME UNINSURED RESIDENTS WHO FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS RUNNING HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM VALUABLE MEDICAID COVERAGE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WE REGARD COUNCIL'S ACTIONS SO FAR ON BEHALF OF THE UNINISURED AS A CONCRETE MANIFESTATION OF ITS RECENT DECLARATION THAT "ALEXANDRIA IS A CITY OF KINDNESS AND COMPASSION" AND THAT COUNCIL IS "COMMITTED TO DIVERSITY AND..... INCLUSIVENESS THAT RESPECTS THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF EVERY PERSON...."

IN OUR HUMBLE OPINION, THERE ARE FEW OTHER THINGS A CITY OR COMMUNITY COULD DO TO RESPECT THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF ITS MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS THAN TO ASSURE THEM ACCESS TO A QUALITY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHEN THEY NEED ONE. CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY MANAGER, THROUGH HIS PROPOSED LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH IN FY 2018, HAVE DEMONSTRATED REAL LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF OF THAT GOAL

I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU, HOWEVER, GIVEN THE PROPOSALS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION WITHIN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE OBAMACARE, THAT PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE FUNDING FROM WASHINGTON OR RICHMOND FOR THIS POPULATION ARE DIM AT BEST.

IN FACT, BASED ON THE ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF THE CURRENT HOUSE REPUBLICAN BILL ON THE 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, "REPEAL OF THE LAW COULD ENDANGER THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN REP. BEYER'S (D) DISTRICT." (A COPY OF THAT ANALYSIS IS ATTACHED TO MY STATEMENT.)

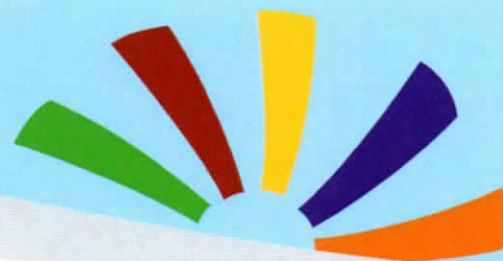
WITH ALMOST CERTAIN PROBLEMATIC POLITICAL "HEADWINDS" AHEAD FOR FINANCING HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE POOR AND THE UNINSURED, THE ALLIANCE PLEDGES ITS BEST EFFORTS TO WORK WITH COUNCIL AND THE CITY TO CONTINUE TO "BRING HEALTH AND HOPE" TO THOSE IN GREATEST NEED.

HIGHLIGHTS

Second Free Community Health Fair for Alexandria's Uninsured

- Approximately 350 to 375 adults and children, mostly uninsured residents of Alexandria, attended the Health Fair on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the GW Middle School.
- The Fair was hosted by more than 60 community-based, faith-based and health care partners.
- More than 15 preventive health screens and services were offered at the Fair, including opportunities to register for assistance under Obamacare or to qualify for a new primary care benefit financed by the City and provided through Neighborhood Health.
- 63% of the attendees were female, 37% male.
- 50% indicated they were employed either full or part-time.
- English was the primary language spoken at home by 34%, followed closely by Spanish at 32%; Amharic or Arabic speaking individuals comprised 24% of the attendees.
- 11% evaluated their overall health as "Excellent"; 44% said it was "Good"; 43% evaluated it as only "Fair" or "Poor".
- Only 17% reported having a personal health care provider.
- Almost 60% reported they had not had a routine health check up and 70% said they had not seen a Dentist in the past 12 months.
- Asked to evaluate their overall experience at the Health Fair, 71% rated it as "Excellent"; 26% rated it "Good" and only 3% rated it as "Average" or "Poor"
- Among the 15 or more screens and services offered at the Fair, attendees pointed to Dental screens, glucose and cholesterol tests, vision and hearing tests, kidney health screens and insurance information as among the most beneficial. (It should be noted that many didn't single out a particular screen or service, but simply wrote in "all" or "*todos*" or "checkups" as a response.)
- Scores of attendees with abnormal or elevated test results were referred to other providers for free or low-cost follow up care and treatment. (Many of the referrals were made to Neighborhood Health.)

Health and Hope



FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

"Bringing Health and Hope to Alexandria's Uninsured"

THE HEALTH FAIR IS PROVIDED CHIEFLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY'S LOW-INCOME
UNINSURED ADULTS AND CHILDREN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM at

***The George Washington Middle School
1005 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria***

Free Health Screens and Services include:

Blood pressure check	Developmental screens (2 ½-5 yrs.)	Mental Health
Body Mass Index	Flu vaccine	Nutritional counseling
Child obesity screens	Glucose for diabetes	Vascular
Cholesterol	HIV testing/counseling	Vision and hearing
Dental screens/education	Kidney health screens	

- ***Many will qualify for critical primary care services through Neighborhood Health.***
- ***Others may qualify for assistance through Medicaid or for subsidies to purchase health insurance under the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare).***
- ***Will expose attendees to other health & social services for which they may qualify.***
- ***Many health and wellness activities and counseling will be available***

For more information about the Health Fair contact: ACCESSAlexandria.org

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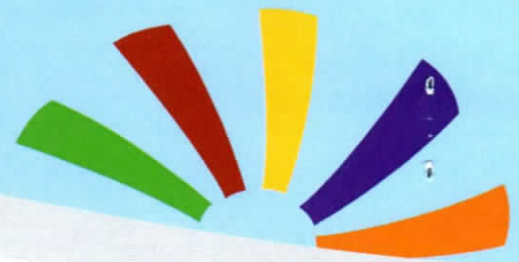
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Health Care Partners

A Roy Heron Global Foundation for Community Wellness
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Health and Hope



FERIA GRATUITA DE SALUD COMUNITARIA

“Trayendo Salud y Esperanza a Personas sin Seguro en Alexandria”

**LA FERIA DE SALUD ES PROVEIDA PRINCIPALMENTE PARA EL BENEFICIO DE
ADULTOS Y NIÑOS DE BAJOS INGRESOS DE LA CIUDAD**

SABADO, NOVIEMBRE 5, 2016

9:00 AM a 4:30 PM en

***George Washington Middle School
1005 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria***

Chequeos y Servicios de Salud Gratuitos incluyendo:

Colesterol	Glucosa / Diabetes	Salud Mental
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Evaluaciones del Desarrollo (2 ½-5 años)	Renal / Riñones	

- ***Muchos calificarán para recibir servicios de atención primaria a través de Neighborhood Health.***
- ***Otros pueden calificar para asistencia a través de Medicaid o de subsidios para comprar seguro médico bajo la Ley de Cuidado de Salud a Bajo Precio (ObamaCare).***
- ***Los asistentes tendrán acceso a otros servicios sociales y de salud a los cuales podrían calificar***
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March 2017

Impact of ACA Repeal on the 8th Congressional District of Virginia

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Democratic Staff

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Democratic Staff



Roughly 20 million Americans have gained access to health care through the coverage provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including subsidized coverage through the insurance marketplaces and the ACA's historic Medicaid expansion. President Trump and congressional Republicans' plan to repeal the ACA will have devastating effects for all Americans. Eliminating premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions will likely make coverage unaffordable for the 10.4 million Americans enrolled nationwide through the ACA marketplaces as of October 2016. Similarly, eliminating the Medicaid expansion will likely result in coverage becoming unattainable or unaffordable to the more than 11 million Americans who were newly eligible and enrolled in Medicaid since 2014. Additionally, Republican proposals to tax employer-based health coverage could destabilize employer-based coverage and raise taxes on individuals who have health insurance through their employer.

This fact sheet summarizes what is at stake as Republicans in Congress consider eliminating many of the ACA's provisions through a process known as budget reconciliation. Repeal of the law could endanger the health and welfare of thousands of individuals and their families in Rep. Beyer's (D) district.

Here is what is at risk:

- **The district's uninsured rate has gone from 13.7% to 10.6%** since the ACA was implemented. This 3.1% drop in the uninsured rate could be reversed if the ACA is entirely or partially repealed.
- **40,600 individuals** in the district who have purchased high quality Marketplace coverage through now stand to lose their coverage if the Republican Congress dismantles the Marketplaces.
- **31,800 individuals** in the district who received financial assistance to purchase Marketplace coverage in 2016 are now at risk of coverage becoming unaffordable if the Republican Congress eliminates the premium tax credits.
- **22,100 individuals** in the district who are receiving cost-sharing reductions to lower out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles, co-pays, and coinsurance, are now at risk of health care becoming unaffordable if the Republican Congress eliminates cost-sharing reductions.
- **10,000 individuals** in the district who could become eligible for Medicaid if the state expanded Medicaid will now lose the opportunity to gain coverage if the Republican Congress eliminates the Medicaid expansion.

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**Mary Beth Testa, Policy Consultant, Voices for Virginia's Children
Testimony to the Alexandria City Council on the FY18 city budget
March 13, 2017**

My name is Mary Beth Testa and I am with Voices for Virginia's Children. Voices is a statewide, nonprofit, privately-funded child advocacy organization promoting smart policies and investments for children and families. Voices urges federal and state leaders to prioritize action, and we also support localities taking bold steps to invest in children. That's my role here in Northern Virginia, working with colleagues in Alexandria.

There are 8,752 children in economically disadvantaged families in the City of Alexandria. That's one-third of the children in the city. It means their families are struggling to meet basic needs like food, housing, utilities, child care and transportation. In addition to the moment-to-moment challenges, this also correlates to experiencing toxic stress and trauma in early childhood. These children are more likely to face health and mental health challenges; less likely to have the opportunity to attend high quality early education; and face going without meals when not in school. The investments in early childhood can have a significant return when we think about prevention, and the costs in the future of inaction now.

The FY18 budget proposals from the schools and from the city manager include important investments for Virginia Preschool Initiative, for the Early Childhood division at DCHS, and for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services. There is also an increase coming for SNAP benefits – because this need is not only persistent but growing in the City of Alexandria.

Unfortunately, the FY17 increased investment in child care subsidy is gone from the FY18 proposal. These FY17 dollars also support the Scholarship for Fours so that low-income working families can participate in VPI and get help affording a full day of child care for their four year olds.

This local investment is making a real-life difference for Alexandrians. That was set up as a one-time investment, but it is not just a one-time need. There are infants, toddlers, *and* preschoolers on the waiting lists for child care assistance in the city. In the state's child care assistance program, from FY15 to FY16, we've had a loss of 4,500 children statewide due to insufficient funds. That number is only going to go up as we watch federal and state investments remain stagnant (or get threatened and cut).

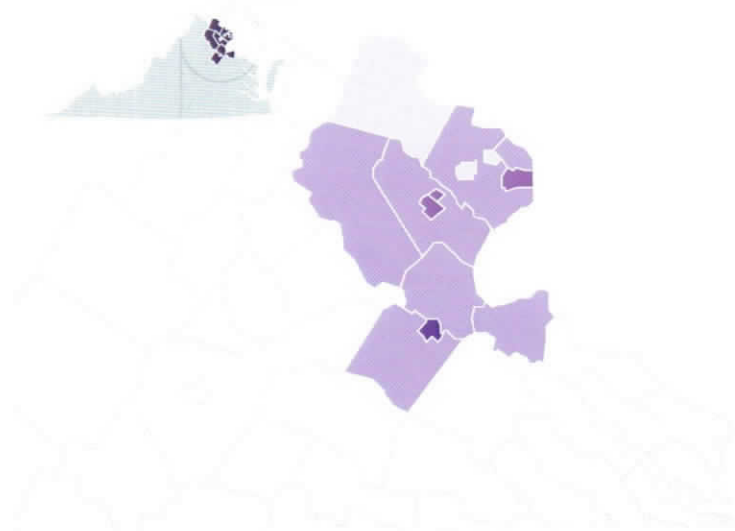
Eyes are on localities like Alexandria now. City Council has a crucial opportunity to protect its families by investing again in child care subsidy and the Scholarship for Fours.

Child care subsidy is an urgent issue, but certainly not the only issue. Thank you for reviewing the letter we submitted in February, with data pointing to the needs of local families. We understand this is a challenging budget year. This is also a deeply challenging year for families. You are standing in the gap for families and we thank you for this leadership.

Please contact us if we can be of assistance during the budget process. or more information about Voices for Virginia's Children, please visit www.vakids.org.

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

1-14% 15-30% 31-44% 45-59% 60-75%



Children living below 200% of poverty level are economically disadvantaged and live in families that struggle to meet basic needs:

Food, Housing, Utilities, Child Care and Transportation

1 IN 5

children are economically disadvantaged
IN THE NORTHERN REGION

THAT'S

143,432 children who are economically disadvantaged

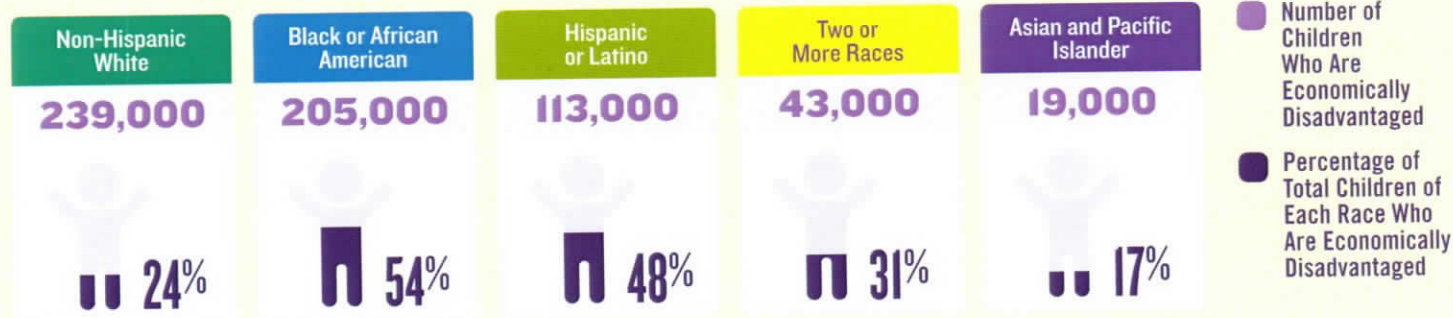
ENOUGH TO FILL

2,869 SCHOOL BUSES

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN IN VIRGINIA

1 IN 3 CHILDREN ARE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

Children of every race and ethnic group face hardship across Virginia. One in four White children live in families that struggle to meet basic needs. For Black and Hispanic/Latino children, one in two live in families that struggle to meet basic needs. Over time, a variety of federal, state, and local policy choices have had disproportionate impacts on families living in certain regions or belonging to certain racial and ethnic groups. Those effects are still felt today. To improve economic opportunity, we must recognize children have different starting points, which may require different policy solutions.



EVERY CHILD IN VIRGINIA SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE

A multi-pronged policy platform is needed to improve the economic opportunity of Virginia's children.



Access to
Affordable
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High-Quality
Early Learning
Opportunities



Two-Generation
Supports



Support in
Schools



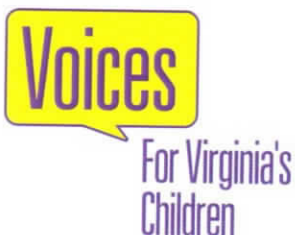
Support For
Children in
Foster Care



Continued
Transformation
of the Juvenile
Justice System

DEMOGRAPHIC		ECONOMIC WELL-BEING				EDUCATION		HEALTH		SAFETY
Locale	Total Population Under 18	Number of Children in Poverty (Below 100% FPL*)	Percentage of Children in Poverty	Number of Children Economically Disadvantaged (Below 200% FPL*)	Percentage of Children Economically Disadvantaged	Pass Rate of Third Graders on SOL Reading Test	On-Time High School Graduation Rate	Low-Income Children w/o Health Insurance (Below 200% FPL*)	Births to Mothers with Less Than 12th Grade Education	Rate of Children Entering Foster Care (per 1,000)
Alexandria	26,459	3,359	13%	8,752	33%	75%	82%	1,150	10%	1.2
Arlington	37,293	4,205	11%	8,232	22%	89%	91%	1,096	6%	1.6
Fairfax City	4,854	187	4%	683	14%	N/A	N/A	194	12%	N/A
Fairfax County	271,014	20,469	8%	53,447	20%	81%	92%	7,976	8%	0.4
Falls Church	3,408	95	3%	313	9%	87%	100%	61	4%	N/A
Fauquier	16,337	1,094	7%	3,190	20%	76%	95%	527	9%	1.6
Fredericksburg	5,670	1,080	20%	2,763	50%	63%	89%	255	14%	2.3
King George	6,585	465	7%	1,528	23%	77%	95%	173	6%	1.5
Loudoun	104,355	4,133	4%	12,497	12%	84%	96%	1,999	6%	0.2
Manassas	11,046	1,541	14%	4,093	37%	73%	80%	605	27%	0.8
Manassas Park	4,248	423	10%	1,382	33%	64%	86%	215	19%	0.5
Prince William	123,183	11,942	10%	30,003	25%	78%	92%	4,362	13%	0.5
Spotsylvania	33,341	3,552	11%	8,903	27%	74%	90%	1,082	9%	1.9
Stafford	37,258	2,577	7%	7,646	21%	75%	93%	946	6%	0.6
Regional Total	685,051	55,122	8%	143,432	21%	-	-	20,641	-	1.1
State Total	1,864,668	280,144	16%	621,843	34%	76%	91%	62,032	9%	1.5

*FPL stands for Federal Poverty Level. The federal poverty definition consists of a series of thresholds based on family size and composition. In 2015, a 200% poverty threshold for a family of two adults and two children was \$48,072.



We champion public policies that improve the lives of Virginia's children.

Voices is the home to the KIDS COUNT Data Center, which is generously funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

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Sources:
Kids Count Data Center; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2014 & 2015; Virginia Department of Education 2015 & 2016; Virginia Department of Health 2014; Virginia Department of Social Services 2015 & 2016; Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice Resource Guide 2016

**Statement of Beth Coast
Co-Chair
Capacity Committee of the Instructional Leadership Team
T.C. Williams High School**

Madame Mayor, members of the City Council, and Mr. City Manager: thank you for the opportunity to appear today on behalf of the Capacity Committee (the "Committee") of the T.C. Williams Instructional Leadership Team on the City Manager's Proposed FY 2018-2027 Capital Improvement Program Budget ("CIP").

My name is Beth Coast. I am in the Chair of the Visual Arts department at T.C. Williams and I have been an ACPS teacher for six years. My two children are in the seventh grade at George Washington Middle School. I am a past President of the Jefferson-Houston School PTA.

The Capacity Committee's purpose is to examine ways that TC teachers can make constructive contributions to solve our secondary school capacity crisis. The Committee supports the vision for a new secondary school building at the Minnie Howard site in the capital budgets proposed by Superintendent Crawley and City Manager Jinks.

As of March 9, the enrollments at our secondary schools are as follows: TC Williams (King Street Campus): 2,977, TC Williams (Minnie Howard Campus): 793, George Washington Middle School: 1,343 and Francis C. Hammond Middle School: 1438. As you know, there are additional students in grades 6-8 at Jefferson-Houston School.

As teachers, we see every day that the crowded conditions at TC-King Street and Minnie Howard make going to school more difficult for our students and teachers. We know that you have heard from school advocates about crowded conditions and overdue repairs at the elementary schools. We empathize with them and we support their efforts.

Circumstances are different in the secondary schools and require urgent action. At grades 9-12 redistricting is not an option. Additions to existing buildings are also not feasible (at the King Street campus) nor cost-effective (at the Minnie Howard campus.) The only solution where, to use a memorable phrase from last Thursday's budget work session, "the juice is worth the squeeze" is to construct another secondary school building. A new secondary school building at the Minnie Howard site affords the opportunity to design program space that complements TC's King Street campus.

Our purpose in appearing before you today is not to whine or complain about working conditions. Alexandria's teachers will strive to do their best under any circumstances.

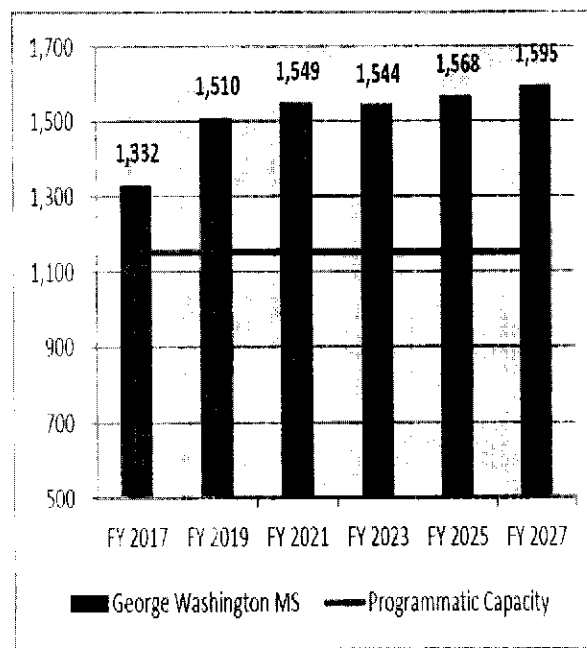
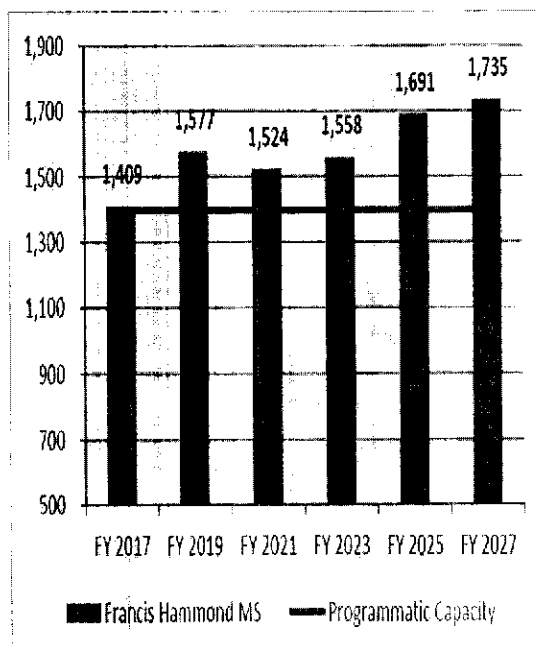
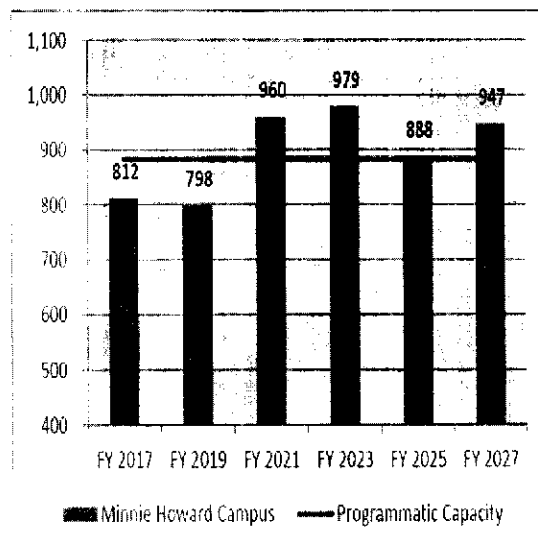
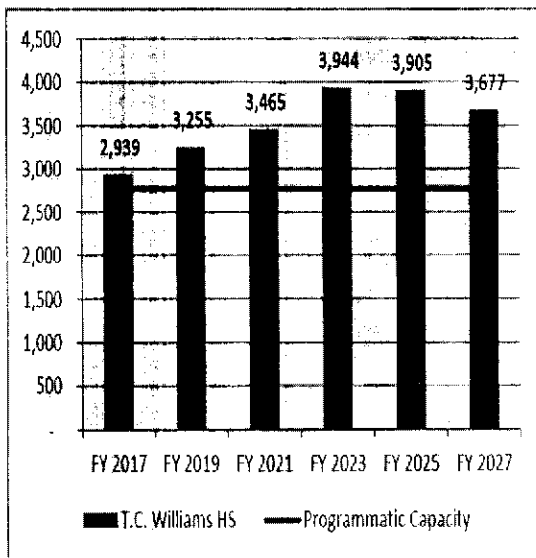
We do, however, want to give you an idea of the challenges associated with the crowding at all of our secondary schools.

These challenges include:

- safety concerns including jammed passing times, fire drills and crowded lunches that result in students spending too much time in cafeteria lines;
- an increasingly chaotic cafeteria that drives students to eat lunch in all parts of the building;
- an increasingly slow Wi-Fi system;
- crowded classrooms and difficulty accessing elective courses;
- an inadequate complement of security personnel for a school of TC's size;
- large scale (SOL, PSAT/SAT, WIDA) testing that requires a shutdown of other academic activities;
- science classes being held in rooms without science equipment; and,
- teachers working in multiple classrooms, on carts and in similar makeshift arrangements.

At last week's City Council-School Board budget work session Vice Mayor Wilson and others raised the possibility of project-specific agreements or understandings, presumably in writing, between the Council and the Board that would apply to major long-term projects. The purpose of such a multi-year understanding would be to create a joint way forward that is more complete and reliable than the dollar amounts in the outyear columns in the CIP which, as everyone well knows, are subject to revision every budget season. The Committee applauds this thinking and respectfully suggests that a new secondary school building at the Minnie Howard site would be the ideal subject for such an agreement.

Thank you for your service and your commitment to the students of our public schools.



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Resurrection affordable housing project Need \$4.3 million more in City funding

My name is Jo Belser. I am the priest at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in our City's West End. Resurrection is, by our reckoning, the only church of any kind in the Beauregard Corridor.

I am here to ask you to move \$4.3 million from the supplemental to the funded budget so that our church's gift of 113 units of affordable housing for families can be realized in the 2018 low-income housing tax credit cycle. This funding will leverage the total project value of roughly \$43 million, and add about \$200,000 to the City tax rolls. We feel "called" (a church word meaning "this wasn't our idea") to give our community some of the affordable housing it so desperately needs, perhaps because so few of our members can afford to live in our City.

This is our church's 53rd year. We have always given ourselves away to help those in need. Our "DNA" was formed in the Civil Rights Era March on Washington and by investing heavily throughout our history in our community. Just one example among many is that we were instrumentalⁱⁿ beginning Carpenter's Shelter, for which we organized people and money. Our Board chair even did double duty for a while, serving as the shelter's first Executive Director.

We who are in our 70s, surrounded as we are by three Continuing Care Retirement Communities, feel badly that we have left our younger members with significant deferred maintenance. So what our church will gain from this project is

just enough resources from a 65-year ground lease of the property for the housing to build a smaller church. This will ensure our physical continuity in a location that seems to desperately need us and our people-to-people ministries.

In 2016, for example, with the collaboration of many organizations in our city, Resurrection fed at least 7,817 people in 2,220 households, and provided \$98,119.42 to provide rent or utilities assistance to 535 households in the West End, an average of \$183.40 per check. I say "at least" because we have a "Little Free Food Pantry" that provides food round-the-clock, no questions asked.

I urge your support for our redevelopment project to continue our many collaborative "helping ministries" in the West End, and to return 123 units of affordable housing to our community.

Resurrection affordable housing project Need \$4.3 million more in City funding

- 113 new affordable units (94 are multi-bedroom units)
- \$4.3 million in additional City funding will leverage \$43 million total project value and allow the project to continue
- Will add est. \$200,000 in new real estate tax revenue to City tax rolls
- Resurrection is the only Beauregard Corridor church; this project will (indirectly) position our continued existence in support of our neighbors
- With others' help, in 2016 we fed 7,817 people in 2,220 households, and gave \$98,119.42 in rent or utilities assistance^x 535 households

Budget Testimony for March 13, 2017

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Good afternoon Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council. My name is Bob Eiffert and I am here today representing the Alexandria Commission on Aging.

We were very pleased to see the City Manager's proposed budget for FY 2018. City Budget Director Morgan Routt made a presentation to the Commission's Advocacy Committee and reviewed programs that relate to older adults. There appeared to be no proposed reductions. Programs in the Division of Aging and Adult Services, transportation, tax relief and workforce development are all proposed to be fully funded. In addition, by reallocating program savings, there is a proposed wage increase for in-home aides to help in recruitment and retention of those who serve our most frail elders. The Commission also supports the proposed addition of a new top step in each pay grade for City employees who have reached the top of the scale. City employees who have not received a pay raise for five years would be eligible for a raise this year. We value their contributions to our programs.

We have learned of one program cut that is a concern: the elimination of daytime hours at the Cora Kelly Recreation Center. Senior participants have expressed concern that five volunteer-led daytime activities, including dance, yoga, exercise, Zumba and a weekly movie, would be eliminated at this neighborhood-based site serving the Lynhaven and Auburn Village communities. We hope you can find a way to allow those activities to continue at Cora Kelly, including the possibility of training the volunteers to open and secure the building themselves, as Fairfax County has successfully done at their senior centers to allow volunteer-led activities to continue outside normal business hours.

We thank the City Manager and his staff for this proposed budget, and we urge you to support it as well. The health, safety and well-being of older Alexandrians is of paramount importance, and we ask your continued support for us. In the Complete Streets program, we urge you to continue the momentum of the current year with support for appropriate measures in FY 2018 to move recommended projects forward. We fully support the Vision Zero initiative. We also support full funding for affordable housing development in the City, a priority we know you share. At least one project that is expected to come forward for an FY 2018 funding commitment – the Church of the Resurrection's affordable housing proposal – is not funded in the proposed budget, and we urge your consideration of that request, which will likely come to you in the fall. And we hope you can find an appropriate way to accommodate the senior programs at Cora Kelly.

We know this is another very difficult budget year, so we are very grateful that the vast majority of programs that support positive aging are fully funded. We applaud your many years of support, and urge you to continue. Thank you for your service and for the opportunity to address you today.

Presentation to the Alexandria City Council

March 13, 2017

Mayor Silberberg, Vice-Mayor Wilson, Members of the City Council,

My name is Chuck Ziegler, Vice-President for Advocacy of the Friends of the Beatley Central Library. In the last City budget you admirably increased your support for Alexandria's public libraries, continuing a trend of increasing support over the last few years. For this we sincerely thank you. However, we notice with disappointment that this upward trend is not to continue in the proposed budget for FY2018; indeed, there is a small decrease. Although this decrease is to be regretted, we understand that the City is operating in a tight budgetary environment, with many other worthy demands on City resources. We hope that this slight downward trend is reversed in FY2019.

To govern is to choose, and you have many difficult choices to make this year. Nevertheless, I would urge you to continue your strong support of our public libraries as you continue to consider the budget for FY2018. There are many good reasons for you to do so. For instance, Alexandria's public libraries are a major component of the City's educational system, thus supporting "Healthy & Thriving Residents" focus area of the City's budget. They provide many means for self-improvement and education, available to *every citizen* of Alexandria. They deliver public education for all through Self-Directed Education, Research Assistance and Instruction, and Instructive and Enlightening Experiences. I would note especially that our libraries supplement the work of Alexandria's public schools, by offering hundreds of programs for children throughout the year that support early literacy and school readiness.

I would also draw to your attention the strong support of the citizens of Alexandria for our public libraries. For instance, in 2016, the Friends of the Beatley Central Library raised more than \$46,000, which will be used for the support of various programs in the Beatley Library. Indeed, the Beatley Friends Spring Book Sale—one of our largest fundraisers of the year—begins on March 21. Your visit will enable you to pick up some excellent book bargains, and show *your* support for our public libraries.

Also, the citizens of Alexandria extensively use their public libraries' resources. In FY2016 there were more than *1,200,000* library visitors and web users. Thus there is a compelling case for you to maintain strong support of Alexandria's public libraries.

Alexandria City Council Budget Public Hearing

March 13, 2017

Re: Alexandria City Budget vs Potomac Yards Project

I ask that the city Council consider alternatives with which to cope with the current and future budgets. That is, consider abandoning, scaling down or delaying the Potomac Yard Metro project until such time that Metro regains its safety, ridership and economic viability.

Consider, the Council is requesting a 2.7 cent - or 2.5 percent - increase in our tax rate to cover various items including schools, sewage and unfunded mandates from the state and WMATA – that is, Metro alone will account for some \$40 million for 2018. Yet, these unfunded liabilities are reported to extend for several years and there is no consensus how local governments will come up with the money!!

Additionally, it is now reported in the Washington Post that the Trump administration plans to propose in its budget this week a historic contraction of the federal workforce ‘of magnitude not experienced since World War II.’ Per Moody’s Analytics, the reductions would reduce employment in the region by 1.8 percent and personal income by 3.5 percent, and **lower home prices by 1.9 percent.**

If this holds true, Alexandria City government will need to raise taxes easily exceeding 5 percent just to offset the reduction in taxes from consumer spending and decrease in home prices!!! Add to the mix that the Metro ridership will continue to fall in proportion to the reduction in workforce!

As such, I ask:

- If the Council moves forward with the project, how will the City of Alexandria be able to afford this project – especially since its cost has risen from an initial estimate of \$150 MM in 2009 to \$275 MM presently? That is, can the city afford to fund a project of this magnitude coincident with continuing unfunded mandates and reduced necessity of this Metro stop?
- Will you consider abandoning this project and prioritize the funding and needs of the schools and other capital improvement plans?
- Will you consider delaying this project until there is clarity in size of the Federal workforce and the resulting economic health of the surrounding region?
- Will you consider a more cost effective alternative such as completing the MetroWay project and increasing service between Braddock Rd and Crystal City stations?

Thank you for your consideration

Jackie Henderson

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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silverberg & City Council Members,

We are homeowners and taxpayers in the City and have lived here for a number of years. We now have two young children, who we hope will begin school at MacArthur in 2018 and 2021. The City is a great place for families with a strong community, excellent parks, medical facilities, and quality childcare. However, the perpetual underinvestment in schools plagues young families as we think about the future. We were quite disappointed to find that the City Manager's budget does not appropriately address the dire capital needs of the school system. For too long, the schools have not been adequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in desperate shape. As you know, the schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls. The longer these needs are ignored, the more expensive and significant the structure and maintenance concerns. Please fully fund ACPs with adequate capacity and swing space needed to build that capacity, rather continuing to perpetuate the problem.

thank you ,

Pamela Kesner & Gary Yellin

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 20

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- Name: Jessica Wehrman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7032035368
- Email: jesswehrman@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I have lived in the city of Alexandria since 1999. My husband and I have lived in the Rosemont area since 2000. We have loved this community enough that we decided to raise two children in it. This is our home, and because we love it we give our public schools the best thing in the world we have to offer: Our two children, our crowning achievements.

We believe in this city. But this year's budget from the city manager has me incredibly worried that the city doesn't believe in us.

I write to urge you to fully fund the Capital Improvements Projects requested by ACPS. This is an investment in my children as well as the other children in this city. Many of our schools are both crumbling and at capacity. The current situation is untenable, and requires strong stewardship and something that few governments do well - thoughtful planning.

This is an attractive place for many families with parents working in the District, and you have made it more and more attractive by building a slew of developments in the last few years. Now is the time that you follow up on the implicit promise that you made to those families who chose Alexandria when they chose the beautiful new construction you permitted this city. You have to not only give them the homes to live in, but the facilities to raise a family in.

My son goes to Maury, and last year, he took his gifted classes in a hallway on a yoga mat. Did he like his class, I asked once? Yes, he said, he loved them, but he did not enjoy having his class in the hallway.

The district has 1,000 fewer seats than it needs to accommodate our current elementary school students. We are growing - the elementary school population is expected to grow by 800 over the next decade. "Kicking the can down the road," to use the cliché, will do nothing but make the crowding worse and provide increased wear and tear on schools that are already outdated. Is this acceptable? Why is this something we should have to make do with? We believed in you. Now, you need to believe in our students.

I will watch closely how you vote on this issue, and I will continue to pay attention in the months to come and

during election season. I beg you to invest the same faith in the children of our community that the families in this city invested when they decided to move here.

Yours, Jessica Wehrman
31 E. Masonic View

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- Phone Number: (703) 501-5087
- Email: melynda.wilcox@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council members, I am not able to testify at the public hearing tonight so I am sending you a note instead. On the schools, I urge you to make the funding available for Minnie Howard as quickly as possible, and I strongly support Council Member Lovain's suggestion of a "construction management czar" to assist the ACPS Facilities staff and to streamline construction projects. On the pool, I am (uncharacteristically!) at a loss for words. The "pause" on the funded design contract has broken off a considerable chunk of my faith in our local government. And when I see that such capital projects as Windmill Hill Park and Hensley fields are moving ahead as scheduled, I am reminded once again that AAA has never received an explanation about why the pool--and not other projects--was singled out to be "re-evaluated." I remain hopeful that there is still a chance that the pool can be plucked from the supplemental CIP and that it can move forward without further delay. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Melynda Wilcox
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- Name: Barbara Seaman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038232536
- Email: seacob@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please support funding for our public libraries.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 20

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

I have written to you before about the pool at Chinquapin and have appreciated your responses to my requests to support building a new 50M pool so that school children, adults and seniors can learn the lifesaving skill of swimming and enjoy the significant health benefits of swimming, not to mention the ability of the City to recoup some of their costs through swim meets and other pool rentals.

I know there is a City Council meeting shortly to discuss the budget and I hope you will move the pool money from the supplemental budget to the base budget so we can get started on this long overdue project.

Thanks so much for your consideration!

Anne Berry

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Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council

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- Name: Kyong Yi
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035358151
- Email: kyong@fontainecaffe.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council,

I write to you to not to support increase in Alexandria Meal tax.

I own and operate local restaurant for past 9 years in Old town and one of the things I hear from my customers and other business members is how much more it is to dine in Old town compare to Fairfax and other VA cities. They are surprise the tax is 10%.

One person was talking about 20cents more she pays when she purchase same Starbucks coffee in Old town compare to outside of city. So, she said she tries to purchase the coffee outside the city before coming in to Old town for work. WOW, can you believe that? over 20 cents?

Yes, I can because I run small business and I know that every cents counts to the bottom line of closing or staying open. Can you?

I ask you to consider stopping the FREE Trolley service. No wonder we need to subsidize the DASH. Many times I see packed FREE Trolley followed by emptied DASH right behind it. We can charge \$1 for the Trolley. Free Trolley does not bringing in additional visitors to the city.

Ask yourself, when you decide to travel or visit other cities, do you ask yourself, what cities have Free Trolley? Thank you for your time.

Kyong/Fontaine Caffe
Local resident and business owner.

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Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson

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- Phone Number: 4044050770
- Email: wcpfister@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, and members of the City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns over funding the ACPS budget earlier this evening. My full comments are attached and I welcome any further dialog on the issue.

Best regards,
Bill Pfister

- Attachment: [ACPS Budget - Remarks 2017-03-13 - Pfister.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 20

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Alexandria City Council – ACPS Budget Discussion

March 13, 2017

Remarks for William C. Pfister Jr.

**3718 Templeton Place
wcpfister@gmail.com
703-879-2327**

Good afternoon, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, and members of the City Council. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

I am Bill Pfister and I request that you support our schools by adequately funding the operating and capital budgets put forth by ACPS this year and supporting the use of the Lee Center for swing space. The shortfalls in the City's currently proposed budget further squeeze the already compressed operating budget and perpetuate the notion that our community is okay with substandard educational facilities.

I grew up in Alexandria and attended ACPS before my family moved out of state. When my wife and I decided to move back to Northern Virginia five years ago, we chose Alexandria as the community where we wanted to raise our children. We now have three young children. Our oldest child is in first grade at Douglas MacArthur and our middle child is in the Preschoolers Learning Together program at John Adams. We are active with the PTAs and other activities at both schools, I participated on the Redistricting Review Committee as a representative for John Adams, and I am a member of MacArthur's PTA board.

While there are funding concerns throughout the entire school system, I am focusing on the elementary schools because I know them well and their funding is currently excluded from the City's proposed capital budget.

We need capacity and we need appropriate learning spaces throughout the city.

As of fall, ACPS had 8,091 elementary students enrolled, which was 116% of the 6,998 student capacity. The budget proposed by ACPS included plans to eliminate this gap through a capacity increase at three existing elementary schools. However, the City's proposed budget incorrectly described these projects solely as modernization and they were excluded.

MacArthur currently has 704 students enrolled although its specified capacity is only 554 students. This is 150 students more than it was designed for. Young children are learning in spaces not designed for education, such as large closets, hallways, and rooms with no natural light.

MacArthur needs a new building.

Rebuilding MacArthur is an opportunity to increase capacity but the root cause of the rebuild is the condition of this 75 year old facility. The physical building needs to be replaced because it is failing and we don't want to continue paying for band aids.

We had a cold snap during the December holidays last year and some of the older heating equipment ran into problems when the kids returned to school. MacArthur had 6 kindergarten classrooms, half of which lost heat. My 5 year-old at the time casually mentioned wearing his winter coat and gloves all morning. Keep in mind the outside temperature one of those mornings was 16 degrees. The school corrected the issues as quickly as possible but students still spent three mornings bundled up because this building and its equipment need to be replaced.

Strong schools are critical for attracting and retaining the people that make this city great.

I work in the district and one of my colleagues lived in Del Ray. Similar to me, he has three young children although his are slightly younger than mine. When he was looking to move from his previous home into something larger, schools weighed heavily in his decision. He loved his neighborhood but despite my best efforts to convince him that Alexandria cares about its school, he moved to Arlington. That decision was based entirely on schools.

The City's proposed 2018 Budget in Brief pamphlet lists the average Home Assessed Value as \$528k and 20% of the homes are appraised at more than \$750k. I have a hard time getting my head around the fact that the average property value in our city is more half a million dollars and we have children learning in windows-less classrooms and over-sized closets.

Swing Space is the first step in correcting overcapacity.

MacArthur is one of several of our elementary schools that do not have enough land to construct a new building while students attend the current facility. As such, we need swing space to hold students for the 1-2 years while each of their permanent schools is being built.

ACPS started down the path of considering Lee Center for this Swing Space but given the early pushback toward using this facility, they decided to ask for a greenfield / brownfield option in the budget. Therefore, this number is significantly larger than it needs to be. Although I don't necessarily agree with this approach, it was a move ACPS obviously felt was necessary. The easiest and most economical solution here is to make Lee Center work for swing space. It would reduce the first year capital request by roughly \$45 million.

The 10-year CIP also includes a new elementary school to be designed starting in 2026. If we leverage Lee Center for swing space and then transition it to a permanent elementary school, you effectively reduce the 10-year CIP by about \$90 million.

How do we pay for this?

We have a known, large capital need over the next ten years; not just with the schools but on infrastructure throughout our city. We also have debt capacity we are not fully utilizing. Given the historically low interest rates, now seems an opportune time to leverage this additional debt capacity in the form of a bond. This would help not only to soften the immediate impact by spreading tax burden more predictably over a longer period, but it also signals that the city is dedicated to the long-term well-being of our community and schools.

In closing, I'll just ask this question: do we want a school system that is so crowded that the youngest of our students have to eat lunch before 10:30am or where the equipment is so antiquated that they have to wear winter coats inside the classroom to stay warm? The school board and leadership have developed a budget that addresses these facilities issues and we need your support to fund these efforts now.

Thank you,
Bill Pfister

Capacity and Enrollment for Select Elementary Schools

Elementary School	2016-17				First Year Available	Eventual Capacity	Additional Capacity
	Capacity	Enrollment	Overage	Utilization			
Cora Kelly	371	407	36	110%	2024	650	279
Douglas MacArthur	554	704	150	127%	2021	775	221
George Mason	368	555	187	151%	2023	600	232
New ES					2019	638	638
Divisionwide	6,998	8,091	1,093	116%		8,368	1,370

FY 2018-2027 Proposed CIP Budget Summary:
REVISED Superintendent's Recommended Adjustments

Site	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Grand Total
PRE-K											
Pre-K Center: New construction of a pre-k center for 360 student capacity											
Purchase and Retrofit for Swing Space (800 student capacity)	55,370,700						4,599,066	22,995,329			27,594,395
Douglas MacArthur- school replacement (775 student capacity)		7,908,685	39,543,424								55,370,700
Cora Kelly-modernization of whole building and the addition of 10 classrooms (650 student capacity)					4,764,500	23,822,500					47,452,109
George Mason-school replacement (600 student capacity)				6,647,250	33,236,248						28,586,999
New Elementary School (600 student capacity)											39,883,498
Matthew Maury - Building Modernization						5,496,947	27,484,734		7,520,753	37,603,724	45,124,477
High School Capacity (1600 student capacity)	100,000	19,654,756		98,773,780							32,981,681
New Middle School (1200 student capacity)					13,343,688	66,718,440					118,528,536
Capacity Relocatables - HS, MS, ES	1,696,331										80,062,128
Capacity Relocatables - HS Moduls for secondary swing space		11,256,150									1,696,331
Land Acquisition	15,000,000							17,830,286			11,256,150
Gym Addition to New West End Elementary			3,024,000								32,830,286
Transportation facility		6,100,000									3,024,000
Modernization Subtotal	72,167,031	44,919,591	42,567,424	105,421,030	51,344,436	96,037,886	32,083,800	40,825,615	7,520,753	37,603,724	610,491,290
Non-Capacity Subtotal	17,599,341	10,762,341	10,131,482	7,403,759	7,923,632	5,257,720	5,723,802	5,550,000	5,563,000	5,215,000	80,630,077
Grand Total	89,766,372	55,681,932	52,698,906	112,824,789	59,268,068	101,295,606	37,807,602	46,375,615	13,083,753	42,818,724	691,121,367

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- Name: Nicholas Miliaras
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 443-838-3339
- Email: nbmiliaras@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Madame Mayor and Members of the City Council of Alexandria,

I am writing you as a citizen, taxpayer, and parent of a child at Matthew Maury Elementary School to fully fund the ACPS school budget, which currently faces a \$71 million shortfall.

To be a first-class city that can compete in the global knowledge economy, the city of Alexandria must be able to attract young, educated families with school-aged children. Given the high cost of living in the DC metro area, especially for housing, these citizens often cannot afford the additional cost of a private education, and when given the choice of staying in Alexandria, or living in a county such as Arlington or Fairfax that fully funds its public schools, they often choose to move. This is to the detriment of both the city, which may lose its most talented students, and the children, who will not benefit from the diversity and quality education that ACPS currently offers.

Our son has thoroughly enjoyed his experience at Maury, and would like to stay there. We have encountered teachers and staff who are dedicated, engaging and committed to the success of their students. It would be a major loss if our city cannot provide the necessary staffing and basic infrastructure that has benefitted him and so many other students due to lack of funding.

Thus, I urge you to fully fund ACPS, for the benefit of our city and our children.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Miliaras
12 W. Spring St.

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- Name: Jennifer Roda
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-3680
- Email: jaroda@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please support the ACPS CIP budget request. Our schools are so overcrowded at every level. Renovations and rebuilds are required throughout the city to accommodate all these students. I also ask each one of you to tour the schools to see what students are facing on a daily basis. There are real issues that affect both their learning and their safety.

My daughters are at TC Williams and the hallways and stairwells are so crowded that they get stuck at a standstill for a minute or more. This is a dangerous situation. During one fire drill, my daughter was on the 3rd floor and it took her more than 10 minutes to get out of the school.

Classes are crowded and teachers are forced to share classroom space. This is unacceptable.

Every year a multitude of new townhouses and condo complexes open up in Alexandria. Don't you realize that these will put pressure on schools? Why do you think only childless families will live in these places? If you continue to allow more new construction like that, you have to put resources into the schools. Good schools are an essential component of a great city. Do not continue to kick this issue down the road. It is a huge problem now.

Please approve the request. Also, please go into the schools and see for yourselves what is happening.

Thank you.

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please fully fund modernization of Douglas MacArthur and swing space to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 21

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- Name: Randy Nunes
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7033142145
- Email: randynunes@me.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Come on Team - Let's make the new pool a reality.

This is the third time that the aquatics community has been shortchanged on this pool.

- o In 1985, the City built the wrong size pool and no school in Alexandria has been able to host an official meet in over 30 years.
- o In 2008, \$25 million set aside for Chinguapin was taken because of the cost overrun on the TC Williams High School.
- o And now in 2017, we have seen our approved funding once again disappear.
- 7,500 school kids will not have the opportunity to learn how to survive in the water without the pool space offered by the new pool.
- The pool would benefit a wide range of Alexandria residents from toddlers to octogenarians. It offers city-wide services, unlike other fitness facilities in the City.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 21

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- Name: Holly Dugan
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-815-9834
- Email: tricky.holly@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice-Mayor Wilson, and Council members Bailey, Chapman, Lavain, Pepper, and Smedberg:
Thank you for your service to our city. I write to ask that you vote to fully fund ACPS. My son attends Mount Vernon Community School. I volunteer as a classroom aide once a week, helping my son's teacher to prepare materials for his class. This means that I often use the photocopier and supplies. Once a week, I experience first hand the frustration that our teachers experience daily preparing simple materials for classroom instruction. I wince at large photocopy requests--there won't be staples, or if there are staples, there won't be paper, and if there's paper, there won't be toner. The staff are amazing at MVCS and they always help me to work around these issues, but it shouldn't be this hard to prepare classroom materials. Please vote to fully fund ACPS's budget so that our teachers have the resources they need to ensure our students can learn and thrive.

On a more personal note: MVCS is a bright spot in our community, an example of what I most value about living in Alexandria. It is inclusive, diverse, and it truly feels like a community school. It is loved by students and neighborhood children alike. Our playground shows that collective wear and tear. Our students deserve to have a fully functional play space! Please vote to fund these budget needs.

all best,
Holly Dugan, resident of Warwick Village

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 20

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:41 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116410: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
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- Name: margaret Thiel
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-751-7826
- Email: margethiel@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Council Member,
I am writing to urge you to provide adequate funds in the budget to continue the work of our Alexandria library system. The library is a tremendous asset for the community and for my family. My son has MS and relies on the library for e-books as well as large print books. I have belonged to the Great Books Club which meets monthly at the Beatley library. I am very fortunate to be within walking distance of the library, so I have an opportunity to see notices of current activities. It is truly a community center and deserves to be funded to continue its work.

Thanks.

Margaret Thiel

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116412: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at
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- Name: Carly Robb
- Approximate Address: 3810 VERMONT CT (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 202.390.9220
- Email: carly.rob主.va@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As part of the ACPS Redistricting Committee, we suggested a plan that emphasizes building utilization. Specifically, the plan gets MacArthur to a 100% utilization rate, but ONLY if the MacArthur renovation happens. Even if the MacArthur renovation happens, ACPS will continue to have insufficient space if other projects are not funded (because of our 2% - 3% enrollment growth.) Additionally, ACPS swing space will continue to be a critical aspect of future modernization work.

Please fully fund modernization of Douglas MacArthur and swing space to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students.

We worked hard to develop a plan that met many aspects of the Redistricting Criteria - but without fully funding the ACPS budget, I worry that our work was for nothing.

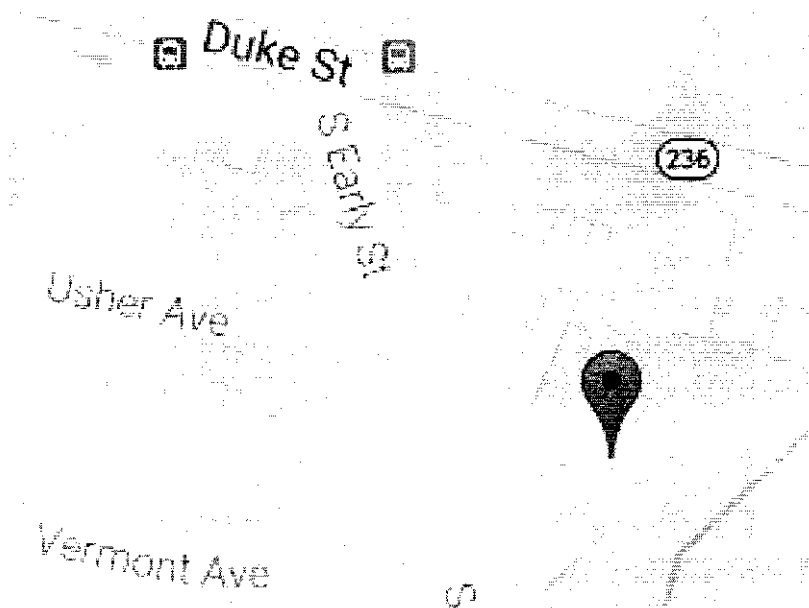
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Most respectfully,

Carly Robb
Douglas MacArthur

3810 Vermont Court
Alexandria, VA 22304

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 2:03 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116414: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
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- Name: **Call.Click.Connect.** Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: cynmck19@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members: Please represent our current and future City of Alexandria residents, students and employers by fully funding our Alexandria public schools. Our city is a wonderful community with teachers and administrators who give their all to educate and care for our students. Please do not provide the perception that the Council does not appreciate their dedication and value with a budget that does not adequately address the urgent capital improvement needs of the school system. Our schools have significant structural concerns including leaking roofs, cracked foundations and unreliable heating and air conditioning which my daughter experienced first hand in her own elementary classroom last year. Further, the conditions of our school playgrounds are in dire need of improvement. I recently witnessed first hand at my daughter's elementary school a child falling because of the deteriorating conditions of the playground surface. Our playgrounds are used by not only the students of the school but available to all children who come to visit the neighborhood. Please do not allow the safety of our community and the investment in it to be compromised. Our schools and the community deserve better and the time for action is now. I look forward to following your budget proceedings and your attention to this important issue.
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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 2:02 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116413: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Madam Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council

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- Name: Sandy Yamamoto
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7039150229
- Email: vze2tytw@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Madam Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council,

Please fully fund the Alexandria City Public Schools to the requested and necessary level. While my husband and I have no children, we are tax-paying homeowners that live in between two elementary schools in the West End (Polk and Patrick Henry). Over the years, we've watched many of our neighbors' children attend the City schools and turn out to be well-educated, wonderful human beings. However, we've also had neighbors leave the City in search of more highly-rated schools elsewhere.

These children are our future and to shortchange their educational needs may be pennywise but pound foolish. We owe it to them to give them the very best public education possible. Please ensure no shortfall between the requested budget amount and the amount you allot to the schools in this budget session.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sandy Yamamoto

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- Email: carly.robb.va@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
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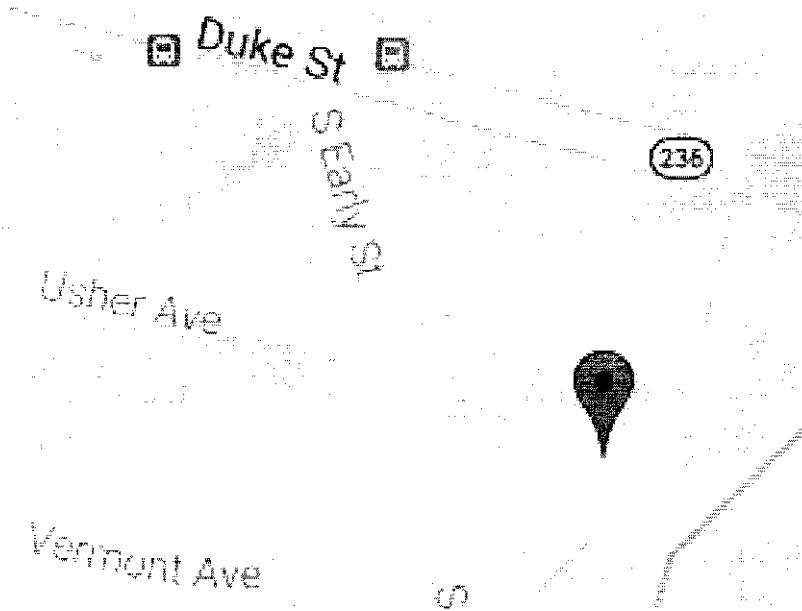
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116415: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please
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- Name: Corry Robb
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2023676855
- Email: corry.robb@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please fully fund modernization of Douglas MacArthur and swing space to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students.
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116418: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Thank
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- Name: Chris Yianilos
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: chrisyianilos@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Thank you for your service. I am writing today in regards to capital funding for our City's schools. I am a longtime City resident, have two kids in ACPS, and recently spent 18 months volunteering on the redistricting review committee for the City.

Within 10 minutes of being on the redistricting review committee, it became obvious that ACPS has a MAJOR capacity issue at the elementary school levels. The middle and high school are facing a similar problem, too.

Poor planning and poor funding support in the past have brought us to where we are today. While I am pleased that we have funded new construction projects for our schools (new TC Williams, new Jefferson Houston, etc...), these projects do not even come close to addressing the needs of our school system. For example, George Mason elementary was built in the 1930s. Not only does it have 200 more students than it should from a capacity perspective, it has vermin problems from holes in the building. I've been told of wet walls. There are no rooms for art. A first-class city should not have third-world school facilities.

I did my part by participating in a plan that will reduce capacity at George Mason. Now, please do yours and fund construction projects that help make sure our students are educated in appropriate buildings. Not every new construction has to be the pristine level of the new TC Williams. But our City and our kids deserve better than they are getting now.

I also hope that as you look to the budget that you will not use the schools as a way to impose a massive tax increase and piggy back increases for other programs on the backs of the school funding. My understanding is that bond funding is possible in this instance. Please use bonding authority.

The needs of ACPS are so clear that I will simply not vote (and my neighbors won't either) for anyone who does not support the construction needs of our school system. I will also not support folks who vote to raise taxes at a significant rate under the guise that it is needed for school construction unless it is proven to me that the bonding authority is not an option or that it is directly tied to that level of an increase in the real estate tax.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration.

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116426: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am
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- Name: Sarah Mehaffey
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: sarah_row@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to urge City Council to reconsider the funds earmarked for ACPS in this year's budget proposed by the City Manager, and to FULLY FUND Alexandria Public Schools. Both proposed shortfalls are extremely worrisome, given the capacity issues faced by the school system and the improvement sorely needed in all of the city's schools. Most troubling is the \$70million funding discrepancy between the city's proposed budget and ACPS's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Please try to view the funding request as a vital infrastructural issue (similar to the combined sewer issue also facing the city): every year, over a thousand additional students enroll in ACPS schools, and the city has been experiencing population growth in its school-aged child demographic for several years after decades of decline. Because of these growing numbers, all elementary schools are bursting at the seams, middle schools are crowded, and our one high school faces critical facility and capacity issues which will only get worse each year. Overcrowding, aging buildings, and an operational budget that prohibits the schools from hiring and retaining the staff they need to keep up with such growth will cripple schools' abilities to serve our kids and neighborhoods. Not only will school-aged kids and their families be affected - a strong public school system will attract better businesses, young families, and contribute to the stability and safety of our unique neighborhoods, just as much if not exponentially more than smooth roads and reasonable taxes. I support a real estate tax increase, given the multiple pressures on the city budgets, but only if more of it goes to simply keeping up with the public school infrastructural demands proposed in ACPS' operating budget and CIP plan. My daughter attends Jefferson-Houston school, and I can't tell you how much the new facility has contributed to an atmosphere of concentrated learning, achievement, and the attitude that this city believes in all of its children, teachers, and neighborhoods. Please fully fund ACPS!
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116431: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To City Council, We the Alexandria

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- Name: Kyong Yi
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035358151
- Email: kyong@fontainecaffe.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To City Council,

We the Alexandria business owners and residents should ask city to be financially responsible and not always look to find a new way to increase taxes and more government.

City wants to create Old Town BID and tax all businesses along the King St and 100 blocks in order to promote the city and to make street cleaner by putting more burden on small businesses only.

We have Economic Development dept , ACVA, AEDP SBDC budget over \$5.4 million. Their budget has grown in 2008 , \$2.89 to 2017, \$5.4. That is over 89% increase in 10years while we are cutting budgets in other dept, such as library. We should demand existing dept to be more budget minded and more creative in their current functions. Instead of creating more government.

We do not need other duplicate agency to fund to do the same jobs that already exists by existing agency and departments.

All the business permits/licenses and taxes have already been increasing over past years and now more taxes. We do need to increase city revenue by supporting the local business to grow and stay. Encourage local residents to spend money in the city not across the river by increasing more taxes on businesses which increases cost of doing business in Alexandria compare to other cities. Ask any small businesses in Old town, they will tell you we are not Arlington, DC, or Crystal city. Just because BID works in other cities, does not it's right fit for Old town.

I both live and own business in Old town and pass few years, we have been talking about moving/closing my business because of living and doing business in Old town is increasing EVERY YEAR.

We need your support stopping the Old Town BID from going forward.

Thank you!

Kyong/Fontaine Caffe

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116403: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please
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- Name: Jennifer Ayers
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 517-218-2436
- Email: jlaayers@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please see the attached letter, supporting funding to modernize MacArthur Elementary. Thank you.
- Attachment: [Letter to City Council-DMac2017 .docx](#)
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March 13, 2017

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, where my son is in Kindergarten. Each year MacArthur is faced with overcrowding and an inadequate and aging facility. In January 2017, new guidelines were approved by the School Board in which more students were redistricted into MacArthur with the understanding that our school was first in line to be modernized within the next 5 years. We urgently need a new, future ready, capacity appropriate school, as has been promised over the past 10 plus years. As you can see from the timeline below, these discussions continue to stagnate.

- 2014 - MacArthur actively pursued and was approved for a cafeteria expansion, yet (by Council action) this did not occur.
- 2015 - MacArthur was approved for new building modernization in SY2018 and it was our full expectation that this would occur.
- 2016 – MacArthur sought funds for swing space funds which were not included in the City's budget.
- 2017 - Under the City Manager's FY2018 recommendation much needed modernization and swing space have been completely removed from the CIP budget.

At the very least, we request a CIP budget allocation that bears a closer resemblance to the funding request that reflects our true needs—the one provided to you by the Superintendent and School Board. Further, we urge you to consider all available means of financing capital projects to ensure that new construction and modernization can proceed as quickly as possible.

MacArthur has been over its student space limitation for years. We currently have 704 students enrolled in a building designed for 554 students. With student projections expected to increase throughout the city, where will these students attend school? We can no longer under prioritize MacArthur Elementary School's critical infrastructure needs. We realize that the City and its schools face serious budget concerns; however, investment in our schools and teachers is important to economic growth and the quality of life we enjoy in Alexandria. Studies have demonstrated that higher property values, greater productivity in local businesses, and greater business, economic, workforce and community development were all associated with quality K-12 education.

We are a proud city and should have first-class schools with the ability to attract and keep talented teachers and staff. I ask for your leadership and commitment to the modernization of our elementary schools. I ask that you reinstate Douglas MacArthur in the 2018 budget with adequate swing space and funding. Our community and children need your support.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer Ayers
Douglas MacArthur, Parent