

**Public Budget Hearing**  
**March 13, 2017**

Mayor Silberberg and members of Council –

Good afternoon. My name is Dak Hardwick and it's my privilege to serve as the Chair of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee. With budget season upon us, I wanted to take a few minutes to talk about BFAAC's work to date, items we are discussing this budget season, and what you should expect from the Committee.

As a brief reminder, the role of BFAAC is to advise both Council and budget and fiscal agencies of the City of Alexandria. We advocate for fiscal responsibility and sound financial management practices and take a comprehensive view of the City's budget and fiscal affairs rather than focusing on the achievement of particular missions and activities.

BFAAC is the primary advisory group for the City in the following areas: annual operating budget, annual capital budget, revenues, debt policies and borrowing, city-wide personnel compensation issues, performance measurement, and other special projects as directed by Council. We are an all-volunteer committee, made of up seven Council-appointed representatives, one representative from the Alexandria City Public Schools, two representatives from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, and three at-large members.

Turning to the FY 2018 budget process, in November 2016, BFAAC delivered a memo to you on the key issues related to the FY 2018 budget guidance. The Committee highlighted the need for outcome-based guidance and alignment with the FY2017-2022 strategic plan, and covered preliminary recommendations on the stormwater utility fee, five –year revenue targets and a revenue master plan, and working with the Alexandria City Public Schools. I encourage you to review this memo as you continue your deliberations.

With the release of the City Manager's FY 2018 budget, BFAAC has started its work in earnest. Our members are examining the budget document and attending work sessions to learn more about the Manager's proposed budget. As an aside, for those members of the public either in the chamber or watching on TV, I would encourage you to attend the work sessions on the City budget. The sessions are both informative and substantive in nature.

As we have discussed with you on previous occasions, BFAAC has made a modification to its operating plan in order to serve you better. Rather than produce one extensive report on the City Manager's proposed budget that is delivered late in the deliberation process, the Committee will focus on two high-profile issues this budget year: possible modification of the City's debt policy guidance and improving the City's revenue forecasting, to including setting revenue targets and developing a revenue master plan. Council should expect to receive a recommendation from BFAAC on debt policy during the budget process. Recommendations on revenue targets and a revenue master plan are expected after the FY18 budget adoption.

With that preview, I'd invite the Council to provide feedback to the committee during the deliberation process. I'd also like to remind you and members of the public that BFAAC sessions are open and we invite your attendance. Committee meetings are posted on the City's website and we are eager to engage you and our fellow community members.

In closing, I'd like to thank the members of BFAAC, including Vice Chair Ben Klein and Secretary Laurie MacNamara, who are putting in untold hours to deliver the best advice to Council and the City this budget season. BFAAC is a team sport and we have an excellent group of citizens dedicated to ensuring the budget and fiscal affairs of Alexandria remain strong.

I'd also like to thank the City administration, including City Manager Mark Jinks, Budget Director Morgan Routt, and our Office of Management and Budget staff leads Alex Braden and Whitney Harris for their support of the committee. We could not accomplish our mission without their assistance.

Thank you for the opportunity to be with you this afternoon. I wish you a productive public budget hearing.

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**Jackie Henderson**

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**From:** Ramee A. Gentry <ramee.gentry@acps.k12.va.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:02 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** Mark Jinks; Board; Alvin Crawley  
**Subject:** Funds transfer for purchase of 1701 Beauregard

Dear Madame Mayor and Council Colleagues,

Tuesday evening you had brought before you for first reading the Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the Alexandria City Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2017. Specifically, the appropriation is the transfer of funds from the ACPS combined budget to the ACPS CIP budget for the purposes of the purchase of the property at 1701 Beauregard.

As the Mayor indicated, the work on this effort has been ongoing since the summer. On behalf of the School Board, I would like to thank Mr. Jinks and the entire City Planning staff for the time, effort, and collaboration they have brought to this work with our ACPS staff. This offers us an exciting opportunity to address our critical capacity needs, at a significantly reduced cost versus the leasing of space.

Throughout this process, both City and ACPS staff have shared a number of memos and reports related to this effort. For your reference, you may refer to these previous communications, including most recently the City Manager's email sent March 7 to the Superintendent and forwarded to both Council and School Board, outlining his intent to docket the transfer. You may also access the portion of our website that includes information regarding the West End elementary project including the most recent version of the Traffic Study.

<https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/1509>

On Tuesday evening, we had our Director of Budget & Financial Services, Michael Herbstman, and our Director of Planning and Construction, Elijah Gross, on hand to respond to your questions. As their titles suggest, these two gentlemen have been the staff most directly involved in the financial adjustments and the construction planning for this process, with both ultimately reporting to our Chief Operating Officer Clarence Stukes and our Superintendent Dr. Crawley.

On Saturday, the Superintendent, Budget Director and Director of Facilities will be in attendance at the Public Hearing and available to answer any remaining questions you may have. (Our Chief Operating Officer Clarence Stukes had a death in his immediate family at the beginning of this week and will not be in attendance.) Please also feel free to forward any questions to us prior to the meeting.

Thank you for your time. I also look forward to seeing you on Saturday and reaching this important milestone in the new West End elementary school project.

Regards,

**Ramee Gentry**  
School Board Member - Chair  
Alexandria City Public Schools

Sent by phone. Please excuse any typos.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #117630: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please support the new pool. It is esse

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please support the new pool. It is essential for our community, especially a 50 M pool Why?

Because all kids to learn how to swim, people of all ages need to exersize and swimming is one of the best; and most of all because it will be used A LOT! Look at the 50 M pool in DC. It is used to capacity all the time. Why is this good? Because it shows that a nice pool draws residents. They will move to Alexandria because of the community activities and pool available. Alexandria is desperately lacking in this area and it will start to push people away.

Thank you,  
Shannon Linn

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 5

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: q. about fy 2018 proposed operating budget and CIP #15 part A regarding city-provided rental subsidy program  
The answer isn't clear; it sounds like voucher resources and potential rental subsidies will be allocated instead to development projects, which means that those in need of housing have to wait for new construction and don't have housing choice. Rental assistance can be more economical from a cost effectiveness point of view and help more people obtain housing. Is there any city-provided rental assistance for very low income families other than project based new construction?
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 4

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #117530: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I have  
lived in Alexandria VA for 43 yea

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- Name: Nellie Thorpe
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-751-0063
- Email: nelliethorp@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I have lived in Alexandria VA for 43 years. As a resident and tax payer of this city, I strongly feel the current operating hours at Cora Kelly Recreation Center should remain 9 a.m. til 9 p.m. Being a senior I know how difficult it is for some seniors to out after dark. As a voter I believe thiscommunity recreation center should be open to the COMMUNITY all day. Looking forward to your support. Thank you.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 5

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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love Cora Kelly Recreation Center

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- Name: Roscoe Carter
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-4557
- Email: roscoecarter@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Why I love Cora Kelly Recreation Center, it makes me get up in the morning, the beginning of a new day, somewhere to go and not be a couch potato. For example exercising in the gym, dance, talk, and get better news better than the Gazette about older people. We find out more information about where to go to festivities with other seniors and fun activities for us to do and more. Keep Cora Kelly open for senior citizens from 9 am until they finish all of the senior programs being so people come in at different times.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 5

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Mayor and City Counsel, I, Presto

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- Name: Preston Wells
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-798-5511
- Email: masonicbuffalo@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To the Mayor and City Counsel, I, Preston Wells, a member of Cora Kelly Recreation Center is having difficulty understanding why the hours are being cut of the facility. I am for leaving the center at the hours in which it operates, 9am- 9pm so we can have full participation for all our Senior Activities and Programs.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 5

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #117536: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Good  
Morning, Been living in Alexandri

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- Name: Willie Manning Jr
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-548-8559
- Email: cotton\_manning514@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Good Morning,  
Been living in Alexandria Va for 74 years. Worked as an Alexandria Fire Fighter for 27 years and been voting all my life. I only use the Cora Kelly Recreation Center and want it to remain a community center with operating hours 9 a.m. til 9 p.m. Now that I am a senior, I want to enjoy the fruits of my labors. Please support me as I do not as for much from this city for all the taxes I pay. KEEP CORA KELLY OPEN OPEN FOR SENIORS
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 5

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**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 5:22 PM  
**To:** Jackie Henderson; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #115156: City Clerk and Clerk of Council Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council M

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- Name: Michael Harrington
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 3017068926
- Email: mkharrington@hotmail.com
- Service Type: City Clerk and Clerk of Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

After months and months of work by ACPS to develop a much needed capital improvement plan, the City Manager's budget did not provide the required funding to institute this plan. The plan called for adding much needed capacity and addressing structural and learning environment concerns. These issues have been present since I moved to Alexandria over 10 years ago and have never been addressed. To hear my daughter and son describe sinks falling out of the walls at George Mason or classrooms with too many kids is very frustrating and embarrassing as a parent.

As a parent who believes in public school education, I want the City to take the appropriate steps to address the infrastructure issues today so my children and their classmates can learn in an appropriate environment and with the adequate equipment. As a homeowner who pays over \$14,000 each year in real estate taxes, I want to City to ensure that Alexandria's schools will be attractive and competitive so I and my neighbors can maintain the value of our homes.

The City currently has a self-imposed 1.6% debt cap of which only 1.37% is being accessed. Cities of like size with the same AAA/ Aaa bond rating have a median rate of 2.42%. Given the current low interest rate environment, now is the time to take advantage of the low cost of borrowing and address the infrastructure issues in the ACPS 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. The longer that these needs are ignored, the more expensive and significant the structure and maintenance concerns.

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,

Mike Harrington  
mkharrington@hotmail.com

- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #114512: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council  
Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and

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- Name: Michelle Krocker
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-919-0049
- Email: michellekrocker@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and members of City Council, Attached is a letter from multiple housing and human service nonprofits who serve low and moderate income households in the City of Alexandria. This letter proposes recommendations to the FY2018 budget to support affordable housing development in the City - identified many times as a high priority for city residents.

Thank you for consideration of our recommendations and we would be happy to speak with you regarding this important issue.

- Attachment: [Housing Recs for FY2018 Budget02162017.docx](#)
- Expected Response Date: Friday, February 24

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February 16, 2017

Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council  
City of Alexandria  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council,

We are writing to you as members of a coalition of housing, human service and advocacy organizations who work to secure adequate safety net services for low-income residents in the City of Alexandria. We would like to take this opportunity to offer recommendations on affordable housing for the FY2018 budget proposal to better meet the needs of low-income residents and support a diverse, welcoming city.

The framework within which we offer our recommendations is as follows:

**Housing affordability is a top priority for the residents of the City of Alexandria.** 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 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." Additionally, each of you spoke about the importance of affordable housing in your campaigns for elected office, some of you citing it as the most important issue the City's faces.

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.

**We have affordable housing projects in the pipeline, but there is a shortfall in resources to support them.** 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.

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 units since 2000, so ensuring the completion of pipeline projects developed by nonprofit developers, which need gap financing to be viable, is critical.

With this background, we ask that you consider the following recommendation:

**Commit to a base allocation of \$8 million annually to support one affordable housing development a year.** 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 local and federal 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.

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

The magnitude of this challenge, and the broad sweep of city residents who are impacted, call for a significant investment in housing. We understand the difficult decisions that you must make, but we also believe that these investments are 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.

Sincerely,

AHC, Inc. Walter Webdale, President/CEO  
Alexandria Housing Development Corporation, Jon Frederick, Executive Director  
Carpenter's Shelter, Shannon Steene, Executive Director  
Christ Church, Melanie Gray, Director of Outreach and Mission, Nancy Carson, Vestry Member  
Church of the Resurrection, Rev. Jo Belser  
Coalition for Smarter Growth, Stewart Schwartz, Executive Director  
Community Lodgings, Lynn Thomas, Executive Director  
Economic Opportunities Commission, Kirk McPike, Chair  
Friends of Alexandria Mental Health Center, Dan Sweeney, Jr., Chair  
Habitat for Humanity Northern Virginia, Rev. Jon Smoot, Executive Director  
Hopkins House, J. Glenn Hopkins, President/CEO  
New Hope Housing, Pam Michell, Executive Director  
Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, Michelle Krocker, Executive Director  
Rebuilding Together Alexandria, Katharine Dixon, President/CEO  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rev. Oran E. Warder, Rector  
Tenant and Workers United, Evelin Urrutia, Executive Director  
The Arc of Northern Virginia, Rikki Epstein, Executive Director  
The Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, Shannon Steene, Chair

The Salvation Army, Nathan Bridges, Lieutenant Corps Officer  
Wesley Housing Development Corporation, Shelley Murphy, President/CEO

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Walter Marlowe via Call.Click.Connect.  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:44 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-609-1786
- Email: waltmarlowe@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and the City Council members,

I am a very frustrated citizen who is slowly but surely losing faith that you as elected leaders care even the slightest bit about individual Alexandria citizens. It seems that the average citizen loses out to developers in every single situation.

I currently reside on the 600 block of North Columbus St. In October 19, 2013, the City Council approved development of 700 North Washington Street with the condition that the developer provide parking within 300 feet of the location to assist in meeting the absolute MINIMUM parking requirement (Master Plan Amendment #2013-0004, Rezoning #2013-0003, DSUP#2013-0002, Encroachment # 2013-0003).

The required parking for 700 N Washington was clearly identified as being provided via an existing surface lot at 623/625 North Columbus St. (see attached presentation from the meeting). Without this parking area, the development would not have been approved due to parking deficiencies. Without this parking the residents in the neighborhood will be severely, negatively impacted by overflow parking from 700 N Columbus St.

Now that condition on providing parking at 623/625 N Columbus (recommended by staff, approved by the City Council, and agreed to be by the developer) is being thrown out the window. The owner/developer of 700 N Washington St and 623/625 N Columbus has now conveniently forgotten about that condition on the development. He is now going ahead with plans to build two residences at 623/625 N Columbus.

He also has the nerve to ask for a reduction in the required parking requirements for the new residences!!! This has to be the height of arrogance. The request is on the April 6, 2017 Planning Commission Docket - Item #3 - Special Use Permit #2016-0100. It is imperative that this request be denied until he is able to fulfill the parking requirements for 700 N Washington to which he already agreed to with the City Council.

If this request is not denied who gets stuck holding the parking bag? The residents surrounding both properties.

And who has the responsibility to ensure that developers live up to the terms of their development? YOU DO. Please prove to the residents in the area impacted by 700 N Washington and 623/625 N Columbus that you

actually care even a little bit about living up to agreements and protecting the interests of individuals in our city.

I implore you to look into this situation and deny the ability of the developer to renege on their agreements to provide MINIMAL parking with 700 N Washington St.

Walter Marlowe  
619 N Columbus St  
Alexandria, VA 22314

- Attachment: [14-1981 Presentation.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 4

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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #117372: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council  
Attached is a interfaith letter from Ale

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- Name: Jamie Conrad
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-0655
- Email: jwc58@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Attached is a interfaith letter from Alexandria clergy and lay people (i) supporting the budgeted level of funding for Neighborhood Health and (ii) asking the City to meet its previous commitment (\$7.9 million) for the Church of the Resurrection's affordable housing project.
- Attachment: Interfaith ltr re NH %26 Resurrection.pdf
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 3

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March 27, 2017

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of Council:

As interfaith leaders in the Alexandria faith community, we write you about two vital issues: maintaining funding for Neighborhood Health and not killing the Church of the Resurrection's remarkable affordable housing project. While these are budget-related topics, they both implicate one of our deepest moral responsibilities: caring for the most vulnerable among us.

Many of the undersigned first wrote you roughly a year ago to request your support of an increase in the City's cigarette tax to substantially boost funding for Neighborhood Health, the City's community health center. We explained how this increase was needed to alleviate some of the consequences for people living in poverty of the General Assembly's refusal to expand Medicaid or to develop Virginia's own health insurance program.

To our great gratitude, Council adopted that amendment unanimously, and the proceeds of the tax ended up yielding over \$100,000 for Neighborhood Health. We were equally gratified to see this funding remain in the City Manager's budget – in fact, he has boosted it by over \$19,000 for inflation and other adjustments. Of course, this support does not provide access to quality healthcare for all Alexandrians. But the City's commitment has made a big difference in many people's lives, and it has helped inspire others in the City to be similarly generous. We appreciate what the City has done and we urge you to enact this portion of the City Manager's budget.

Housing is a human need as fundamental as health care. Indeed, housing is a key "social determinant" of health: with a place to live, everything else is possible; without a stable home, it is very difficult to keep the other aspects of one's life together.

The Church of the Resurrection has taken the visionary step of trying to convert much of its property into 113 units of housing priced at 40-60% of the City's median wage. These would be located in the City's crowded West End, where demand is high. The City had previously committed \$7.9 million to making this vision a reality, but the City Manager's budget has held in reserve the \$4.3 million that is needed now to enable the project to go forward and seek federal low-income tax credits. Without that funding, Resurrection cannot afford to continue to pour its own comparatively meager resources into such a massive undertaking.

The City's faith community devotes enormous effort – and resources – to helping City residents find and keep housing. As several of us explained in earlier letters,

the participants in the Emergency Financial Providers Council collectively provided over \$1 million to help people meet rent and utility obligations. But our efforts alone have never been adequate, and the need is only growing. The City has been offered an extraordinarily rare gift – but it needs to accept that gift now.

As the leaders of communities – and physical places – of worship, we know well the challenges of finding resources to meet needs and balancing budgets. We appreciate the depth of the fiscal challenges that you face on behalf of our City. But the human needs for health and housing are integral elements of the inherent dignity of each human being, and deserve priority in your decisionmaking. We pledge to do our part to publicize and support your decision to support these goals.

The following faith leaders (all Alexandria residents or the heads of Alexandria places of worship) have endorsed this letter:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Congregation<sup>1</sup></b>
The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.	Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Patrick Anderson	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
The Rev. Jo J. Belser	Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
Pastor Mary Beth Blinn	Fairlington United Methodist Church
Jamie Conrad	Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Mary-Jo Cooney	Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Michael Diffley	St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Fr. Donald Fest	St. Joseph's Catholic Church
The Rev. David T. Gortner	Virginia Theological Seminary
Melanie Gray	Christ Church Alexandria
Arlene Hewitt	Beth El Hebrew Congregation
Pastor Thomas G. James	Washington Street United Methodist Church
The Rev. Jeanette Leisk, MD	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
The Rev. Chuck McCoart	Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Deborah Patterson	Washington Street United Methodist Church
Rabbi Steven Rein	Agudas Achim Congregation
Len Rubenstein	Beth El Hebrew Congregation
Pierre Shostal	Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

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## Jackie Henderson

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- **Approximate Address:** No Address Specified
- **Phone Number:** No Phone
- **Email:** No Email
- **Service Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- **Request Description:** I bet none of you know where the money is being spent in our school system. Don't give them any more money until the school system gave us a financial audit. That's right. If you create a second HS, you may just create another segregated school system. The good student will go to the new school, and the bad ones just stay behind at the TWO rating TC Williams. That was the reason in the first place when the city's multiple HS were consolidated in the first place to stop unintended segregation. That 57% for school funding in AlexTimes survey last Thursday doesn't mean anything if only 100 people did the survey. I don't care if a hundred parents show up and speak for 3hrs at your budget meeting. Most parents don't work and can spend time going to your meeting to lobby their interests. We average residents have to work and pay the taxes to support the city and can't go to your meeting. Also they are 2500 employees in ACPS, who of course want more money on the school table. So do not think your 2.7cent proposed tax is going to the schools. If you give a vote to every one of the 150000 residents in the entire city, I am sure the school funding will NOT be supported because it is highly unpopular.

As far as I can remember as a long time resident here Alexandria sanitation authority ever since it changed its name to AlexRenew, their rates have increased greatly and we residents as a whole are suffering. If you ask them to break down their costs of how much of their budget is used to clean water up to the regulation-required level, and how much is used for operations and personnel and admin, vs how much is needed to clean water to their lofty advanced level, you will see how their money is used and if it is used effectively and responsibly. Again, you city council appointed those ASA board members and those same ASA board members are supposed to keep ASA run effectively and financially responsibly. If ASA board is not doing their job, just change them or remove the board. The ASA board is supposed to keep the head over their in check, and if ASA is not being helpful with all its dealings with the city, that's just wrong. We don't need that extra layer of management at ASA. We don't need unnecessary advanced cleaning that is not required by regulations. We don't need a brand new building and a leaking soccer field that no one use, and we certainly don't need a chemistry lab certified to the highest level, or pay the personnel working there with out-of-world salaries. It just needs to be a simple treatment plant that cleans the city's water - clear and simple. At some point, the city needs to analyze how effective is the governance of the ASA board and the same is true really for all the advisory boards that the city has, that could be biased and non-effective and serve the purposes of a few. I would not let ASA raise their rates until they give City their financial audits.

Trump has rolled back the car emissions standards. Next are the water and the environmental standards to be rolled out. When you plan your budget, please plan with all those rolling back, and thus regulations won't be a

stringent. The feds budget will be cut, and there won't be money coming from the feds to help the city anymore, progressively worse for the next 4 years. The state budget is in no better shape either. Time for the city to tighten its belt and use revenues effectively without asking for more taxes. Too bad the voters turn-off rates are not high here in the city; if not the city government would have been more effective, accountable and sensible to the average residents needs vs wants.

Lastly stop putting those flexible surface mount stakes like the ones in Duke's pedestrian crossing at Fayette and on King street and Scroggins. If drivers see them and thought they are obstacles on the road and turn to avoid them and over-correct and hit other cars or pedestrians or bikers causing property damages and bodily injuries or deaths, I am sure they will be suing the city. And after a couple of these accidents and lawsuits I am sure the City will regret putting those in in the first place. So please remove them until you study how these flexible stakes will affect drivers driving behaviors in those areas both during daytime and nighttime.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 3

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-362-6709
- Email: jzpos5@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

As a homeowner and taxpayer in Alexandria City, 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 wellfunded 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.

We are 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,  
Anna Patsel-Powell  
713 N Paxton Street  
Alexandria, VA 22304

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 3

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## Jackie Henderson

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- Email: jennie.geisner@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg & City Council members,

I'm writing to urge you to fully fund ACPS as part of this year's budget, particularly with respect to the significant gap on the capital improvements side. My daughter is a kindergartner at MVCS; for several weeks at the beginning of this school year, her class had to be held in the library because of air quality concerns in her actual classroom. That disruption was, for me, just a taste of what's going on in our school system. We need to be building and maintaining facilities that serve our teachers and students in a way that enables them to thrive. Substandard buildings and overcrowded classrooms are not the way a first-rate city educates its children, attracts employers, boosts property values, nor the way we as a community demonstrate our values.

I understand there are many competing priorities for limited dollars, but not fully funding the ACPS budget at this time is likely to have a negative ripple effect in our community, discouraging young families from staying in Alexandria and putting a damper on economic development, thus straining our resources even more. If this means a higher tax rate and/or additional borrowing, I think most Alexandrians would recognize the critical importance of such actions.

Please show your commitment to our kids and our community by fully funding ACPS!  
Jennie Geisner

- Expected Response Date: Friday, March 31

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**Jackie Henderson**

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**From:** Yon Lambert  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 5:25 PM  
**To:** Allison Silberberg; City Council  
**Cc:** City Council Aides; Christine Widstrom; Mark Jinks; Carrie Sanders; Transportation Commission; Emily Baker  
**Subject:** 3/23/17 Letter of Recommendations from Transportation Commission  
**Attachments:** Attachment - 2016-11-17\_TC CIP Guidance Letter to Council-jk.pdf; 2017-03-23 LTR to Mayor\_Council frm TC Chair.pdf

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council -

Attached please find a Letter of Commission Recommendations from the Transportation Commission Chairman, Jerry King, along with the attachment referenced within.

Best Regards,

Yon -

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March 23, 2017

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
Alexandria City Hall  
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: FY 2018-2027 Budget Guidance

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council:

At its March 15, 2017 meeting, the Transportation Commission discussed the City Manager's proposed FY 2018 Operating Budget and FY 2018- FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program. The Transportation Commission appreciates that the Manager's budget has considered and incorporated several of the Commission's recommendations, previously documented in a letter to Mayor and City Council dated November 17, 2016 (attached). The following is the Transportation Commission's response to and guidance on the Manager's FY 2018 proposed budget:


- The Commission continues to recommend that contributions to WMATA's capital and operating expenses be made from sources other than the city's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). We appreciate that the Manager's budget removes WMATA capital funding from the TIP beginning in FY 2023. However, we also note that WMATA operating funding, added in 2016, remains within the TIP throughout the ten-year plan. The Commission would appreciate any progress that can be made on dedicated funding sources for WMATA operating and capital needs going forward.
- The Commission appreciates that City funding was added in FY 2018 at \$1.5 million to replace VDOT Revenue Sharing for roadway resurfacing that was decreased statewide. The Commission is concerned, however, that the City Manager's proposed budget zeros residential sidewalk funding in the Complete Streets program and provides fewer resources for Complete Streets design/construction than is needed to properly coordinate with the budgeted resurfacing project list. This is especially problematic given that the Complete Streets program relies on the resurfacing schedule to evaluate and execute improvements. Adequate Complete Streets funding for safe street design/construction coincident with roadway resurfacing is the most cost-effective approach for making our streets safe for all, and should be coordinated to the maximum practical extent through careful consideration of

budget allocations between the two programs, refining of the resurfacing schedule, and through the community outreach process.

- The Transportation Commission appreciates Council's recent emphasis on safety as demonstrated by your approval of the Vision Zero policy in January. We also appreciate that the Manager's proposed budget redirects an initial, if modest, portion of the Complete Streets budget to enable initial implementation of the Action Plan that is in the works today. Following adoption of the Vision Zero Action Plan later this year and looking ahead to budgets for FY 2019 and beyond, the Commission asks Council to request and support the coordinated investment across multiple City departments that will be necessary to meet Vision Zero goals.
- The Transportation Commission appreciates increased funding for Police vacancies in patrol and traffic units. Adequate funding for the Alexandria Police Department is a Commission priority, and we urge that this increase in enforcement capability be directed toward traffic safety, specifically to reduce speeding and red light running.
- The Commission supports the Manager's budgeted expansion of the Capital Bikeshare program to promote active transportation and improved mobility.
- Transportation Demand Management is an essential and cost effective tool for reducing single occupant vehicle travel in the City and therefore the Transportation Commission does not support the reduction of a Transportation Demand Management position to a .5 FTE.
- The Transportation Commission appreciates that the proposed 10-year CIP includes \$26 million for DASH Bus Fleet Replacement. However, a reduction of \$650,000 to DASH Bus Fleet Replacement occurs in FY 2018 under the proposed budget. Out of concern for this shortfall, the Transportation Commission recommends that City Council direct the City Manager to work with the DASH General Manager to quantitatively evaluate the relative merits of different fuel buses (hybrid diesel, clean diesel, electric, CNG) in terms of emissions, noise, upfront cost, and overall maintenance and lifecycle costs. A similar analysis was conducted in 2012 leading to the recommendation to purchase hybrid diesel vehicles. However, changes in technology, fuel prices, and budget environment suggest that now would be an appropriate time to again explore purchasing options to ensure that selected products best meet budget needs as well as community and environmental objectives.

We commend Council on their ongoing commitment to funding multi-modal, sustainable transportation options in the City. This Commission is confident that our recommendations to support smart investment in transportation infrastructure and services will continue to pay dividends to Alexandria quality of life. We appreciate your consideration of the Commission's guidance on the proposed FY 2018 budget. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



J. J. King III, Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

**The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council**

**March 23, 2016**

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**Attachment - Letter to Mayor and City Council dated November 17, 2016**

**cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission  
Mark B. Jinks, City Manager  
Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES  
Carrie Sanders, Deputy Director, Transportation/Transit T&ES**



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Honorable Mayor Allison Silberberg and Members of City Council  
City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

November 17, 2016

Re: FY 2018-2027 Budget Guidance

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council:

At its November 16, 2016 meeting, the Transportation Commission approved the following guidance, similar to guidance provided as part of the FY 2017 budget, to staff for preparation of the FY 2018 budget for inclusion in the City Manager's FY 2018 budget:

- Preserve the 2.2 cent transportation reservation in order to comply with maintenance-of-effort requirements, maintain flexibility, and to offset previous loss of state urban funds.
- Commit adequate operating funds to provide the project management, procurement, management and of staff resources necessary to implement new capital projects and programs.
- Continue to capitalize staff positions that are directly related to capital project implementation, as allowable, in order to utilize capital funds and reduce impacts on the operating budget.
- Maintain funding for highest priorities as determined by the Transportation Commission in the Transportation Improvement Program.
- Allocate Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 70% funds for high priority major capital investments with regional impacts, with an emphasis on leveraging non-city funds and/or accelerating project delivery.
- Utilize funding sources with least restrictions on project eligibility (i.e. CMAQ, RSTP, and NVTA 30% funds) for non-motorized projects, project development, ADA improvements, maintenance and operations.
- Pursue discretionary grant funding for transportation projects, including state capital assistance and federal New Starts, Small Starts, and TIGER grants.
- Ensure adequate funding for the Alexandria Police Department for capital investment and operating costs of enforcement—including parking violations, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane violations on Route 1 and Washington Street, speeding, and red light running—to help shape driver behavior and promote safety.
- Ensure that city transportation funding levels are maintained or increased above the maintenance-of-effort requirements of HB2313, to provide new transportation capacity and enhanced transportation services and programs while also maintaining existing assets in a state of good repair.

- Recognizing that regional transportation, including WMATA transit service is a priority that should not fall entirely on the transportation budget but rather a shared cost, the Council should explore opportunities to help fund the regional transit needs beyond the City's transportation resources.

A memorandum from the City Manager dated September 14, 2016 asked that the Commission respond to the following two questions:

1. What are the highest priority services and initiatives within your policy area that you feel should be added or increased in the FY 2018 budget?
2. If your area of the budget is required to identify potential reductions for FY 2018, what are the lowest priority services and initiatives that should be considered?

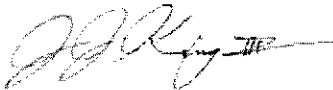
The Commission's highest priority is the preservation of the 2.2 cent transportation reservation to expand multi-modal transportation infrastructure and transit options to improve mobility and reduce congestion. In addition, the Commission prioritizes the City's Complete Streets program that is essential in providing mobility options and improving pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular safety. The Commission also prioritizes a state of good repair for the City's transportation system.

Areas of the budget that are of a lower priority, that could potentially be reduced in FY18 include bridge repairs, traffic control upgrades, signage and wayfinding. While these services are still very important to the City's transportation system, a reduction or delay in implementation could be applied if necessary, however it is still not desirable.

The Commission strongly encourages Council identify additional funding for the City's contribution to WMATA. The diversion of transportation reservation funds to support WMATA diminishes resources for local transportation priorities, at a time when recently adopted plans call for additional transportation investments throughout the City.

We commend the Council on their ongoing commitment to funding multi-modal, sustainable transportation options in the City. We appreciate your consideration of the Commission's guidance on the proposed FY 2018 budget. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



J.J. King III  
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission  
City Manager Mark Jinks  
Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES  
Carrie Sanders, Deputy Director, T&ES

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Michelle Krocker via Call.Click.Connect.  
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- Phone Number: 703-919-0049
- Email: michellekrocker@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Silberberg and Council Members, attached is a collection of letters from faith communities and ALIVE! regarding the increased requests for rental assistance they are experiencing from people in the community. We hope that you will include appropriate funding in the FY2018 budget to support one new affordable housing development and rental subsidy for 10 housing units serving households who earn approximately \$32,000 or less annually.

Thank you for consideration of our request,

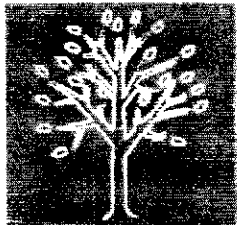
Michelle Krocker on behalf of Housing Alexandria

- Attachment: [packet of church letters for CC 02072017.pdf](#)
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of Christ Sixteenth Tabernacle  
Commonwealth Baptist Church  
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Convergence: A Creative Community of Faith  
Dei Ray United Methodist Church  
Downtown Baptist Church  
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Emanuel Episcopal Church  
Fairlington Presbyterian Church  
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First Agape Baptist Community of Faith  
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First Church of Christ, Scientist  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill  
Meade Memorial Episcopal Church  
Old Presbyterian Meeting House  
Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church  
Spiritual Assembly of Baha'is of Alexandria  
St. Andrews United Methodist Church  
St. James United Methodist Church  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
St. Mary Catholic Church  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Saint Rita Catholic Church  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Third Baptist Church  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
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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.

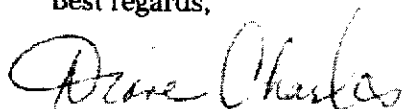
There is more demand for assistance due to rent increases. As ALIVE! has been forced to scale back its funds for this purpose, we ask that the City provide additional funding to the Housing Trust Fund. The Board of Directors of ALIVE! is supportive of the request being made by other



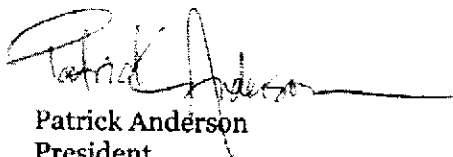
organizations within the City to: (1) create a local rental subsidy program that can help families making 40% or less of area median income afford rent; and (2) provide funding for one new affordable development annually—in addition to any redevelopments undertaken by the Alexandria Redevelopment and 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



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February 2, 2017

Honorable Mayor Silberberg, Members of City Council, and Members of the Planning Commission,

Christ Church shares with other Alexandria churches and organizations a commitment to care for our neighbors in need. As part of Hunger Free Alexandria and the Emergency Financial Providers Network we serve many people with many needs. In addition to a weekly food pantry and a financial counseling assistance program (Lazarus Ministry) we provide many points of connection, information and help.

In 2016, we have assisted 555 individuals with their rent, utilities and medical bills totaling \$96,783.38. We served 1,957 guests at our Lazarus Food Pantry. This food went on to serve 5,650 family members. It is clear to us that the demands presented by the costs of rent are rising rapidly, and are making it impossible for low-income working people to remain in the city. In addition, the rate of eviction, and the immediacy with which landlords initiate eviction proceedings, is accelerating at a pace we have never seen.

There is no possibility that the faith community can meet the needs of our low-income workers and families as housing costs continue to skyrocket. It is time for city officials to step up and face the reality that affordable housing is simply disappearing.

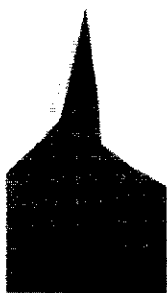
We join with our neighbor congregations and ask that the city commit to funding one nonprofit development annually, and a local rental subsidy program that creates 10 units per year for a family of four earning 40% of the AMI. There are now projects in the pipeline and it is vital that these projects are actually developed.

We would value an opportunity to tell you in greater detail about our experience in the community. The problem is well known; the solution is difficult. It is time for the city to put action behind the frequent statements of concern about housing.

Nancy Caron,  
Vestry Member

Melanie Gray  
Melanie Gray, MSW  
Director of Outreach and Mission

*Christ Church embodies God's unbounded love by embracing, liberating, and empowering people, whoever they are and wherever they find themselves on their journeys of faith.*



## Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

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February 6, 2017

Dear Mayor Silberberg and other City Council members:

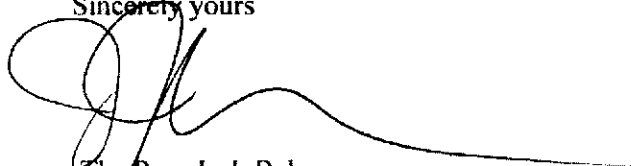
The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection at 2280 North Beauregard Street wants to bring to your attention the needs of residents in the West End of the City, particularly as they relate to housing that is affordable for lower-income families. We have been engaged in our own affordable housing project for three years and have become more intimately involved in providing for the needs of our neighbors. For that reason, we would ask that the City commit to approximately \$10 million annually that would provide for one nonprofit development a year of approximately \$7 million and a local rental subsidy program that creates 10 units a year for a family of four earning 40% of the area median income.

Resurrection has consistently increased its outreach ministries to its neighbors in the West End over the past several years to respond to the increasing need as residents move from the Old Town area to the "more affordable" West End. We have hosted the ALIVE! Last Saturday Food Distribution for many years. We also help staff a winter hypothermia shelter, prepare a Sunday evening meal at Carpenter's Shelter, provide school supplies for students at four local schools, and keep students with babies at the International Academy supplied with diapers. With a lot of help from other organizations, this past October we began a new food pantry.

However, most relevant to our request was the establishment of our West End Lazarus Ministry that helps families with one-time bills for rent, utilities, and prescription costs. During the first 10 months of operation this ministry helped 284 Alexandria residents with 338 bills; 63% of those were for assistance with rent. A total of \$68,985.72 was given towards bills, averaging \$242.90 per family, and \$204.09 per bill. The most commonly reported reasons for seeing assistance were unemployment (38%), insufficient work hours (13%), illness or disability (18%), and increased or unexpected expenses (15%). While guests came from all over Alexandria, 54% came from the West End. Of our guests, 63% were between the ages of 20-50 and 37% were between the ages of 50-90.

I know you have an extremely difficult task balancing all the demands on our City's budget. However, the vulnerable families in our City must not be forgotten. We at Church of the Resurrection would appreciate your attention to our request.

Sincerely yours



The Rev. Jo J. Belser  
Rector

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February 6, 2017

Alexandria City Council  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Ms. Mayor and Members of City Council:

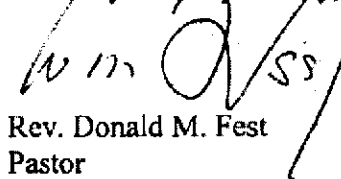
Our parish sees great human need on a daily basis, which we believe stems significantly from the continued lack of low-income and affordable housing in this city. The Catholic Church affirms that having a home is a basic human right, a pillar of human dignity and justice, and an essential for the integrity of the family. Therefore, along with other local religious institutions, we appeal to you to make low-income and affordable housing a much higher funding priority.

We have been alarmed by a significant increase over the past year in the need for emergency financial assistance. We budgeted \$35,000 for charitable disbursements in our FY2017 (began July 1). To date we have already disbursed \$31,000, including rental assistance and security deposit money for people who have been made to move from one part of Alexandria to another. That's a \$20,000 (182 percent) increase from the same timeframe the previous year. We have assisted 177 people, many of them more than once, since we began keeping a database in January 2016. We will soon have to divert funds from other ministries in order to continue helping people meet basic necessities. It will always be the churches' responsibility and privilege to help care for those in need. But our present level of assistance is unsustainable, as well as symptomatic of a deeper social and civic poverty.

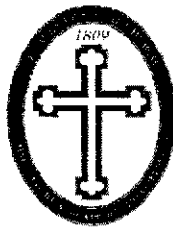
City Council has set several objectives—in its Strategic Plan and Housing Master Plan—toward improving affordability, inclusivity, and diversity. We commend these objectives as being in line with government's general moral responsibility. City Council has a political commitment to follow through in accomplishing *at least* these objectives. Furthermore, we ask that you substantially increase dedicated city funding for low-income and affordable housing development, as well as for rental subsidies for low-income families. As we have nearly tripled our assistance to meet our neighbors' needs, we challenge the city do likewise for its citizens.

We ask you to consider this in your upcoming deliberations concerning the city budget.

Sincerely and respectfully,



Rev. Donald M. Fest  
Pastor



January 24, 2017

Greetings:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church has been actively involved in supporting the Alexandria community for more than 205 years. One of our largest programs has been the Lazarus Ministry, which began operating in 2004. This initiative provides emergency funds to lower-income residents to help them meet rent, electric and other utility obligations, medical needs, and more. The Ministry works very hard to help clientele avoid evictions and curtailment of basic utilities.

Rent assistance has always been the most significant portion of the financial help provided. Within the past year, we have seen an increase of 48% in rental assistance funding, including help in avoiding eviction. Alexandria residents who come to us (as well as Christ Church, Church of the Resurrection, St. Vincent de Paul, Alfred Street Baptist Church and others) reside in three types of properties: units managed by the Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority; units designated as "market affordable rental units"; and market-rate rental units.

While affordable units are subsidized to keep rental costs below market rate, there has been a significant decrease in the available affordable units over the past fifteen years; a decrease which worsens as the population rises. According to the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance (NVAHA), there were 18,218 units in the year 2000 and only 5,956 units today. That's a loss of over 12,000 units, many of which would accommodate moderate-income professionals in this city: policemen, firemen, EMTs, teachers, hospital technicians and others.

Just as one example, when Earl Cook retired as Chief of Police in October, he commented that over 80% of the Alexandria Police force did not live in the city because they cannot afford to reside here. The average police salary in Alexandria is approximately \$52,000, and annual rent for a two-bedroom unit averages about \$28,000 per year. That's 54% of income going to housing cost.

We have every confidence that the City of Alexandria can and will address this issue. We strongly urge City Council to consider the impact of the loss of safe, decent affordable housing on the lives of our city's families and children, and further ask that adequate financial resources be allocated to support increased affordable housing production and rental assistance.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Oran F. Warder  
Rector

Ms. Laura M. Simmons  
Director, Lazarus Ministry

**Jackie Henderson**

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**From:** Valarie Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 12:47 PM  
**To:** Sermaine McLean; Mark Jinks  
**Cc:** City Council  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes to the Supplemental Retirement Plan  
**Attachments:** ASA to CM Jinks re Lump Sum Option.pdf

See attached.

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March 23, 2017

Mr. Mark Jinks, City Manager  
City of Alexandria  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Changes to the Supplemental Retirement Plan – Lump Sum Option

Dear Mr. Jinks:

The members of Alexandria Sheriff's Association request that you delay making changes to the City Supplemental retirement plan lump sum option until the next fiscal year. According to the plan representative Kadiria Coley, there is no great urgency to make a change with the plan. However the Association understands that a change will have to be made. We are also requesting that when modifications to the plan are made they include provisions to grandfather employees who are closest to retirement.

Your proposal is particularly unfair for individuals retiring within the next five years who have made retirement plans based on monies that would have been in place for them. If you go forward with this change, the individuals affected would not be able to make up any adjustments.

Also while staff has been told that the plan must be drastically modified this year to protect it, you stated that you're "reallocating \$800,000 in savings from the lump sum retirement adjustment" proposal to fund an increase for employees at the end of each grade scale. If you are using this money to fund raises, then how can we believe that the plan is in immediate trouble?

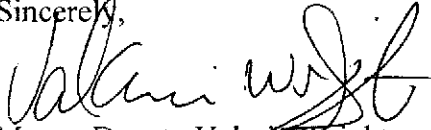
Mr. Jinks, the Association is not opposed to some changes to the plan, however because employees were not given the option to weigh in on this matter we would like you to consider the options listed below:

- Add a grandfathering option for those employees with 25 years of service and within 5 years of retirement;
- Add a grandfathering option for those employees with 20 years of service and within 10 years of retirement;
- Add a grandfathering option for those employees hired on or after 2009 (like VRS).

Finally, I would ask that you not rush to any decisions this budget cycle and that you work with City staff and employee groups to find a more equitable solution.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Valarie Wright', written over the printed name.

Master Deputy Valarie Wright  
President

cc: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council