

Jackie Henderson

From: Mary Elizabeth Atkinson via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:49 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116392: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at
3210 King St, Alexandria, VA 22302 Dear City Council I am a
concerned c

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- Name: Mary Elizabeth Atkinson
- Approximate Address: 3210 King St, Alexandria, VA 22302
- Phone Number: 7036284066
- Email: ea3439@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Problem address entered by customer: 3210 King St, Alexandria, VA 22302
Dear City Council

I am a concerned citizen who would like to advocate that the city funds the new pool at Chinguapin. This city missed the mark in 1985 when they built a non-regulation sized pool for its citizens. Twenty-three years later in 2008 the city had set aside \$25 million to put together a pool but due to cost overruns at TC Williams the money was taken away from the project.

In 2017 it is time to do the right thing for the citizens of Alexandria. This pool has the ability to serve all members of the community –young through the elderly.

The plan is to have 7,500 school children learn water survival through learn to swim programs. Arlington County has been offering this for years – we are behind. I understand the schools always need more funding but this will serve our students in life skills – not just textbook learning.

When our children were babies we used the facility at Chinguapin for the Chinguababy and Chinguatots programs. As they progressed in their swimming careers, we have had moved them to the Arlington programs as a non-regulation sized pool isn't acceptable as you advance in the sport.

It is disappointing that we host a tri-city meet between three of the high schools located in the city at this pool between three schools that doesn't offer regulation times or events due to the odd length of the pool.

Swimming is a great sport – one that we should offer Alexandria citizens in a competitive format for both youth through masters programs. A 50-meter pool will provide this city with the resources to facilitate these needs.

The time is now to do the right thing. Please fund the 2018 Capital budget with the pool budget required to make Chinguapin a regulation sized pool facility.

Sincerely,
M. Elizabeth Atkinson

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 20

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From: CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 12:03 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116397: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Major and City Council - I am a member o

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- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Major and City Council - I am a member of the USAF. Before moving to Virginia I took many hours to find the right school for my children. I picked MacArthur Elementary. I have not been disappointed. It is a wonderful school with amazing teachers and community. That said, the facility is inadequate. Overcrowded and not modernized, the conditions will eventually be to the detriment of our children despite the best efforts of the teachers and staff. I was incredibly disappointed to learn you are no longer funding the modernization of MacArthur. Our children deserve it. They deserve a school that affords them the opportunity to meet their full potential and where teachers have the resources and space to make that happen. This is a must fund for our community. I urge you to reconsider this funding.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 20

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 12:59 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116405: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I want
you to understand my opinion on t

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- Name: Benjamin Bartlett
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 480-907-4311
- Email: benjaminbartlett1@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I want you to understand my opinion on the current budget proposal. I am glad to see an increase in property tax in order to pay for capitol improvement projects, especially with ACPS. However, I have to object to a decrease in the operating budget for ACPS. If we view education as a right and not a privilege for the wealthiest among us, we should look at the ACPS operating budget as a line in the sand. One that can not be crossed. Never defunding but always increasing funding. If it means that we increase property taxes a little more to cover the operating budget ACPS, then it should be done.

Likewise, we should view health care as a right, not a privilege. Every year we must expand coverage for the uninsured in Alexandria. I appreciated the increase in the cigarette tax last year so additional funds could go to our local clinics. This year we must increase that coverage again.

Our first priorities in government should be health care and education. Please don't be afraid to raise taxes for these issues!

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116382: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The
quality of our public schools is ext

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- Name: Christy Schwengel
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: cschwengel@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The quality of our public schools is extremely important to me. Please fully fund modernization of Douglas MacArthur and swing space to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 20

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 8:15 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116299: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council

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Request Details:

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- Name: Julia Meade
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: julia.haiyan@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council members,

I am a parent with two kids in Douglas Macarthur Elementary. We love everything about the school: the wonderful teachers, the engaging programs and the principal/all the staff. The only thing we don't love is the facility. Last year, my daughter was in a room at the end of the building where the heat doesn't work as well. They had to wear jackets in the room to keep warm in winter from time to time. We have had a couple of incidents where teaching had to be interrupted due to heat failure, leaking roof or AC breakdown in the summer.

I am writing to you with an earnest request: please fully fund modernization of Douglas MacArthur and swing space to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students. As a progressive city in one of the richest area in the U.S, it is really mind-boggling that we can't give the future of our country an optimal environment to learn and grow!

Sincerely,
Julia Meade
Alexandria resident

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 8:30 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116301: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Let
your legacy be a positive one!!!

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- Name: DENNIS BURSTEIN
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-201-8942
- Email: dennis.burstein@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Let your legacy be a positive one!!!

In 1985, Chinguapin was built...but the wrong length! That is truly hard to believe. Since 1985, Alexandria has not been able to hold an official HS swim competition. What an embarrassment to the City of Alexandria with only one public school.

You did the right thing by allocating \$25 million for Chinguapin in 2008 but screwed the aquatics programs for this City by moving that money to the schools. We support the schools but this should not happen at the expense of the aquatics programs as they are the only program that serves ALL AGES, from infancy to senior citizens. Did you hear that they ONLY PROGRAM THAT SERVES EVERY CITIZEN IN ALEXANDRIA.

Once again, you approved more than \$20 million in funding (2017) for aquatics. Enhance your legacy and that of all citizens of Alexandria. Make sure the 50-meter pool is built now and built right. Not only will this facility help bring in funds to the City (check out the Greensboro Aquatic Center in NC) but this program will greatly improve the health of citizens and save enormous amounts of money for health care. That alone should pay for the pool over time.

Let's also teach our children how to be safe in an aquatics environment and how to SWIM!!! Thousands of our students do NOT KNOW HOW TO SWIM. Most drownings occur quickly and are a leading cause of death in young children.

FUEL THE POOL and make sure the funding for pools is in the operating budget.

Thank you for your attention and your ability to make this happen.

Dennis Burstein
Lifetime Aquatics Participant
Instructor and Coach for 40+ Years

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 9:52 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116334: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please
fully fund modernization of Douglass

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- Name: Craig Stouffer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2404262829
- Email: cgstouffer@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please fully fund modernization of Douglas MacArthur Elementary School and swing space to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 20

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:11 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116363: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council You are being bombarded by demands that

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- Name: Mark Williams
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2025315125
- Email: markcwilliams@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: You are being bombarded by demands that you "fully fund" ACPS. I wish that ACPS had decided to "fully fund" ACPS. Unfortunately, the stated budget priorities of the school board are so excessive, imprecise and opaque that you could not possibly achieve any good result by deferring to the school board's questionable judgment.

ACPS has proposed an insultingly slim Staff salary increase; you should expect that ACPS will face even more personnel difficulties as a result of this choice.

ACPS has firmly attached itself to its proposed Beauregard office-building-school concept, notwithstanding the fact that the school board has not plainly, cleanly resolved any of the issues that Council had raised during the ACPS presentation or after.

School board remains wedded to the separation of TC into two different high school campuses, relegating the West End's families to a lower-tier school. The school board's own written materials make explicitly clear that each new high school complex, even if nominally part of the same theoretical administrative structure, will be a stand-alone 9-12 school. In order to avoid the consequences of making false statements to you, the school board is relying on proxies to execute this dishonest campaign, but the school board nonetheless remains committed to the same ultimate result, and any contrary murmurings that reach you are outright lies.

Tonight you will be besieged by angry parents who have not familiarized themselves with what the school board has actually done. Please do whatever you can to rebuff them. The school board has not justified its demands and has behaved with astounding dishonesty.

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 10:45 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116354: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am
writing to encourage the Mayor and

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- Name: Laura Neck
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 9172264764
- Email: kymneck@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to encourage the Mayor and City Council to fully fund the Alexandria public schools. The city is growing and our schools are already at over-capacity. Structural problems already exist in our current school buildings and we need additional schools to meet the population needs of our community. My son started kindergarten at John Adams Elementary in the dual language program and we love the school. Last summer I chose to locate us in this part of the district because I wanted him to enroll in the dual language program at John Adams. He is receiving a good education and the administration and teachers are wonderful but if the schools continue to be under-funded we will end up having to consider looking elsewhere as he gets older. Compared to Arlington, Fairfax, and Falls Church, the Alexandria schools are falling behind, particularly in the older grades. The schools need to be fully funded to address the infrastructure, capacity, and staffing needs. Not only is this important to parents, and should be noted that better schools will draw more families to Alexandria, even if you don't care about the schools from a parenting perspective, better schools increase the property values of homes in the area. One of the best things the city can do for itself is to fully fund the schools. From both a community and business perspective this is a win-win situation.

Please fully fund the schools.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen and parent
L.K. Neck

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 10:15 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116343: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Madam Mayor and Members of City Cou

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- Name: Katya Wanzer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7032445682
- Email: kwanzer@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Madam Mayor and Members of City Council,
I am the Chair of the Public Health Advisory Commission (PHAC) and am writing to voice my support for Candace Hill's application for the non-health professional member on the commission. I feel that her experience and enthusiasm with school health and community outreach would be a valuable addition to our commission. In particular, her community-based work with using data-driven methods in measuring childhood obesity and familiarity with the West End will augment the commission's priority areas. I believe she would be a perfect example of citizen expertise adding to PHAC's role to advise council in public health matters. I hope you will choose Ms. Hill to be the latest addition to the Public Health Advisory Commission. Sincerely, Katya Wanzer, MPH
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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 8:46 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116282: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Mayor Silberberg and City Council,

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- Name: Claire Maucieri
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: clairemaucieri@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council,

I'm writing you as a homeowner, taxpayer, and a parent of young children in Alexandria City Public Schools. I am also a graduate of ACPS and a former realtor. I have witnessed first hand how ACPS has preserved the strength and vibrancy of our community. I have seen how the value of a property directly correlates with the neighborhood school. I recognize that right now we are privileged to have dedicated teachers, active parents/families and strong leadership in our schools but without adequate funding we undermine all that they have accomplished.

I am concerned about the city manager's budget, which did not adequately address the urgent capital improvement needs of the Alexandria city school system. It is clear that the city's schools have significant structural concerns, leaking roofs, cracked foundations and unreliable heating and air conditioning, as well as serious capacity shortfalls.

Underfunding our city's schools can have a deleterious affect on property values. According to the National Association of Realtors, 22 percent of a home's value is linked to the local school, three out of ten buyers would pay above their stated budget to get into a school district of their choice, and well funded schools help increase the equity and value of surrounding properties even after the owner parts ways with the school system.

City leaders should recognize that well-funded schools are important for all Alexandria residents—not just parents. If our schools continue to be underfunded, property values will decrease, leading current residents to leave and prospective buyers to search elsewhere. I am confident the schools can be fully funded without increasing taxes for homeowners. There have to be some programs and services that could use some reevaluating.

My family is asking the City Council to make schools a priority so that the needed repairs can be made and capacity met. The time for action is now. I look forward to following your budget proceedings and urge you to address this important issue.

Sincerely,

Claire Maucieri

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From: Paul Sibbald via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 8:25 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116280: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I have
lived in Alexandria for 25 years

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- Name: Paul Sibbald
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7036065721
- Email: psibbald@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I have lived in Alexandria for 25 years and parent of a current fourth-grader attending Douglas MacArthur School. The teachers and staff at DMES are terrific and resourceful, and know that many parents are seeking your support in fully funding the modernization of Douglas MacArthur and swing space to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students.
Thank you,
Paul Sibbald
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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 8:23 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116279: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
Alexandria City Council, Please be su

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- Name: Martin Menez
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-751-3433
- Email: MMenez1981@Kellogg.Northwestern.edu
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Alexandria City Council,

Please be sure to provide adequate funding for our libraries.

Just some of the tangible ways they add value:

- English language learners by offering free English courses every week.
- Families by offering hundreds of programs for children that support early literacy and school readiness.
- Small business owners by providing individual research assistance, meeting room spaces and technology access.
- Job seekers by providing assistance with writing resumes and cover letters and access to free computers and wireless services.
- Digital literacy by providing free computer, Internet and wireless access and free technology training.

And the list goes on. I spent several hours at Beatley and Burke today!

Thanks,

Martin Menez
Cameron Station

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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 8:02 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116278: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
Supporting our schools is critical to pr

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- Name: Clay Alspach
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: clayalspach@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Supporting our schools is critical to preserving the strength and vibrancy of our community. School facilities have a demonstrable impact on student outcomes. Please demonstrate your commitment to education. Fully fund modernization of Douglas MacArthur and swing space to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students!
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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 6:21 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116276: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hello, My name is Marisha Goldhamer She

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- Name: Marisha Sherry
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2027468081
- Email: marishagoldhamer@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello,
My name is Marisha Goldhamer Sherry and I am the parent of a kindergartener at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School. I am writing to ask you to please fully fund modernization of Douglas MacArthur and swing space to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students.
The City Manager's proposed budget hurts both modernization and capacity. By taking Douglas MacArthur and George Mason off the list for a rebuild, it reduces school capacity by 500 students. The number of elementary school students is expected to grow by 800 students over the next ten years. Additionally, students were redistricted into MacArthur with the understanding that we would be able to accommodate them with a new school.

I also support the use of the Lee Center for swing space. As the City has not completed its full assessment report of the Lee Center, ACPS and the school board had to budget for a full new build for the Swing Space vs. the lesser amount if Lee Center were to be approved.

Full funding for our schools is my number one priority in the city budget. Thank you for taking my views into account when you vote.

Sincerely,

Marisha Goldhamer Sherry

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Jackie Henderson

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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 5:41 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116274: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am
very concerned re: city budget and

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- Name: Vicki Egnew
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: vegnew@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am very concerned re: city budget and how it effects our schools. MacArthur is our neighborhood school. It is an excellent school with exceptional staff but needs expansion. We need our Alexandria schools given the budget to provide for our students and teachers. As a former educator and parent, now grandparent, I know how crucial it is to support our schools and educators so they can in turn properly educate our students. I hope that you as Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council will vote to give the needed funds to our schools.
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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 5:30 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116273: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 1101 JANNEY'S LN I am writing in opposition to the City M

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- Name: David Wegner
- Approximate Address: 1101 JANNEY'S LN (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 7032096869
- Email: davewegner@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing in opposition to the City Manager's proposed reduction of ACPS funding in the FY17 budget, and specifically opposing the elimination of modernization funding for Douglas MacArthur Elementary School. The proposed budget delays yet again the critical modernization needed to accommodate the growing ACPS population. I do not advocate for building new schools for the sake of building; however, if you spent any time in Alexandria schools, you would immediately perceive the need for sustained funding to modernize and rebuild our school buildings. The MacArthur facilities are woefully inadequate for even the current student population; there is minimal recreation and extracurricular space, the dining facilities are far too small for the classes, and the HVAC system is prone to breakdowns and thus distracting from the learning environment.

As you deliberate on the FY17 budget, please consider that funding for schools is not simply for parents and children. Modern educational infrastructure built to accommodate current and future students is an enormous asset to the whole community. It creates demand for housing, stabilizes real estate prices, creates more cohesive and functional neighborhoods, and attracts highly educated and engaged residents. Please look at ACPS CIP funding as a long-term investment that benefits all Alexandrians, and works to counter the Council's multi-year trend of extracting more tax dollars from an increasingly beset residential tax base.

In making your decision, I hope the Council will visit MacArthur and other elementary schools, and speak to the faculty and staff that deal with these substandard facilities on a daily basis. Please give great weight to their words and experiences.

Thank you for the opportunity to advocate for MacArthur and ACPS funding.

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116271: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please support the Alexandria Libraries'

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- Name: Carol Abrams
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please support the Alexandria Libraries' budget request. It's a community asset and resource. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 20

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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 4:12 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116270: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I'm
writing to urge the City Council to

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- Name: Deborah Spitz
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: spitzdeb@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm writing to urge the City Council to continue to support Alexandria's libraries at at least their current funding levels. Alexandria's Beatley library is not only a beautiful facility that helps many families to be able to read who can't afford to purchase books. I use the library on a regular basis, including it's e-book lending service. More importantly, libraries provide critical services to low-income families. The Alexandria library provides English language classes, computer training, research assistance, and support for job searching, resume development and interviewing.

I work in the field of education, and I know how important books are to children's literacy development. Children, especially the very youngest, need access to a wide variety of books that fire their imaginations and get them excited about learning. Many parents can't afford such books for their children, and this is one cause of the early learning achievement gap that opens up between low-income and more affluent children. Librarians also help parents learn the best ways to choose books and read to their children.

Beatley library also provides important community services, like book clubs and other groups, as well as computer/internet access for people who need it. For all of these reasons, I urge your continued support of Alexandria's library system.

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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 4:08 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116268: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
Please, please fully fund the Douglas Ma

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- Name: Jill Page
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.725.2642
- Email: jpageva@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please, please fully fund the Douglas MacArthur project. The school is overcrowded and out of date. We have two kids at this school and we pay a very hefty tax to live in Alexandria. There is no reason that our kids do not have the same resources of our neighboring counties of Arlington and Fairfax. It's time to give this school the priority it deserves.
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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 3:24 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116267: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To the
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- Name: Cynthia Caples
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-257-7496
- Email: cbcaples@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To the City Council:
The Alexandria Library system is one of the city's greatest services to all segments of the Alexandria community. No matter what branch I set foot in, or when, it is always full of people selecting books, children being introduced to a better understanding of their world, sight- and hearing-impaired people getting badly-needed services few of them can afford elsewhere, students using the computers, people taking affordable classes in English and other useful subjects, enthusiastic lecture- and film-goers, and residents making use of many other critically-needed services that help us all to be better citizens of Alexandria. I hope the Alexandria City Council this year will strengthen the Library's budget so that it can continue to provide these and many other services of great usefulness to this community.
Sincerely,
Cynthia B. Caples
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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 3:04 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116265: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hello
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- Name: Suzanne Johnson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-823-7643
- Email: suzannebj@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and City Council members,

I am again writing to you to request that the expansion of Chinguapin pool be moved to the base budget. This is the third time that the aquatics community has been shortchanged on this pool. The pool and it's facility are widely used, but it could become a hallmark of the city if there was a regulation-sized pool for use by swim clubs and our public and private school swim and dive teams. Even more importantly, let's provide all Alexandria students the opportunity to learn to swim. Swimming is a skill that an individual will have for life. This skill is crucial to participation in other competitive and recreational water activities, such as crew, kayaking, surfing, diving, and sailing.

I realize there are a lot of infrastructure needs in the city. Let's not take a step backward and put this off again, lest we end up in the same position next year and the following year. A big commitment needs to be made now. Be brave -- it's time.

Thank you,

Suzanne Johnson

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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 1:38 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116261: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I urge you to increase funding to ACPs.

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- Name: Karma Brown
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: karma_b_brown@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I urge you to increase funding to ACPs. Our schools are in woeful need of funds for modernization and teacher pay and retention. Ignoring this problem will not make it go away. We have not lived up to our responsibilities for our students for many years, and even though there may be competing factors for the City's funds, that does not make it acceptable to continue to ignore the declining physical state of the schools. You should take a tour of MacArthur Elementary and make sure you understand the imperative need for a new school. Many of the classrooms do not even meet fire code standards. The City is putting our children in danger everyday. The MacArthur community has been promised a new school for many years, and as a tax payer, I am disappointed that the City Council would ignore and go back on its word. If it necessary to raise additional funds through bonds, you should take that action. If not, the City will suffer because families will move out and our real estate values will decline. This will further a cycle in which we do not have sufficient funds to cover our City's expenses. The City should also offer up an existing facility for the "swing space." There is no reason to pay tens of millions of dollars for a swing space when there are existing City facilities that could serve that purpose. The Council MUST work with the School Board to find a solution to these problems. And you should not continue to waste valuable resources (e.g., the amount of money spent on redistricting under assumptions that MacArthur would be rebuilt and capable of housing additional students) only to change your minds later. This is not appropriate or fiscally responsible. I am disappointed in your proposal and urge you to seriously reconsider.

Sincerely, Karma Brown
610 Oakley Place
Alexandria, VA 22302

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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 1:13 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116256: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am commenting on the proposed 2018 bud

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- Name: Jennifer Holland
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 879-3909
- Email: jenlholland@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am commenting on the proposed 2018 budget impacts of the community gardens in the city of Alexandria.

I am a gardener at the Holmes Run Parkway Community Garden. We are a small garden of 24 plots managed by the city under the auspices of the Chinquapin Community Garden with over 100 plots. We received a message from the current city garden manager that the city proposes to increase the community garden fees 100% next year to get to 100% cost recovery (with a goal of 175% cost recovery). While I have no issue with cost recovery, I do take issue with what the city claims to spend on the Holmes Run garden. 57% of the costs the city claims do not impact Holmes Run garden, only Chinquapin. We have no retaining walls to maintain; our landscaping is strictly the city mowing the park, which would be done with or without the garden; no sidewalks; we haven't received any materials for clean up; and markers haven't been replaced in years. In addition, as Holmes Run garden is in a city park directly across the street from high rise apartments and condos, many of the park visitors use the water for playing with the kids on hot summer days and use more than half of the trash bins during mid-summer. Last summer I took the trash up to the street most times it was collected (twice per week) and it was almost always full of picnic trash and dog waste. Only during the initial season set up and the fall clean up did the gardeners use the majority of the trash. As gardeners at Holmes Run community garden we are also plagued by theft and destruction of property by the community. We regularly have plants ripped out of the ground. I have witnessed adults claiming ignorance saying that everything is up for grabs, even knocking down fences to get at plants. I have also witnessed children pushing through fences to grab items for their picnics, sometimes at the behest of their family grilling in the park.

As it is, the fees have nearly doubled in the past 4 years. I would be willing to pay more for the garden if I had a say in what I want my fees to be used for. For example, I would have rather had my fees used for security, such as a perimeter fence instead of placing multiple irrigation faucets. As gardeners we make a significant investment in materials for the garden including fences, soil enhancements, seeds, and plants.

Again, I think lumping the Holmes Run garden fees in with Chinquapin unfairly penalizes the gardeners at Holmes Run by making them subsidize the costs at Chinquapin.

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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 1:00 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116253: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
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- Name: Bill Pugh
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-821-3226
- Email: william.e.pugh@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Council members,

I heard that City staff announced to the Environmental Policy Commission at its late February meeting that staff would like to cancel the planned update to the City's Environmental Action Plan (EAP), putting it off at least another year. Also efforts to meaningfully implement the City's green building policy are apparently also going to be put on hold. From what I heard by a resident attending the meeting, EPC members volunteered to help with the EAP update effort but were told by staff that this wouldn't be feasible.

Unfortunately, I cannot find information on these staff proposals on the City's website. Any information would be appreciated since I generally cannot attend the EPC meetings.

If what I heard is correct, I'm very concerned that the City is letting slide its commitment to address its greenhouse gas emissions and backing off its commitment to its overall Eco-City charter. I ask the City Council to keep resources for the EAP update in the coming year's budget and staff workplan.

Thank you,

Bill Pugh
1200 N Quaker Ln
Alexandria, VA 22302

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From: Tim Hayes via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 10:48 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116243: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 1101 JANNEY'S LN I'm writing today to support the moderni

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- Name: Tim Hayes
- Approximate Address: 1101 JANNEY'S LN (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: tim@thetravelyear.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm writing today to support the modernization Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, which is a long overdue project that needs to move forward. I have two daughters attending in 2nd and 4th grade and just yesterday, we went up to the school's playground to get some exercise. The school clearly needs updating. Exterior doors need repainting and countless other structural problems are visible. The building was designed in a different era for 554 students, but has a current enrollment of 704. It is time to upgrade.

I understand that issue this may be discussed in your City Council meeting on Monday, March 13th and while I can't attend the meeting, I wanted to voice my opinion about the importance of this project. Please fully fund the modernization of Douglas MacArthur so that current and future students can learn in modern, uncrowded environment.

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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 10:22 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116242: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at
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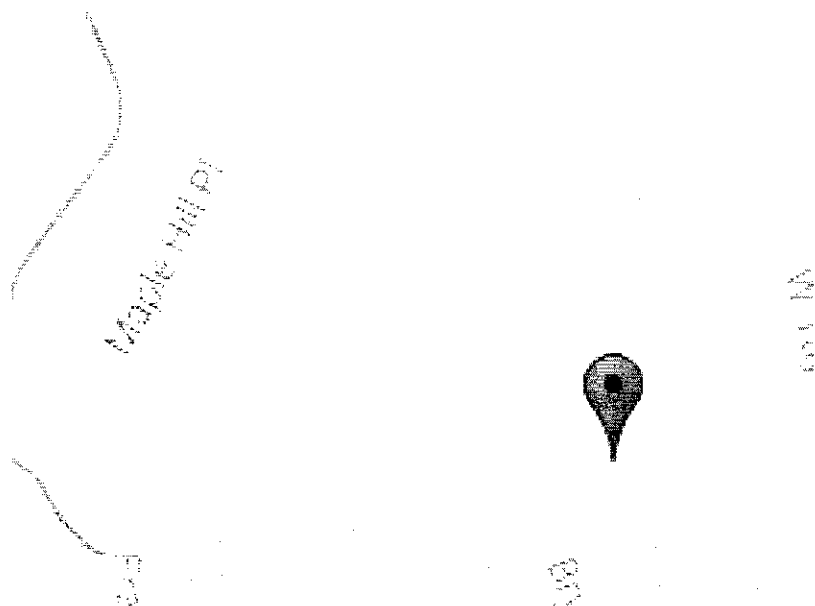
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- Name: Michelle Wee
- Approximate Address: 2937 BRYAN ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703-461-8393
- Email: michelle_wee@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please fully fund modernization of Douglas MacArthur Elementary School to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students! The school is in need of modernization due to overcrowding and an inadequate and aging facility. This is an urgent need for our students and future students. I have two daughters currently going to Douglas MacArthur. It has great staff and a strong community. NOW is the time to invest in the school building, especially with the upcoming restructuring and projected growth in student enrollment. I ask you make this a priority in the budget.
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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116240: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please fully fund modernization of Doug

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- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- 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: Monday, March 20

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From: Sarah Alspach via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 9:12 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116239: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To
Mayor Silberberg and City Council -

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- Name: Sarah Alspach
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 215-287-6354
- Email: sgalspach@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To Mayor Silberberg and City Council -

Supporting our schools is critical to preserving the strength and vibrancy of our community. School facilities have a demonstrable impact on student outcomes. Please demonstrate your commitment to education. Fully fund modernization of Douglas MacArthur and swing space to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students!

Best regards,
Sarah Alspach

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From: James Brodt via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 9:22 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116233: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson

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- Name: James Brodt
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: mac_brodt@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, and City Council Members,

Thank you so much for your service to our wonderful city, where I have been privileged to live with my family for the last ten years.

I am writing to encourage you to increase funding for ACPS, whose health is vital to our community. I have 3 children who attend or will attend ACPS schools. Therefore, I see on a daily basis both the tremendous contributions of our ACPS teachers and staff and the financial needs of the increasingly crowded system.

I understand you must balance numerous competing demands on the city's budget. Please make ACPS a top priority among them.

Best Regards,
James Brodt

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116215: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
3/11/17Dear Mayor Silberberg and Cit

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- Name: L. Addie Rasavong
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-643-3567
- Email: larasavong@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: 3/11/17

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

I am a parent of a 1st and 3rd grade students at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School. I am writing to express my concerns about the city manager's budget, which did not adequately address the urgent capital improvement needs of the Alexandria city school system. ACPS has completed an exhaustive study of the needs and costs associated with each individual school and its building systems. Yet this study appears to have been ignored by the City Council, which has funded the schools below the Superintendent's request. This has now become a safety issue for our children; schools have significant structural concerns, leaking roofs, cracked foundations and unreliable heating and air conditioning, as well as serious capacity shortfalls.

MacArthur is up next for modernization. However, without the money to find a "swing" space for our students while the school is being renovated – the school cannot start the renovation project.

We all know that our schools are old and overcrowded. Kids are eating lunch at 10:30 am or eating at 1:30pm. They are either hungry before lunch or hungry after lunch. How do we expect them to learn and become the future of our community if they are constantly hungry and distracted?

At Douglas MacArthur, the AC breaks down during the Summer and the heater breaks down during the Winter. Children are wearing their coats in the winter because its too cold and they find it hard to learn. During the Summer when the AC breaks down, children are too hot to learn and are distracted again. These problems are all due to our aging facilities.

We are asking the City Council to make schools a priority and to set better budget priorities by cutting wasteful spending in other areas so that the needed repairs can be made and capacity met. The time for action is now. I look forward to following your proceedings on February 28th and urge you address the city's schools growing needs.

Sincerely,

Lath Addie Rasavong
Douglas MacArthur Parent & PLTI Graduate

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116211: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I
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- Name: Suzanne McGovern
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7033808293
- Email: zanneelizabeth@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I would appeal to the Council to fully fund the requested budget suggested by the school board as City schools are in the midst of much transition and needed infrastructure build and repair. The school system has certainly been cited as a reason for moving out of the City and the school board is in mid stroke working to address this issue. It would be a big setback to have significant cuts prohibiting the innovative work happening in our ACPS schools.
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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116194: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am
disappointed to hear that the new p

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- Name: Michael Harmonis
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: michaelharmonis@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am disappointed to hear that the new pool project at Chinguapin is not part of Alexandria's base budget for FY 2018.

I have lived in Alexandria for more than forty years and am a frequent user of Chinguapin's facilities. The pool is nice and very well run, but it is not of sufficient capacity to meet the needs of Alexandria.

Of course I realize we have other important priorities to fund, but the new pool is important too and will benefit our children and all other residents from young adults to the elderly.

I therefore urge City Council to find a way to fund the new pool, starting this year.

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 7:50 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116298: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please
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- Name: Melinda Thompson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 240-675-3320
- Email: m_palmquist@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please fully fund modernization of Douglas MacArthur School to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students. The school needs modernization because it is overcrowded, outdated and an inadequate facility.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 20

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116162: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I'm
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- Name: Ann Marie Hay
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-548-8412
- Email: annmariehay@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm writing to ask you to find funding for the affordable housing proposal at the Church of the Resurrection site on Beauregard.

It is urgent that the city provide \$4.3 million for this project during the upcoming fiscal year. Not only has this proposal been under consideration for several years, but with the climate now looking more bleak for maintaining subsidized housing (voucher and public housing) and making tax credit projects desirable for developers, it is urgent that the 113 units proposed in the Resurrection project be funded now. The opportunity may not be around in the following fiscal year.

Other Alexandria congregations have stepped forward to explore developing affordable housing on land they have. If Resurrection's proposal is not funded this year, it will send a message to other congregations that maybe it's not worth their spending time, effort and their financial resources to consider using their land for affordable housing.

Please find a way to fund Resurrection's proposal this coming fiscal year. Thank you.

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116160: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hello.
I'm an Alexandria resident, and I

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- Name: Gary Guenther
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-402-4326
- Email: chezhead52@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello. I'm an Alexandria resident, and I wish urge the mayor and city council to back initiatives to provide adequate funding for affordable housing and early childhood education in the city. The benefits of such initiatives far outweigh the costs. Thank you Gary Guenther.
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116052: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please
fully fund ACPS.

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- Name: Kyle Lynch
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035492353
- Email: james.kyle.lynch@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please fully fund ACPS.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 16

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Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 4:37 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116039: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council City
Council Members:I would like to

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- Name: Carrie Phillips
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 773620160
- Email: carriejheath@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: City Council Members:

I would like to express my unwavering support for ACPS' budget proposal for early childhood education. I can think of no more important issue to our children then giving them all a great start in life with a high-quality preschool education. This is something the children of our community need and deserve, and it will pay dividends down the road when our little ones grow up and are better prepared for success in school and life.

As a proud resident of Alexandria who enjoys the wonderful services our city provides, I would rather see the City Council invest in early childhood education and forgo other amenities. I hope as you consider the budget ahead of you that you vote for the children of our community first and foremost.

Regards,

Carrie Phillips, Del Ray resident

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116038: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
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- Name: Rachel Goldberg
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 5712146620
- Email: rgoldberg1@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Though I've written to all council members before on this subject, I am writing again because it seems that some city council members still don't seem to understand the importance of funding our schools, both for operations and, equally important, for the long-term capital improvement plan. So many of us residents have kids and are committed to the city's public schools. But if the city council refuses to fund the schools, particularly the capital improvement plan with a bond, it will only send the message to current and prospective residents that the city doesn't care whether its schools can compete with other very good nearby school districts. That is no way to build a solid tax base for the future. Enough with the lip service about the importance of kids and education; let's see concrete action. I urge you to support a bond to fund our schools. (And I note that, though I emailed every council member before, only one wrote back and another one send a robo-response. The rest: silence. I will remember that come election day.)
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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115992: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am a
senior citizen resident of the ci

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- Name: Mary Lou Lesser
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-283-7352
- Email: mlesser943@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am a senior citizen resident of the city. I stringky support the new pool at Chinquapin and urge you to make the funding for it a priority. Please stop putting off this valuable addition to our fine city.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 16

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Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 8:52 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115959: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council 3210
King Street, Chinquapin Aquatics Ce

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- Name: Jeanne Gardner
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-823-4009
- Email: jeanne_gardner@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: 3210 King Street, Chinquapin Aquatics Center \$25 Million. Please fully fund the building of the 50-meter, indoor pool at Chinquapin, so that our children in elementary and high school can have access to a facility to learn to swim in their physical education classes. Swimming is a life saving, lifetime skill. Swimming lessons can save lives. The current pool is deteriorated, 32 years old, (old inefficient, technology)with not enough adequate space (8 lanes) and is crowded on a regular basis. The facility would also serve our city by providing adequate pool space for people of all ages, babies to seniors, to swim activities. Currently, there is not enough pool space for current programmed activities, including water aerobics, fitness swimming for healthy exercise, recreational swimming, teen social swim nights, water polo, Family Splash Night, swim team activities and swim meets. A new indoor pool could generate revenue to the city, 12 months a year and eventually pay for itself, if properly maintained. The facility would be centrally located at 3210 King Street, next to TCW High School, in our city and serve as a town hall. WE have no town hall in our city. The city would not have to purchase land to build it.

History

In 1985, the current pool was built that was the wrong size dimensions. No school in Alexandria could hold a swim meet here. Our high school swim teams ALWAYS have to commute to other locations for swim meets for 32 years. In 2008, the new pool was scheduled to be built. However, the approved \$20 million was used to pay for overcosts to complete TCW High School. This money was never replaced in the Capital Improvements.

In May, 2016, City Council approved funding for the new 50 meter pool.

In November 2016, the City Manager paused and stopped the funding of \$1.4 Million for the design for the pool.

In 2017, the City Council needs to put building this pool back in the budget. Please fully fund the 50- meter, indoor pool.

Thank you.

Jeanne Gardner

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Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 7:07 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115944: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Madam Mayor, This is the third time

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- Name: Michael Tyson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035612719
- Email: myerstyson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Madam Mayor,
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.

My wife and I made a conscious decision to live in Alexandria after our retirement from the military. One of the main reasons was the swimming options, including the planned 50 meter pool at Chinguapin. Our kids are swimmers, as are we. We hate having to travel to the Baltimore area for swim meets. Let Alexandria host swim meets!

Sincerely,
Michael Tyson
906 Rolfe Pl

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Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 5:18 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115942: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council March
9, 2017Dear Mayor Silberbe

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- Name: Jill Koly
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035814173
- Email: heywoodjs@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description:
March 9, 2017

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, where my son is in 3rd grade, and my daughter is in kindergarten. I am concerned about the overcrowding and aging facility. In January 2017 we were told MacArthur 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.

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,

Jill Koly

Douglas MacArthur, Parent

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Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 12:16 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115941: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am
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- Name: Lindsay Jones
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-727-7309
- Email: lejones@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am so proud to live in Alexandria where the school responsibly responded to a peaceful situation and showed respect for free speech and women. My husband and I work full time and send our son to ACPS. I am happy with how the district handled this situation and appreciate the caring and quality education our son is receiving. I hope you vote to fully fund our schools and ensure this continues.
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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 11:02 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115938: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I
support fully funding Alexandria City

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- Name: Margaret McLaughlin
 - Approximate Address: No Address Specified
 - Phone Number: No Phone
 - Email: mkh.mclaughlin@gmail.com
 - Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
 - Request Description: I support fully funding Alexandria City Public Schools.
Whether or not the decision to close ACPs on Wednesday is viewed as the right one, I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. There are more people like me in our community than you may realize just by scrolling social media.
- Do not penalize students and their families for the independent choices of a group of adults.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 9:45 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115935: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To the
City Council, I am writing to e

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- Name: Heather Ignatius
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: heatherignatius@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To the City Council,
I am writing to express my strong support for ACPS's decision to close the schools today.

First, it seemed to be to be a reasonable decision based on the high level of absenteeism projected for March 8. Our schools must first and foremost be a safe place, and with a low ratio of adults to children, that wouldn't have been possible. Given the circumstances, closing schools is the only option I would have been comfortable with as a parent concerned about my daughter's safety.

Secondly, I strongly support the teachers' decision to express themselves in this form. When I first received the phone call from the district explaining that school was being cancelled, tears came to my eyes. I was moved to hear that ACPS teachers are so passionate about their beliefs that they are willing to demonstrate in a way that brings the issue of women's equality to the attention of our school community. For me, it was a powerful and effective reminder of the privilege we possess to use our first amendment rights.

In just a few months, my daughter has learned so much from the women who work at Maury Elementary. And while I value the reading, writing and arithmetic she's learned, I recognize that there are other things that need to be taught too—like courage and conviction. Today's events allowed me to teach my daughter—with a real life example—how to stand up for what she believes in and about her right and responsibility as a citizen to use her voice in the peaceful expression of her beliefs.

As a family inconvenienced by this decision, I still support it. Some things are more important than schedules. Today I am and inspired by the ACPS teachers and proud to be a part of this community.

With best regards,
Heather Ignatius
Mother of Cleo, a Maury Elementary Kindergartner

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 9:09 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115928: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
City Council,I have heard that

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- Name: patrick mcnabb
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 629-3330
- Email: pbmva2000@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear City Council,

I have heard that the ACPS Facebook page and your email accounts have been flooded with negative feedback concerning ACPS's decision to close, due to the number of female staff that participated and supported in "A Day Without Women" today.

Please count me as one of many Alexandrians who support the teachers that took a stand to support this worthy cause today. Unfortunately, the President of the United States and his allies have declared war on women, public school system, and anyone that doesn't blindly swear allegiance to their rants. Because of the continuous attacks by the Executive Branch since they have taken power, these courageous teachers have no choice but to speak out for the good of our nation and our school system. Please recognize the impact of these teachers demonstrating to show how so much of our community is held together by the work of women.

Sincerely,
Patrick McNabb
Alexandria, VA

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 7:39 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115926: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I
support the decision to close ACPS on

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- Name: Sharon Solorzano
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-402-0168
- Email: sharonsol@me.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support the decision to close ACPS on Wednesday, March 8, and I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria. To do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. There are more people like me in our community than you may realize just by scrolling social media.

Please count me as one of the many Alexandrians who support our teachers and recognizes the impact of them demonstrating. Much of our community is held together by the work of women. I am the mother of two daughters who attend TC Williams HS, and I value the message that ACPS sent to my children and their teachers. Fully fund our schools!

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 5:00 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115922: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am
writing to voice my support for ACP

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- Name: Kerry Phelps
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-0859
- Email: kerryfitzgeraldphelps@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to voice my support for ACPS and ask that you fully fund the ACPS budget. As a current ACPS parent, I support our teachers and our administration including their recent decisions regarding school closures. We have been very happy at ACPS in large part, to our teachers. They are amazing and I value the work that they have done and continue to do. What teachers cannot do, however, is repair buildings and increase capacity for our bursting at the seams enrollment. Please fully fund our budget so that we can provide the best possible learning situation for our students. Our teachers and students deserve nothing less than all we have to give to support them.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 1:41 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116015: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Fully
Fund Alexandria's Public Schools!!

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- Name: Brooke Stratford
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2024133597
- Email: brooke.stratford@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Fully Fund Alexandria's Public Schools!!!
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 16

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 4:40 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115921: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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- Name: Jasmine Vyas
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: jazvyas@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for ACPS closing this Wednesday in light of staff requests for leave. The ACPS teachers and staff are dedicated and, in my experience, have gone the extra mile to provide students a quality education within the often challenging confines of the public school system. Chronic underfunding, overcrowding, and deferred maintenance are just some of the many challenges that these dedicated professionals face every day. These teachers and staff are demonstrating to our children the power of nonviolent, coordinated action, an important part of the American system of liberty. To censure them for this action would be unfair and wrong. I oppose any effort to punish them for requesting leave on 3/8.

In addition, as outlined above, ACPS schools need to be fully funded. I urge you to vote in favor of fully funding our school district. Every year, city tax bills to taxpayers rise, and our schools do not get their fair share of these and other Alexandria city budget funds. ACPS students an important part of the Alexandria city community and deserve a safe and high quality public education. Those without children in the schools benefit from the effects of property values and the positive community involvement that a well-supported local public school brings with it. ACPS parents will be closely following the issue of ACPS funding and will continue to urge that it be fully funded.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,

Jasmine Vyas
Alexandria Taxpayer

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 4:39 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115920: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
Whether or not I support the decision to

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- Name: Wendy Moniz
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-597-1891
- Email: wendymoniz@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Whether or not I support the decision to close ACPS on Wednesday (which I do) I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. There are more people like me in our community than you may realize just by scrolling social media.

Do not punish teachers and in turn, our kids, because they used their voice to show the impact they have on our community through this important civic event.

Sincerely,
Wendy Moniz
216 E. Luray Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301
Mother of Beck (10) and Sophie (9)

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 11:38 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116004: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Mayor Silverberg, Vice Mayor Wilson

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- Name: Carolyn Heasley
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-823-9490
- Email: carolyn.heasley@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silverberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and Council, I am requesting that you pass the recommendations made by the ACPS and fully fund their budget. I have served on the PTA boards of MacArthur, George Washington and TCWilliams when our city schools were the "best kept secret" in Northern Virginia and even then had to fight to get funding for roof repairs etc. Mold , leaks, crumbling asbestos does not belong in our schools. We need to put our children first and fund improvements and provide competitive salaries to attract quality teachers. All flash without substance does not make for a better school system. As a resident for over 40 years I expect our schools to regain the quality they once had and the reputation they once held.
Sincerely,
Carolyn Heasley
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 16

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #116002: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Mayor Silverberg, Vice Mayor Wilson

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- Name: Carolyn Heasley
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-823-9490
- Email: carolyn.heasley@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silverberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and Council, I am requesting that you pass the recommendations made by the ACPS and fully fund their budget. I have served on the PTA boards of MacArthur, George Washington and TCWilliams when our city schools were the "best kept secret" in Northern Virginia and even then had to fight to get funding for roof repairs etc. Mold , leaks, crumbling asbestos does not belong in our schools. We need to put our children first and fund improvements and provide competitive salaries to attract quality teachers. All flash without substance does not make for a better school system. As a resident for over 40 years I expect our schools to regain the quality they once had and the reputation they once held.
Sincerely,
Carolyn Heasley
Carolyn.heasley@gmail.com
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 16

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 3:11 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115893: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear
Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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- Name: Johanna Oliver
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 443-928-4389
- Email: johannaoliver@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, where my oldest son is in kindergarten. I am so disappointed that your proposed budget does not fully fund Alexandria City Public Schools. I love our city and love raising our three children in such a great community. I have been so impressed by the dedicated faculty and staff at the school; I love watching Mr. Harris greet each of the 704 MacArthur students by name every morning. But each year MacArthur is faced with overcrowding and an inadequate and aging facility (we currently have 704 students enrolled in a building designed for 554 students!). 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. It is unacceptable to me that the proposed 2018 City Manager's budget removes MacArthur and George Mason from the list for modernization. This elimination of the elementary modernization program leaves the 704 (and growing) students and amazing teachers with aging facilities and no solution to our long-term capacity issues at the elementary level.

Please fully fund our schools. 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,

Johanna Oliver

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 2:29 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115879: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
Mayor Silberberg and Council Members,

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- Name: Dana Kauffman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 323-3750
- Email: tkauffman@nvcc.edu
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Silberberg and Council Members,

I am submitting the below budget testimony on behalf of Mr. Jason Middough, the City's representative to the Northern Virginia Community College Board. Unfortunately, the College Board is meeting on the same day and time as the City's Public Budget Hearing. Please let us know if you have any comments, questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support for NOVA.

Sincerely,

Dana

Mr. Dana Kauffman, Director
College Government Affairs
Northern Virginia Community College
(703) 323-3750 Office Direct Dial
tkauffman@nvcc.edu

Testimony of Mr. Jason Middough, Alexandria Member
Northern Virginia Community College Board
March 13, 2017

Mayor Silberberg and Council Members, I thank you for the opportunity to provide budget testimony. My name is Jason Middough and I am honored to serve as the City's representative to the Northern Virginia Community College Board. Unfortunately, the College Board is also holding its bi-monthly meeting this evening. Accordingly, I am submitting this written testimony in lieu of formally appearing before you tonight.

As you consider the budget, I ask that you please support City Manager Jink's recommended Fiscal Year 2018 commitment to NOVA. The regional support the College receives helps us to meet the needs of our students and the local business community.

I would like to share with you an update on information I first shared with you last year. A new community college

initiative referred to as the "Workforce Credentials Initiative" has now been in place for a full year. This program is designed primarily to benefit incumbent workers in need of new skills and our veterans as they leave military service. The initiative was strongly endorsed by the Northern Virginia Technology Council. Year to date, we have seen a 217% increase in enrollment in the eleven credential programs approved for reduced tuition rates by the area Workforce Investment Board. This includes IT, Cyber and healthcare training that was specifically identified as being highly sought-after by area employers. More and more, employers are struggling to find workers who can demonstrate their skills through these nationally standardized credentials and certifications.

Also, over the past two years, we have seen a 20 fold increase in the number of students enrolled in our Cybersecurity program which is overseen by faculty based out of our Alexandria Campus. NOVA's Cybersecurity program follows Department of Homeland Security and National Security Administration Cybersecurity education standards. It is an "applied" degree that transfers to more than four regional institutions, including George Mason University's Bachelors of Applied Science in Cybersecurity, The George Washington University College of Professional Studies BS in Integrated Information Science, and Technology, Marymount University BS Information Technology, and UMUC's BS in Computer Networks and Security degree. Additional transfer agreements are in process.

To focus on meeting employer needs, NOVA recently partnered with the Northern Virginia Technology Council (the largest such council in the country) on a workforce needs assessment to better identify the specific skills needed by the Council's 1,000 member companies. As a result, NOVA can and will continue to accurately align their programs to meet industry needs and better prepare students for family-supporting careers.

The Director of NOVA's Cybersecurity Program, Dr. Margaret Leary, has more than 30 years' experience in IT, the last 12 in cyber, and is a senior policy advisor to government agencies. Last year, she assumed the first endowed faculty chair in the history of the Virginia Community College System, becoming the Edward H. and Marilyn D. Bersoff Endowed Chair for Computer and Information Sciences. She was also just recognized by the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia with the Commonwealth's highest honor for faculty at Virginia's colleges and universities. Dr. Leary is the 13th NOVA professor to receive this prestigious recognition since the award's inception in 1987.

Finally, sometime this spring, the Council will be able to see first-hand the fruits of their ongoing investment in the College. NOVA will host a ribbon cutting for a new, three-story 80,000-square-foot academic building at the Alexandria Campus. The new building will house the College's music, studio arts, dance and drama programs. The structure will also include administrative offices, classrooms, activity rooms, a bookstore and a black box theatre. We look forward to having the Council join in the celebration.

Again, thank you, Madame Mayor, for this opportunity to provide testimony to you and the Council and for your constant support for Northern Virginia Community College.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 11:14 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115806: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council So
incredibly disappointed with the City

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- Name: Emily Babcock
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7032039132
- Email: emilybabcock@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: So incredibly disappointed with the City's proposed budget. My kids are at Douglas MacArthur elementary and while we love the school and its community, we are faced with overcrowding and an incredibly aging facility. I don't understand why our needs keep getting swept under the rug - our cafeteria expansion never came to fruition, and now our agreed to (and desperately necessary) modernization can not happen under these parameters. And with redistricting we will get MORE new students with no place to put them!! We NEED a new future-ready, capacity appropriate school for our kids. We deserve first class schools (and teachers) for our beloved city. I ask that you reinstate MacArthur in the 2018 budget with adequate swing space and funding.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 11:48 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115824: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To
members of the Alexandria City Council

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- Name: Greta Hebert Gordon
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-7240
- Email: gretahgordon@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To members of the Alexandria City Council -
Whether or not I support the decision to close ACPS today, I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community.
Thank you for your service.
Sincerely,
Greta Gordon
507 Fontaine Street
Alexandria, VA 22302
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Jackie Henderson

From: Kiban Turner via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 1:25 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115854: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am
writing to let you know I absolutel

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- Name: Kiban Turner
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-405-3692
- Email: kiban1@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am writing to let you know I absolutely support fully funding our schools, and agree with Superintendent Crawley's decision to close schools today. To not fully fund our schools would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. And the people claiming to withhold funds to protest what they view as a "political act" are hypocritical, as they are basing their reaction on politics as well. We need room for our kids in schools, and buildings that are safely maintained. Please fully fund them.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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From: Jessica Wszalek via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 2:15 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115872: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council This
message is to convey my complete su

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- Name: Jessica Wszalek
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 516-220-0679
- Email: jessicawszalek@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: This message is to convey my complete support of the decision to close ACPS on Wednesday. While having my two sons home on Wednesday on short notice may have been "inconvenient", social change is not inherently "convenient" and I recognize that the stand taken by many teachers and reacted to by ACPS is not about my family's one day of inconvenience but something much larger.

Having said that, I'm dismayed that some others, particularly women, who were similarly "inconvenienced" for a day have even considered the thought of retaliating by withdrawing support to fully fund our schools. I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible to Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike would be unconscionable and would risk causing our next generation to pause before acting out against injustices.

Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. There are many more people like me in our community, I trust. They may not be as vocal and visible as others, because they may be at home being "inconvenienced" by the many, oftentimes unanticipated, responsibilities that come with raising children either full time or while juggling a career.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 2:02 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115864: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I
would like to applaud the teachers of

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- Name: Sara DiCesare
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7032209882
- Email: ssdicesare@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I would like to applaud the teachers of ACPS for initiating a day without women.
And share my opinion on with holding a fully fund ACPS as punishment would be wrong.
It would be like withholding a paycheck or food when a coworker speaks up for their beliefs.
Please vote to Fully Fund ACPS
AND
Applaud our teachers for standing up for a belief.

Consider it the use of a snow day folks!
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 2:21 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115877: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I fully
support the teachers that called

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- Name: Kevin Pace
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: kpace@nvcc.edu
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I fully support the teachers that called out today for A Day Without A Woman just as much as I support those that chose to stay. Continue to support these teachers and our wonderful public schools. Fully fund ACPS!
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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Jackie Henderson

From: Elisabeth Bradley via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 10:50 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115801: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
Whether or not I support the decision to

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- Name: Elisabeth Bradley
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 6467340184
- Email: elisabeth.l.bradley@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Whether or not I support the decision to close ACPS on Wednesday, I absolutely support fully funding our schools. To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community. There are more people like me in our community than you may realize just by scrolling social media.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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From: Emily Beckett via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 10:41 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115799: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am
the parent of a first grade student

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- Name: Emily Beckett
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ebeckett@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am the parent of a first grade student at Mount Vernon Community School. I'm writing today to express my support for ACPS's decision to close schools on Wednesday, March 8. At first, I was surprised by decision and had to scramble to find childcare. It is certainly a burden when schools are closed, but in no way does that dampen my support for the staff who requested leave to participate in A Day Without Women. No matter your political views, peaceful protest is essential to protecting democracy and ACPS staff is modeling one way that we can be active participants in civil society. I appreciate how they have handled the situation, particularly continuing to provide meals even though school is closed. I also appreciate the city Rec program providing out of school time programming on a drop in basis.

I was saddened to learn that this decision has prompted some to reconsider funding decisions for ACPS. I strongly support fully funding our schools. Full funding support is key to a future-oriented path for Alexandria. To tie funding decisions to this peaceful protest and resulting school closure would be appalling.

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From: CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 10:31 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115793: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council While I personally support the decision

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- Name: Mr./Ms. A concerned future ACPS parent
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: While I personally support the decision to close ACPS on Wednesday, I know there have been many Alexandrians who do not. Regardless – I absolutely support fully funding our schools and know that many who do not support today's actions DO support a fully-funded budget! As a community member shared, "To do anything less would be terrible for Alexandria - but to do so because of political pressure to retaliate against teachers for participating in a women's strike (and not a teachers' strike) would be unconscionable. Withholding funds from our schools harms our children and our entire community." My daughter won't be a student at Mount Vernon Community School for another 4.5 years, but the decisions made today on the budget affect her future educational experience and countless other pre-school-age children in the city. Decisions made today mean the difference between her starting Kindergarten in a classroom or a trailer. Between having a seat a block away from our house or halfway across the city. Between having a safe learning environment or heading to class in crumbling hallways. Between having current learning materials or outdated books and computers. We should want the best not only for our own kids, but for every child in Alexandria City.

I grew up in a town that took ten years to pass a school bond to fix infrastructure and materials issues in our school system, and I remember garbage cans strewn around the school to collect the rainwater leaking in. Peeling old paint off the walls in the hallways and classrooms. Having desks and chairs that fell apart in the middle of class. Every year, starting one child away from 'overcrowding' and ending the year three or four over. In the JR/SR high school, some art supplies were older than the students. Lockers didn't lock. The gym ceiling fell in one year. The heating was finicky, at best, and we had no cooling at all. The list goes on and on. Only once the bond was passed did we see any improvement, and it was like walking into a different world that fall. Roofs were replaced. Computers arrived. Classrooms were expanded. Morale across teachers and students was noticeably better.

All this to say, don't let a few angry parents keep you from doing what's right for our children. Keep their schools safe and fully funded. Pass the school budget in full. Don't kick the can down the road any farther.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 15

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From: Marie Randall via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:12 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #115248: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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

The City of Alexandria needs to increase the amount of debt it issues so that we can begin to address our long overdue capital needs in the City - and specifically the neglect of the City's schools. The City Manager's budget does not even begin to address these issues and incorrectly specifies the elementary school modernization projects as "wants" and not "needs" - these are also capacity projects - so that all of our schools can actually support its students and have a seat for them. It is definitively not a "want."

For far too long, the schools have been inadequately funded in their capital improvement budgets and are now in dire straits. The schools have significant structural concerns, as well as serious capacity shortfalls. Adding portables is a short term solution that solves classroom space issues while exacerbating issues of overcrowding in general spaces like auditoriums, gyms, cafeterias, music rooms, etc. Just ask the kids who have to eat lunch at 9:45 in order for the schools to get everyone in the cafeteria.

In 2012/13 ACPS enrollment was 13,113 and today, 2016/17, enrollment is 15,056. While redistricting attempted to tackle the over crowding in the elementary schools, it did nothing to address the capacity problems for the middle and high schools.

The City currently has a self-imposed 1.6% debt cap of which only 1.37% is being accessed. We are asking that the City take the responsible steps to issue a bond to raise the much needed capital to meet these needs. Cities of like size with the same AAA/ Aaa bond rating have a median rate of 2.42%. The City has prioritized not raising taxes and not raising additional debt as its priority - to the complete detriment of its public facilities and especially schools. We are not a balanced jurisdiction - our public infrastructure is failing. As Mr. Jinks stated at his budget presentation - delaying maintenance makes repairs, renovations and replacements much more costly - which is exactly what is happening to our schools.

Bonds are an appropriate and fiscally responsible means of meeting the financial challenges of the City of Alexandria while meeting the facility needs of the City's schools. For far too long, City Council has relied on an antiquated yearly funding model for ACPS. The City needs to invest in our schools. Good schools means higher home values, less crime and growth of small businesses. Schools are the foundation for a thriving city. Those who claim schools only serve families with children are misinformed.

The time for action is now. I look forward to following your proceedings on February 28th and urge you to issue a bond to meet the schools' needs. In an effort to let the community know each council members priorities and the

value they place on the schools, I will be sharing how each member votes on social media and in my correspondence with community organizations, businesses and neighbors

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, March 7

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