

**Jackie Henderson**

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**From:** paola navarro <pnavarro15@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 9:18 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Staff  
**Subject:** City budget

February 27, 2017

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

The City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and its building systems.

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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.

Regards,

Paola Navarro

Parent, Tax payer and Alexandria Resident

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Whitney Mallory via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 9:33 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115078: City Clerk and Clerk of Council I am writing to express my concerns about

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Whitney Mallory
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: whitneymallory@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: I am writing to express my concerns about the funding for acps schools. The City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and its building systems.

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Regards,

Whitney Mallory

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**From:** Christine Gordon via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 9:56 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115083: City Clerk and Clerk of Council February 27, 2017 Dear Mayor Silberbe

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Christine Gordon
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-349-5375
- Email: christinecargol@yahoo.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: February 27, 2017

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

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Regards,

Christine Gordon  
Parent, Tax payer & Alexandria Resident

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**From:** kathryn.steele@acps.k12.va.us via Call.Click.Connect.  
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 10:17 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115089: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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### Request Details:

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- Name: **Call.Click.Connect.** Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: kathryn.steele@acps.k12.va.us
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

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Regards,

Kathryn Steele

Teacher

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**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 10:18 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115090: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Patrick Thompson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 8043370629
- Email: thompson.patrickw@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

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Regards,

Patrick Thompson  
1200 North Quaker Lane  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
Parent / Tax payer / Alexandria Resident

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**From:** Abbie Eastman via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 10:32 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115093: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

Dear **Call.Click.Connect.** User

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- Name: Abbie Eastman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: abbie.eastman@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

The City Manager's budget did not appropriately address the dire capital improvement needs of the school system. A great deal of work has been done by ACPS and its contractors who have done an exhaustive study of the needs and costs of each individual school and its building systems. I am very concerned for my daughter, who is a rising kindergartner, to ensure she receives the quality education she needs from the public school system.

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The time for action is now. Our children's needs must be put near the top of the list. I look forward to following your proceedings on February 28th and urge you to issue a bond to meet the schools' needs.

Sincerely,  
Abbie Eastman  
2209 King St  
Parent / Tax payer / Alexandria Resident

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**From:** Barbara Viney via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 10:44 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115096: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please fully fund the ACPS projects to i

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- Name: Barbara Viney
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-867-0569
- Email: [bjviney@comcast.net](mailto:bjviney@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please fully fund the ACPS projects to improve the infrastructure for our current and future students!
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**From:** Donald Gordon via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 10:50 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115098: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Donald Gordon
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7039535926
- Email: dgordon@alum.mit.edu
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

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Regards,  
Donald Gordon  
Alexandria taxpayer for 10 years and Parent of ACPS student

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**From:** Elizabeth Kluegel-Niblock via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 11:21 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115102: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Elizabeth Kluegel-Niblock
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: ekluegel@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

I am at a loss to understand the current proposed budget's lack of funding for our schools. I currently work in Arlington County and was raised there and went through their public school system. The beautiful new schools they have built and renovated are all due to the taxpayers being asked to support bond issues. I voted YES for them even before having children. We MUST deal with this issue and improve the facilities of our schools so that the wonderful teachers we have can the best environment to teach!

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Regards,

Elizabeth Kluegel Niblock  
Parent / Tax payer and Alexandria Resident

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**From:** Pollyanna Folkins Hampton <pollyhampton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 9:07 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Staff  
**Subject:** City budget

February 27, 2017

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

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Regards,

*Polly Hampton*

*Alexandria resident, tax payer, and parent*

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Lisa Hahn <asilhahn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 8:23 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Staff  
**Subject:** School Funding

Dear City Clerk,

Can you please share my concern over the city's budget shortfall in regards to funding our schools. I am deeply concerned by this to the point of considering leaving Alexandria before our home value prices drop too far. Since my sons' have started school at ACPS, I have done everything I can to support the schools and help make up for funding the school cannot provide. I think it is vital that the parents are involved and show their support. I also realize that although my kids may have everything they need to succeed in school, many of the students don't and so my help is even more important. I am extremely upset to find out that Alexandria does not see the benefit of supporting our schools. On a national level, I am shocked to see what I consider so many hurtful and awful policies try to pass. I didn't think I would have to fight the same awful policies on a local level as well.

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I also beg you to consider what this will do to our community. Everyone knows the schools are much better in Fairfax and Arlington. This will only encourage this discrepancy and encourage folks to NOT move to Alexandria. This is enough to make me seriously consider whether I want to stay in Alexandria much longer. My kids education is not up for grabs and I want to live in a city that is dedicated to education and our younger citizens.

Regards,

*Lisa Hahn*

*1115 Allison Street*

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Patricia Cuff via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 4:53 AM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115065: City Clerk and Clerk of Council I support increasing the borrowing cap f

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Patricia Cuff
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: pcuffdonahue@gmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: I support increasing the borrowing cap from 1.6% to 2.42% so there is enough money to completely pay for both school and city infrastructure projects. Thank you for your consideration.  
Patricia
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**From:** Manya Magnus via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 2:39 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sittton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #114918: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Good afternoon,I am writing regardin

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### Request Details:

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- Name: Manya Magnus
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 299 0389
- Email: manyamagnus@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Good afternoon,

I am writing regarding the urgent situation surrounding funding for ACPS.

It is absolutely essential that we continue to fund all educational activities, including teacher salaries, infrastructure, capacity, and specialty programming in music, art, gifted education, and more.

The proposed budget cuts are absolutely untenable and I encourage Council Members to immediately address the budget shortfall.

I have lived in Alexandria for 14 years, and my daughter (junior at TC Williams) and son (5th grader at George Mason) have received exemplary education at ACPS at every stage. Our schools are only getting better, but with the proposed cuts, maintaining excellence--let alone striving for growth--will be unable to occur. If we cannot pay great teachers, maintain low teacher:student ratios, and keep our classrooms safe and structurally up to date, we will be unable to properly educate our children.

Alexandria is a very attractive location for people to move; ACPS and its ongoing improvements only add to its attractiveness as a location for families and growth. Without a well-funded educational system, we are likely to lose out on the potential for an increasing and increasingly diverse community, once that will allow Alexandria to thrive and grow into the next generation.

Please, please, support an expanding budget for ACPS, not a shrinking one.

If you have questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

All best, manya

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Manya Magnus, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor | Associate Chair  
GW | Milken Institute School of Public Health  
Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 2

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**From:** J Glenn Hopkins via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 3:49 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #114927: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Attached letter is sent on behalf of the

Dear **Call.Click.Connect.** User

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### Request Details:

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- Name: J Glenn Hopkins
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-480-4094
- Email: hopkins@hopkinshouse.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Attached letter is sent on behalf of the Alexandria Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission.
- Attachment: [2017 - Letter to Council on Housing.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 2

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**ALEXANDRIA CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**

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

February 21, 2017

The Honorable Allison Silberberg  
And Members of City Council  
City of Alexandria  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council:

I write on behalf of the Alexandria Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission to thank you for your ongoing support of affordable housing in the City of Alexandria.

Council established the Commission in June 2011 to offer recommendations on public policy matters affecting the City's children, youth and families. It is comprised of twenty-nine community leaders and key staff of the City government and public schools.

**Affordable Housing is a Major Issue Affecting Low-income,  
Working Families in the City.**

Since 2000, the City has lost approximately 14,000 units of older, market affordable housing that provided homes for low-income workers, seniors on fixed incomes and persons with disabilities

In several community meetings and in online commentary soliciting citizen input, affordable housing is consistently identified as a top priority and desired outcome for the city.

A report released by the Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations (ACHSO) in spring, 2015 "*Meeting Needs Today: A Needs Assessment of the Alexandria Human Services System*," confirmed what many already knew. Across the spectrum of groups who access human services in the City – seniors on fixed incomes, youth, immigrants, extremely low and low-income workers, people with disabilities – the lack of affordable housing "is the ground zero of need in the city, influencing every other issue that service providers work to address."

Housing for the workforce - especially the city's small businesses in the hospitality, restaurant and retail sectors - is a serious concern. These businesses are challenged to recruit and retain employees when there are no affordable living options in the community where they work.

An accounting of *new, completed* affordable units since the Housing Master Plan was adopted in December 2013, shows that the City has added 184 units from nonprofit developers, 64 units through the development process, and 105 committed units from Southern Towers through the Beauregard redevelopment process. Projects in the pipeline include 217 nonprofit developer units, and 103 units through the development process. These numbers, while welcomed, fall far short in addressing the loss of 14,000 units since 2000, so ensuring the completion of pipeline projects developed by nonprofit developers, which need gap financing to be viable, is critical.

### **Public Investment in Affordable Housing is Essential.**

The Commission acknowledges the magnitude of the affordable housing challenge for the City. However, given the broad sweep of City residents who are impacted, this challenge deserves Council's attention. Significant public investment in housing is an essential tool in addressing this challenge.

Public investment in affordable housing is critical to the health, well-being and prosperity of the City. Without an adequate supply of housing for all members of the community, Alexandria will struggle to accommodate growth and to remain a resilient, prosperous and inclusive community.

With this background as context, and with the goal to encourage public policy that helps to meet the housing needs of the city's low-income residents and supports the goal a diverse, welcoming city, the Commission joins with housing, human service and advocacy organizations who work to secure adequate safety net services for low-income residents in the City of Alexandria in offering the following recommendations on affordable housing for consideration as you develop the City's FY2018 budget:

### **Recommendations for Your Consideration in the FY18 Budget Development Process.**

**1) Commit to a base allocation of \$8 million to support one affordable housing development annually.**

For the last three nonprofit development proposals (approximately 75-90 units each), the City provided \$7-\$8 million in gap financing per development through a combination of developer fee contributions and revenue from the Housing Trust Fund. However, the Office of Housing has noted that projections for these resources are estimated to be \$12 million short to fund pipeline projects. Given the urgent housing needs and the adopted Housing Master Plan goals, the city cannot risk losing these projects due to lack of public investment.

**2) Create a local rental subsidy program of \$250,000 to support ten units for extremely low-income households annually.**

The Housing Master Plan identifies housing for those earning less than 30% of the area median income as the City's greatest need, and many in these households are part of our local economy. Without a public commitment to creating a supply of deeply discounted units, people at this

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**February 21, 2017**

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income level will continue to be severely rent-burdened, live in overcrowded, unsafe conditions or possibly become homeless.

The Commission thanks you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Williams".

**ERIC WILLIAMS**

Chairman

**Jackie Henderson**

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**From:** Ashley Walker <ashley.w.walker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 4:14 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Staff  
**Subject:** Fully fund ACPS

Dear City Council,

Alexandria must make the required investment in our public schools by finding a way to fully fund the ACPS budget.

Alexandria's mean home sales price went down (-4%) this year in January compared to last year in January, where as Fairfax County went up (+4%). We all know that the performance of our public schools is built into home prices.

The City Council is carelessly reducing future revenue potential by neglecting our schools.

We need to be on par with neighboring jurisdictions for teacher pay or we will lose our best educators. We must make our children a top priority by ensuring they have adequate safe and healthy space to learn and grow.

These are nonnegotiable budget items. It is the job of the City Council to utilize all financial and revenue creations tools at its disposal to meet the basic needs of our schools so that ACPS can strive to meet (at a minimum) if not exceed the performance levels of our peer jurisdictions.

Alexandrians are entitled to nothing less.

Ashley Walker  
4 W Howell Ave  
Parent of George Mason 1st grader

Sent from my iPhone

**Jackie Henderson**

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**From:** Jennifer Glade <jgrglade@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 5:06 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Staff  
**Subject:** Fully Fund Our Schools

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to request the City consider fully funding our schools. I was just on the phone this afternoon with a family member relocating permanently to NOVA and it is difficult to promote our city without acknowledging our lack of attention to our local students. The cost of living within the City is very great, we need our schools to demonstrate the strength and desirability of our neighborhoods to keep the City funded overall!

Thank You,  
Jennifer



## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Andrea <ads02c@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 7:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Staff  
**Subject:** ACPS school budget

The City Managers's ACPS budget is a joke, if this budget is passed, the take-home-pay for teachers and support staff will fall this year. This is in direct contrast to all other City workers who would receive a full step salary increase in the City Manager's budget. We need to keep ACPS competitive in the region by keeping salaries competitive. We need to be able to continue to attract and retain exemplary staff to teach and support our children.

ACPS has aging facilities that are far from optimal learning environments and are costing instructional time and considerable upkeep costs due to failing heating and cooling systems, leaking roofs, crumbling foundations and pest control issues. Our elementary schools already have classes taking place in hallways, students educated in windowless classrooms, no music rooms or lunch rooms for teachers. In addition, due to the extreme short fall, there is no money in this budget to even maintain these aging facilities as they were expected to be torn down and rebuilt.

ACPS already has 1,000 fewer seats than it needs to accommodate current elementary school students. The number of elementary school students is expected to grow by 800 students over the next ten years. If they are unable to address capacity with adding and rebuilding schools, ACPS will see its elementary schools stretched even further. This also affects proposed middle school and high school capacity solutions.

Your self-imposed cap of 1.6% at a time when interest rates are EXTREMELY low and when your neighbor localities (Arlington - 4%, Fairfax & Prince William - 3%) are borrowing at higher rates is asinine.

Our children are our future. A \$70.7M short fall for Capital Improvement Projects (rebuilding and maintenance of schools) and at least a \$2.09M short fall for Operating Expenses for ACPS is unacceptable. Walk your foolish self to the budget and just start erasing. You are wrong, wrong, wrong. Try again, this time FULLY FUND OUR SCHOOLS!

Andrea Smith

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Micheline Eyraud via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 8:37 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #114787: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I just read a summary of how much real e

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- Name: Micheline Eyraud
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035678896
- Email: michye00@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I just read a summary of how much real estate taxes will increase this year. The representation on the website that the average tax bill will rise an average of \$197 is a whopper worthy of the current occupant of the White House as it does not factor in the effects of an increased assessment. The increase that I will have to pay is more than \$500. Just tell people the truth. And while you are at it why don't you increase other taxes the city levies on people rather than relying solely on homeowners to finance everything?
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 1

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 3:25 PM  
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- Name: Carol Taylor
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 836 3851
- Email: rcdt-va@msn.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I see in today's Washington Post that real estate taxes, refuse fees and sewer fees will again be rising. I would ask that BUDGET CUTS be made, rather than continually increasing the burden on the home owners in Alexandria. I just received my real estate assessment--the assessed value of my property has increased and now so will the tax rate. It is very, very disheartening. As I age, I fear I will be forced to leave the city.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 1

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## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Stacy Chittick via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 12:56 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #114909: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and

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- Name: Stacy Chittick
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7033179376
- Email: stacypaxson@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council,

My name is Stacy Chittick and I have been a resident of the City of Alexandria for nearly 27 years. I am Immediate Past President of the PTA and the mother of a fourth grade student at Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy. I am writing again this year to ask you to fully fund the ACPS budget.

The schools in Alexandria have not kept pace with the growth and development this city has experienced. The elementary, middle and high schools are bursting at the seams, falling into disrepair, and unable to compete with the new schools built in other communities.

Every year, school needs are discussed, but put off time and again due to the lack of funding. Alexandria's families work hard to provide the resources for incidentals that enrich our children's education, such as assemblies, field trips, After School Programs, field maintenance and supplies, but we parents cannot personally fund the much needed infrastructure improvements.

Young well-educated and professional couples are attracted to Alexandria for its charm, shops, restaurants and convenience to DC. Let us keep them here to raise their families and attend ACPS schools. When I purchased my townhome in the Townes at Cameron Parke in 2004, there was one child on my block – there are now 24. Every new family in my neighborhood has cited LCTA as the reason they selected our neighborhood.

This well-educated, professional population contributes greatly to Alexandria tax-base and supports our local businesses. We are the ones who give back with monetary contributions, which allows for additional enrichment programs at the schools, and time, including tutoring of students who need additional one-on-one attention. Each of these contributions helps ALL of our students.

By underfunding the schools, there is the perception among residents that city council views ACPS as a financial burden instead of one of the city's biggest and potential best products or services. Families are frustrated with the lack of resources, deteriorating facilities and crowded classrooms. Don't squeeze these families out of Alexandria or ACPS. Let's attract and retain the high-achievers who will help propel ALL our youth in the future.

Given its resources, Alexandria should have the best school system in the country, but from a facilities perspective, it has a long ways to go. We need additional facilities that meet the needs of all our students. Don't let ACPS's facilities, through ongoing neglect, underfunding and overcrowding, become a detriment to the city.

Please stop ignoring the schools and fully fund the ACPS budget.

Thank you.

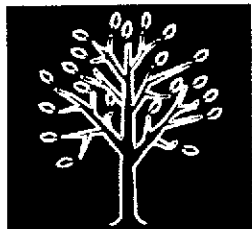
Stacy Chittick

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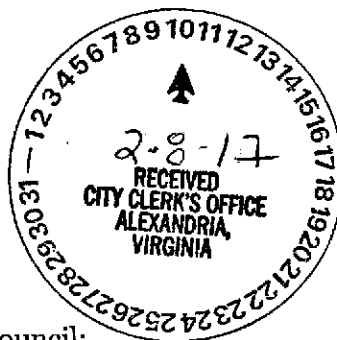
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February 3, 2017

Mayor and City Council  
301 King St., Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314



Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council:

We are writing to provide recommendations as you begin to consider the City's FY18 budget and urge you to provide additional resources for housing that is affordable for lower-income families.

ALIVE! values our strong working relationship with the City of Alexandria staff and leaders. We take our role as the largest private safety net in the City seriously, and we collaborate closely with City staff and other non-profits to assure that limited resources are used efficiently and effectively. As an example, ALIVE! operates a family emergency program that provides funding to lower-income families primarily to help them pay rent and utility bills. We operate this program in partnership with a number of faith communities and with the City's Department of Community and Human Services who screen clients to determine need and capacity to pay.

We have seen increased demand from the groups that we help fund and have, in fact, increased our assistance from approximately \$260,000 in FY12 to over \$330,000 in FY16.

Over those 5 years we have seen a steady increase in the amount of our funds that are dedicated to paying rent, with 43% of our funding dedicated to rent in FY12 increasing to 64% in FY16. We believe this increase is partially due to rising rents that require more non-profits to piece together funds needed to prevent eviction. This is more effective than if a family needed to rely on the City's homeless services and providers.

ALIVE! was able to increase our financial assistance by more than 25% over the past five years by allocating funds we had in reserves. As those reserves have dwindled, we have been forced to reduce the amount of funds available for financial assistance, going from \$330,000 in FY16 to \$255,000 in FY17. This reduction to a more sustainable level has made it more difficult for us and our partners to assist families in need.

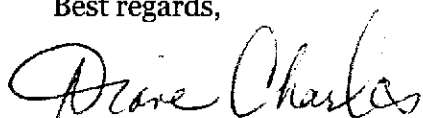
There is more demand for assistance due to rent increases. As ALIVE! has been forced to scale back its funds for this purpose, we ask that the City provide additional funding to the Housing Trust Fund. The Board of Directors of ALIVE! is supportive of the request being made by other



organizations within the City to: (1) create a local rental subsidy program that can help families making 40% or less of area median income afford rent; and (2) provide funding for one new affordable development annually—in addition to any redevelopments undertaken by the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority. According to estimates we have seen, this would require adding approximately \$10 million annually into the Housing Trust Fund. This would include developer contributions, loan repayments and federal funds.

ALIVE! values its relationship with the City as we work together to address the housing needs of residents of Alexandria, many of whom are working full-time but unable to afford the rising rents in the City. As a community, we have identified affordable housing as a top priority. We ask that the City build on that commitment by making additional investments in the FY18 budget to support affordable housing programs. Together we can help reduce homelessness and allow families who work in Alexandria to live in Alexandria.

Best regards,



Diane Charles  
Executive Director



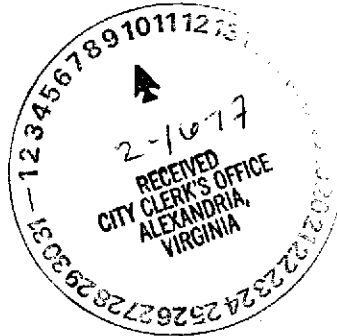
Patrick Anderson  
President



# Fairlington United Methodist Church

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February 13, 2017



Mayor and City Council  
301 King St., Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council:

Fairlington United Methodist Church, along with other churches in Alexandria and ALIVE, urge you to consider providing additional resources in the Alexandria City FY18 budget for housing that is affordable for lower-income families.

For over 25 years, Fairlington UMC has provided aid to those who require help in raising the rent security deposit needed to obtain subsidized housing. Since the security deposit is usually the full market rate (\$1,000-\$2000) amount of one month's rent, these deposits pose an insurmountable barrier to persons with little or no income; however, these deposits must be paid before persons can take advantage of housing vouchers or other housing subsidies. In recent years, we have seen a significant increase in the number of families referred to us who need assistance in raising the required security deposit amount. For the past two years, we have provided families with security deposit aid far beyond the amount that we have budgeted. Even then, Fairlington has not had sufficient funds to cover all those who have requested aid. In 2015, we provided \$18,000 in rent deposit assistance and served 65 households. In 2016, we spent \$14,000 and served 52 households. The reduction of service in 2016 was due to lack of funds, not fewer requests.

Fairlington UMC, along with other churches and ALIVE, are supportive of the request to (1) create a local rental subsidy program that can help families making 40% or less of area median income, and (2) provide funding for one new affordable development annually--in addition to any redevelopments undertaken by the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Fairlington UMC would also like to urge the City Council to initiate a "Rent Security Deposit" fund to assist families in need of help. Fairlington UMC will continue to provide support but cannot meet the need of all who require security deposit assistance. Therefore, there needs to be a more sustainable source so that households do not lose the opportunity for subsidized housing because of lack of funds to cover the security deposit.

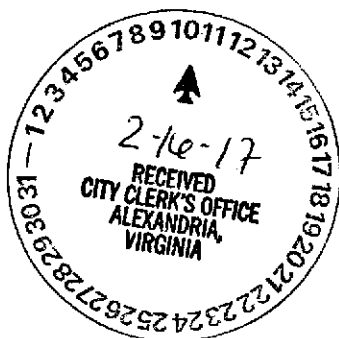
We appreciate your deliberation on this matter as you make decisions impacting the City. We value Alexandria's diverse population and would not want to jeopardize it because of an inadequate stock of affordable housing.

Sincerely,

Rev. Mary Beth Blinn  
Lead Pastor

Eric L. Larsen  
Chair, Missions Committee





Kathleen A. Richards  
4904 29<sup>th</sup> Road So. A2  
Arlington, VA 22206

February 12, 2017

Mayor and City Council  
301 King Street, Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council:

My name is Kathleen Richards and I have been a resident of the City of Alexandria in Fairlington Villages for over 30 years. I am writing to urge you to provide additional resources in the Alexandria City FY18 budget for housing that is affordable for lower-income families in our community.

I appreciate the importance of your deliberation and the impact on our City. But I want to emphasize how much I value Alexandria's diversity and don't want to jeopardize it because of inadequate affordable housing.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen A. Richards*

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