

## Jackie Henderson

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**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 7:22 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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Mayor Silberberg and Members of Cit

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- Name: Jerry King
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7033627673
- Email: jjkingconsulting@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council:

I realize our city has many important areas that require increased funding in the FY 2018 budget. However I feel the city has overlooked an important item in the budget which is the safety of people who walk. I appreciate the foresight of the Council to approve the Vision Zero policy. Implementing the policy requires adequate funding to effectively make significant progress. Not only is the Vision Zero funding only \$75,000, but the Complete Streets budget for FY18 is about half of what it was in FY16. Our city suffered four pedestrian deaths and other serious injuries to our residents and visitors last year. This is not only a safety issue but an economic burden on those people and families who have suffered. We must take into account without a safe environment in our city it could affect our visitor traffic which is also an important economic consideration.

I have been assisting the city and ACPS in performing the walk audits at our schools. We have identified several safety issues which put our students in hazardous situations. Many of these items could be corrected with a minimal investment (about \$15,000 per school). We should not neglect the safety of our students.

Request consideration of increased funding for these safety projects to make our city streets safe for all our residents and visitors.

Jerry King

- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 14

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- Name: June stowe
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-751-0458
- Email: estowe@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council,

Please find attached a letter from Fairlington United Methodist Church urging the provision for additional resources in FY2018 budget for housing that is affordable for lower-income families.

- Attachment: [city council budget consideration.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, March 6

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# 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

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**From:** Bill Rivers via Call.Click.Connect.  
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- Name: Bill Rivers
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-6526
- Email: rivers.15wmtida@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Members of Council:

Per your suggestions at our recent meetings, we have met with the City Manager regarding the new pool for Chiquapin, but his position is that he has given the Council the information that you need to make a decision. Possible additional capital projects (including the pool) are listed in the supplemental CIP and possible ways to raise the funds for them are also listed. We have also listened to your concerns, your desire to see a pool if possible, and your discussions on the budget and its financing. Based upon all of the above, we propose three paths for you to take to fund a pool:

1) Authorize the borrowing of \$15 million over a two year period (2018 and 2019). As with financing a home, the City's borrowing of the \$15 million has to be paid over a period of time - not all at once. Our rough calculations show that borrowing \$8 million in 2018 at 2.5 % interest (the City actually borrowed at 2.1% interest this past year) repaid over a 10 year period would require a payment of about \$900,000 per year. \$8 million is enough to start construction for the \$15 million pool; then another \$7 million would need to be borrowed in 2019 to complete it. Again at a \$900,000 payment per year, this would require a total of \$1.8 million to be paid in the second year and beyond. This amount of \$1.8 million per year would require a tax increase of about 0.5 cents over the loan's life. This approach allows pool construction to start in 2018 and be completed in 2019.

It would leave room for you to do other supplemental projects within the maximum tax rate increase you have advertised - such as the Affordable Housing initiative or school spending. Of course, it would have to be factored in when determining the debt ratio, but that is what the City does every year.

2) Establish a 2 cent tax increase and pay for the pool in two years. This should generate enough to cover the pool funding and keeping that 2 cent increase for the balance of the 10 year CIP would provide another almost \$60 million for schools, affordable housing, etc.

3) Defer appropriate capital projects already in the funded CIP for two years from the list of projects attached. Please note that the list doesn't imply that a project is not important - just whether it needs to be done in 2018 or 2019. Also note that none of the projects affect schools, sewers, Metro or projects like the West End Transitway

(that has alternative funding possibilities).

You all have unanimously told us that you appreciate the value of the proposed pool, but some said that there didn't seem to be a way to fund it. The above provides you with a path within established City guidelines. Our recommendation would be the first one since it has the least impact on the current budget and on taxes, but any of the three will solve the problem.

Please note that we didn't get into possible revenue sources such as personal property taxes; restaurant taxes; hotel taxes; etc. Those could mitigate some of the tax increase on real estate, but we did not have the appropriate information available to us to comment on them.

Please do the right thing so that all Alexandria kids can learn how to swim.

We would be happy to discuss these approaches if you would like.

Thanks,  
Bill Rivers  
Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics

- Attachment: Potential Capital Projects to Defer.doc
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, April 13

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Mayor and City Council:I sign

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- Name: June Shih
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-1080
- Email: juneshih888@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To the Mayor and City Council:

I signed up to testify at the Budget Meeting on Monday, but was unable to stay until my number was called. So I am sending you a version of my planned remarks and add my name to the long list of Alexandria homeowners and ACPS parents who strongly urge you to fully fund our public schools through all means possible.

I was born and raised in Alexandria, but moved away to go to college and pursue my career for about 18 years. But when it came time to raise a family, my husband and I chose to come back to Alexandria. We did flirt with moving to Arlington, Falls Church and Fairfax County where the schools, frankly, have much better reputations. But I couldn't do it. I wanted to come home and invest in Alexandria and the Alexandria Public School System. I believe the amazing diversity of our city is an unqualified strength and I wanted to make sure my kids benefited from it. I also wanted to work to ensure our public education system remains the great engine of opportunity it was meant to be for all children.

We have been mostly satisfied with our experience in ACPS, particularly the excellence of our teachers. My children are progressing well and love going to school. Still, it is startling to visit during the school day and to see just how crowded the children are in their classrooms. I am truly amazed by the teachers' ability to maintain control while working in such close quarters. Luckily, my children have never experienced a less crowded classroom, so they have never known to complain!

I have been frustrated by the fact that our schools still seem to lag behind our sister districts in terms of facilities, average teacher salary, and certain achievement indicators. Arlington spends \$2,000 more per student than Alexandria. They've invested in gorgeous, light-filled schools that are true temples of learning. There is no reason for Alexandria shouldn't do the same and become the best school district in Virginia. It is only a matter of political will.

I hope you will vote to fully fund Alexandria's public schools.

Thank you,

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**From:** Susan Amber Gordon via Call.Click.Connect.  
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**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 3:40 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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Mayor Allison Silberberg; Vice Mayor

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- Name: Susan Amber Gordon
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.626.7965
- Email: gordon.amber@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: TO: Mayor Allison Silberberg; Vice Mayor Justin Wilson  
Members of City Council: Willie Bailey; John Taylor Chapman; Tim Lovain; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg

Having served on the Commission for the Arts for the last four years, and previously on the Public Art Committee, I recognize the financial challenges facing the City. The Commission is not requesting that you reinstate funds beyond the current cash capital cap set by the City Manager for Fiscal Year 2018.

From your approval of the Public Art Policy in October 2012, to the approval of the Public Art Policy and Implementation Plan in December 2014, to the recent approval of the Arts and Culture Master Plan in December 2016, the City Council has shown its commitment to implementing a bold and strong Arts Culture for our City. Alexandria's creative culture is strongly reflected in and strengthened by the City's vision of its Public Art program. Public Art simultaneously advances the City's economic and humanistic goals, and makes Alexandria a dynamic and attractive place to live, work and visit.

Alexandria's nascent Public Art program is now at serious risk. The City Manager's proposed FY 2018-2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) dramatically cuts the cumulative cash capital for Public Art in Alexandria by almost half. The Commission for the Arts strongly recommends that City Council restore the CIP for Public Art in accordance with the Public Art Policy and Implementation Plan beginning in FY2019, enabling it to reach your originally approved cash capital cap of \$500,000 per annum by FY2021. This restoration follows Alexandria's FY2017- 2022 Strategic Plan to "support the Public Art Implementation Plan and Policy" and "integrates...public art" as outlined in "Flourishing Arts, Culture & Recreation."

Many significant public art projects currently in motion would be canceled or postponed due to funding cuts, including:

- Temporary rotating public art programs at the Interim Fitzgerald Square;
- Increasing public awareness of the wastewater process through a ground-breaking artist-in- residency program at AlexRenew;
- Enhancing our City's Open Spaces through the development of artist-designed infrastructure along Alexandria's greenways, paths and trails;
- Celebrating Alexandria's Hispanic population with a gateway project in Arlandria's Four Mile Run Park; and,

- Supporting the reinvention and importance of Burke Library through outdoor artwork in collaboration with the City's Public Libraries.

Looking at the "big picture," one basic question is: What can public art do for our community? Why do we need Public Art now? Although I'm confident you already appreciate Public Art, I'd like to briefly restate why public art programs throughout the world are thriving. There is overwhelming evidence demonstrating the huge range of benefits to citizens, businesses, tourists, and municipal governments – which is briefly summarized on the following chart.

Public Art...

- defines physical space
- reflects community values
- starts community dialogues
- brings people together
- creates a sense of belonging
- helps us understand other points of view

Public Art...

- beautifies neighborhoods
- documents community history
- drives economic development
- creates a sense of pride
- increases business
- brings in tourism

Public Art...

- encourages expression and promotes diversity of cultures
- enlivens communities and attracts businesses to relocate in creative cities
- encourages engagement in community activities
- educates and informs us on issues
- tells the stories of community members and leaders
- entertains, amuses and brings joy to communities

In addition to the above overview, it's key to note that real estate developers support public art by working with us to place public art on the property of future projects or to voluntarily contribute to our City's public art fund. We ask that the City maintain its commitment to the arts by restoring the CIP for Public Art Acquisition beginning in FY2019, reaching the cash capital cap of \$500,000 per annum by FY2021.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and we look forward to working with you as we collectively develop the city's art programs and maximize the impact of creative problem solving.

Sincerely,

Susan Amber Gordon

Vice Chair / Executive Committee Alexandria Commission for the Arts

- Attachment: [2017 ACA CIP BUDGET LTR ag.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, March 23

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**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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March 15,2017To: Mayor All

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- Name: Susan Cohen
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-232-7242
- Email: cohen2100@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: March 15,2017

To:  
Mayor Allison Silberberg  
Vice Mayor Justin Wilson  
Councilmember Willie Bailey  
Councilmember John Taylor Chapman  
Councilmember Tim Lovain  
Councilmember Del Pepper  
Councilmember Paul Smedberg

Cc:  
Mark Jinks, City Manager  
Pat Miller, Alexandria Arts Alliance

Re:  
Public Art Acquisition in FY2018-FY2027

As a member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, we thank you for your past support of the arts, and we now ask for your continued support. The Commission for the Arts strongly recommends that City Council restore the CIP for Public Art Acquisition in accordance with the Public Art Policy and Implementation Plan beginning in FY2019, reaching the cash capital cap of \$500,000 per annum by FY2021.

All the projects on our calendar are dependent on funding, and all contribute to the economic prosperity of the City, as well as to the quality of life of the people who live here.

We hope to keep the following projects on our agenda:

- Developing an innovative project integrating public art into the storm water retrofitting project at Lake Cook, in collaboration with the Office of Environmental Quality;
- Managing a rotating public art program at Interim Fitzgerald Square, in collaboration with the Department of Planning and Zoning. This is part of an effort to keep the Waterfront a busy, attractive and vital place during work on the new Waterfront;
- Increasing public awareness of the wastewater process through an artist-in-residency program at AlexRenew, in collaboration with Alexandria Renew Enterprises;
- Collaborating with the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services on an artist-designed infrastructure along our greenways, paths and trails;
- Collaborating with Casa Chirilagua on a project in Four Mile Run Park;
- Collaborating with the City's Public Libraries at Burke Library through outdoor artwork.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for continued funding.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Cohen

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, March 22

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 7:46 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #118180: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council at 5650 SANGER AVE I am concerned that the W Ramsey and Cor

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- Name: Mary Ellen Bayer
- Approximate Address: 5650 SANGER AVE (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 703.683.0464
- Email: mebayer@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am concerned that the W Ramsey and Cora Kelly Recreation Center Hours are proposed to be reduced in the FY 2018 budget. Currently these Recreation Centers are open from 9 am to 9 pm. It is proposed to reduce the hours to 2 pm to 9 pm. Per the budget this reduction at the two locations would save approximately \$45,000/year. The justification in the budget for reducing the hours is that the gym is used by the school during the day and parking is limited.

I participate in the Senior Exercise Classes offered at Ramsey 3 times a week. These classes are offered prior to 2 pm in the rooms that are available. They do not require the gym. There are a total of 7 Senior Exercise classes offered weekly in the entire city! This budget would eliminate 3 of those 7 classes each week! Ramsey is the only west end location. The other classes are at Charles Houston and Mt. Vernon. Ramsey offers the most economical of the Senior Exercise Classes.

Lil Gymnastics is also offered for moms with young children two mornings a week at Ramsey.

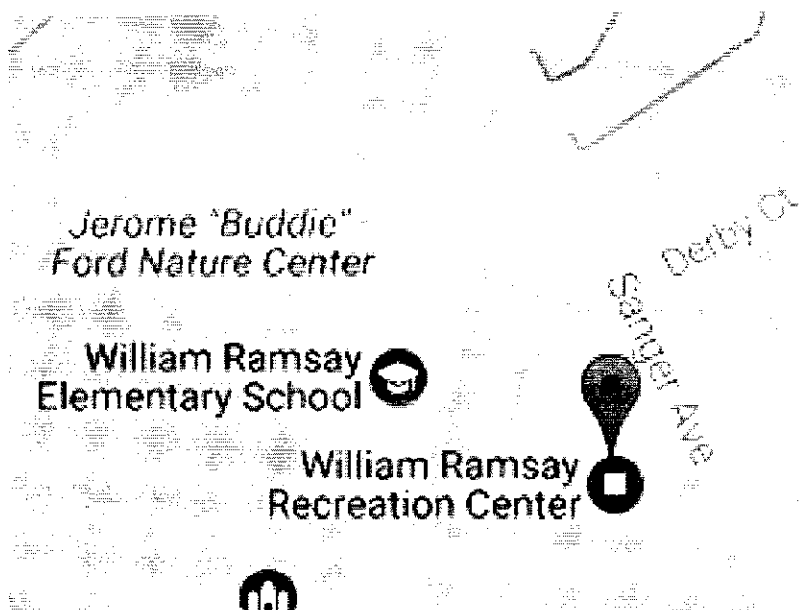
The third group of people who use Ramsey during the day are individuals who use the main room to play pool and read. It is a neighborhood respite for adults who want some company

To allow a recreation facility to sit empty from 9 am until 2 pm is a waste of City resources. Using these facilities during the day to serve the Senior population and the very young is a smart use. Seniors, young mothers and toddlers prefer to be clear of the recreation center once the after school children arrive!

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Mary Ellen Bayer

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 12



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- Name: Jacqueline Smith
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 370 9482
- Email: jkefa.smith@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I would like to request that the council reconsider the current plans for changes at Cora Kelly Recreation Center which provides services during the hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. the seniors who frequent the center would be at a great loss if the hours were reduced to exclude the services we enjoy doing those hours between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. as a citizen of Alexandria for more than 40 years and an employee of the city for more than 20 I am imploring you to leave the hours of service at Cora Kelly from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. as they currently are.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 12

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**From:** Barbara (Babs) Waters via Call.Click.Connect.  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 12:23 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #118059: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear  
members of City Council,Thank y

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- Name: Barbara (Babs) Waters
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038232431
- Email: babswaters@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear members of City Council,

Thank you for your work on behalf of our city. All citizens enjoy living in our city because of its beauty, communities, and historic significance.

My letter is in support of the continuation of the Cora Kelly Community Center. The center supports dance classes, yoga, and movies twice per month for seniors, a population of which I am a member.

I reside on the West end, but drive to Cora Kelly to learn and participate in line dance classes. Besides learning to line dance, I enjoy the wonderfully diverse group of fellow residents. In fact, the line dance group will perform at the Dance for all Ages program on Friday, 07 at TC Williams high school.

Furthermore, I have spoken with the center's manager about teaching a class on fall prevention that I am hoping to begin teaching in the Fall.

I thank you in anticipation for your support on behalf of the many seniors who utilize the space for the many programs and opportunities to socialize at Cora Kelly.

Cordially,

Babs Waters

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 11

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- Name: Ellen Nelson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 946 3442
- Email: elson48@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To Mayor Sileverberg and the Council My name is Ellen Nelson and for almost 60 years I have lived as a senior citizen, home owner and taxpayer. I worked for the Alexandria Schools system and helped on many committees. I worked with the Elections office in conducting elections for many years. I am writing to ask that you do not close the Cora Kelly Recreation because it is a part of our neighborhood and we need it for the convenience of out seniors and homeowners at various time during the day, I suggest leaving the hours as they are and provide more programs, transportation and by advertising the fact that the center is there and what is offered. I have attended several centers around the city to get to the programs I need and want because they are not offered at Cora Kelly and I drive some of the citizens have no way to get to the other centers as no they don't drive. so I want say to you DO NOT CHANGE CORA KELLY'S HOURS.

Thank You

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 9:15 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
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**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #118115: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council To  
whom it may concern,I, Delores A.

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- Name: Delores Grady
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035490231
- Email: DeeDeegrady@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: To whom it may concern,

I, Delores A. Grady feels the hours of Cora Kelly Recreation Center should remain the same. 9am-9pm during the week because seniors arrive at 9am to use the fitness room, following on Monday and Wednesday Zumba classes start at 10am. On Tuesdays following our fitness room activity we have Line Dancing at 10am. Last but not least and most important to me, as a senior I walk to the center in which is a safe neighborhood. The means of transportation is useless when Cora Kelly is in my own backyard for activities for a senior would like to do.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 12

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- Name: Christina Bohringer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 998-3124
- Email: christina.bohringer@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,  
I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that on April 22nd, the Education Association of Alexandria will be speaking during the public comments to talk about the LEAD Event we held in December and present participation certificates. We will sign up to speak before that meeting, but I wanted to give you a heads up about the date & presentation of certificates. Thank you for all of your hard work on behalf of the students and staff of ACPS, and of Alexandria.
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 12

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- Name: Adam O'Hern
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 6144405304
- Email: adam.ohern@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please fully fund ACPS, including the MVCS playground refresh for our community.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 11

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- Name: Sarah Weadon
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-447-1535
- Email: esweadon@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: As you prepare for your annual retreat to begin discussions and planning for the 2018 City Budget, I would like to share a story that is relevant not only to the next year's budget but touches directly or indirectly on seven of the eight draft vision and goal themes for the new City Strategic Plan.

My grand uncle is 78 and has lived in the Del Ray neighborhood since he was born. First living on W Del Ray Avenue, and since 1990 on Sanford Street, only half a block away from the house on W Del Ray Avenue. For the past few years, each day he would walk to St. Elmo's where he had a muffin and coffee while reading one of the three newspapers that he read every day. Often, he would then walk over to Duncan Library, and around 3:30 or 4pm he walked to Caboose Cafe where he had dinner and picked up dinner for his 93 year old sister with whom he lived.

On October 18, 2016, my grand uncle was using the crosswalk at E Oxford Avenue to cross Mt. Vernon Avenue, most likely on his way to Caboose, when he was hit by a car.

While the injuries were reported as minor in the police report, my grand uncle spent three days in intensive care and has not yet returned home. In fact, the recommendation of his medical staff is that he be transitioned to assisted living, likely for the remainder of this life.

This also means that his sister, my grand aunt, has lost her sole caretaker and will also need to be moved to assisted living.

The draft vision and goals of the City's strategic plan, as presented in April 2016, included that Alexandria will be economically vibrant, healthy, inclusive, mobile and safe and will help children and youth thrive. In order for Alexandria to be healthy, inclusive, mobile, and safe, and for children and youth to thrive, pedestrian safety needs to be improved. Walking is what kept my grand uncle healthy, mobile, and included in the community. Residents should feel safe walking their neighborhoods, enabling senior citizens to retain their independence once they can no longer drive. Safe walking environments provide opportunities for children and youth, not only for exercise but more importantly an opportunity for independence in walking to school, to a part-time job, to the local recreation center, to their friends' houses. Pedestrian safety also plays a role in making the city economically vibrant,

enabling more residents to walk to work and enabling visitors to be safe they shop, dine or visit here.

I ask that you consider improving safety for people who walk one of your top priorities for this next year. While additional safety measures may be too late to directly help my grand uncle, additional actions can prevent similar life-changing impacts to others who walk in our city.

- Expected Response Date: Friday, November 11

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- Name: Eldon Boes
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-519-3937
- Email: boes509@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Letter to Mayor and City Councillors:

As you develop priorities and begin to formulate Alexandria's FY 2018 budget, I urge you to make sure that we are taking steps to make our city safer for pedestrians.

As a resident of Alexandria for 26 years, I have always appreciated the fact that I can get to many destinations by walking or biking. However, a recent report by Alexandria's Health Department (Alexandria Fire Department Responses to Pedestrians Struck and Bicycle Crashes, April 2016) makes it clear that those modes of transportation aren't particularly safe here. We have been averaging more than 6 pedestrian strikes and more than 5 cyclist crashes per month for several years. These rates are unacceptable, especially for a city that wants to be bicycle and pedestrian friendly. In addition, I have heard several anecdotal comments from residents about not even considering use of crosswalks at some intersections in Old Town for fear of motorists who don't stop or yield.

Alexandria has made a good start with very important improvements for pedestrians at a few streets and intersections such as those along Commonwealth and on upper King between Janney and Kenwood. Far more needs to be done. We need to continue infrastructure improvements, including bump outs, traffic circles, and speed humps that inherently make traffic flow safer. We should improve crosswalks with better striping and leading pedestrian signal crossing timing. We also should start a campaign to provide information and education aimed at nurturing a shared responsibility for safety by walkers, cyclists, and drivers. And, we need broader enforcement to correct illegal practices.

Our FY2018 budget must provide funding to support these transportation safety activities. Please support that funding.

Thank you,  
Eldon Boes  
1250 S Washington, Unit 509

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- Name: Bill Rivers
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-683-6526
- Email: rivers.15wmtida@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Members of Council:

You have asked us about the level of support that the proposed new pool at Chinquapin has in the community. To answer that, we commissioned a public opinion survey by Pacific Hudson, a survey firm that specializes in opinion research for public affairs issues. That survey is a statistically valid, random sample survey of Alexandria residents. It is now completed and shows a very promising approval rate in excess of 60 % for the new pool. Even higher ratings go for letting all kids learn how to swim and for having swimming as part of the school curriculum. Things that can't be done without the new pool.

Here is an advanced copy of the press release that we will be sending to interested parties shortly. Other pertinent material about the pool will be forwarded to you later this week.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to see the detailed results of the survey.

Thanks,  
Bill Rivers  
Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics

Strong Public Support for 50 Meter Pool at Chinquapin  
Recent survey shows over 60% of Alexandria residents support a new 50 meter pool at Chinquapin Recreation Center

According to a recent public opinion survey commissioned by Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics (AAA), roughly two-thirds of Alexandria residents favor the City of Alexandria investing \$20 million on a new 50 meter pool at Chinquapin Rec Center.

In particular, Alexandrians believe a new pool is needed to expand access for local children to learn to swim and to allow residents of all ages to use the facility for exercise, rehabilitation and recreational uses.

Local residents also appreciate the economic benefits a new facility will bring to the community. With a state of the art 50 meter pool in Alexandria, local swim teams finally will have the ability to host meets – ranging from events for regional youth swim clubs to local high school teams to adult Masters swim teams from the East Coast. By attracting more visitors to Alexandria, restaurants, hotels and other local businesses will see an influx of customers.

“The survey results show that the Alexandria community is committed to improving our aquatics infrastructure,” said Bill Rivers, chair of Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics’ Board of Directors. “I am encouraged to see that local residents acknowledge the importance of creating an opportunity for every child in Alexandria to learn to swim and the benefits a new facility will provide to our local economy.”

In 2016 Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics signed a formal partnership agreement with the City to help coordinate the public-private efforts to improve Alexandria’s aquatics facilities. A specific area of focus is the design and construction of a new pool at Chinguapin. With Alexandria’s City Council set to approve the FY 2018 budget in early May, AAA wants the 50 meter pool fully funded so construction can begin in 2018.

Alexandrians want to see youth swim lessons incorporated into the educational curriculum – something that is not feasible given the programming constraints at the existing aquatics facilities. If every school age child in Alexandria is to have the opportunity to learn to swim, more pool space is required.

“This survey demonstrates that Alexandria strongly supports our local leaders committing to the construction of a new pool at Chinguapin,” said Carolyn Grigione, a member of the AAA Board of Directors. “I know there are many competing priorities in the upcoming budget but a new pool at Chinguapin is an investment in a healthy and safe future. Approximately 7,500 children in Alexandria do not know how to swim, and we need to ensure that our community affords everyone an opportunity to learn a skill that can save their life.”

Additionally, Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics has commissioned a separate study to identify ways the private sector can contribute to the construction and ongoing operation of a 50 meter pool at Chinguapin. A key goal of that study is to ensure the facility has a steady and sustainable revenue stream, thus becoming less reliant on taxpayer dollars.

Specific findings from the March 22-March 24 survey include:

- 84% support giving more kids the opportunity to learn to swim
- 77% believe swim lessons must be part of the educational curriculum in Alexandria
- 77% believe a new pool will generate revenue for the city, economic benefits for restaurants/hotels
- 75% want to see more programs at local pools such as water aerobics and recreational lap swimming.

The study was sponsored by Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics and conducted by Hudson Pacific. The results are based on a survey of 300 adults who indicated they reside within the city limits of the City of Alexandria. Surveys were conducted in English between March 22 and 24, 2017 and averaged 7 minutes in length.

Fieldwork was conducted via telephone by Survey Sampling, Inc. using a random-digit dial sampling methodology. The survey was designed to be representative of the City of Alexandria adult population by gender, age, education and race. The targets were based on 2015 population estimates from the United States Census Bureau.

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 10

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 732-586-2525
- Email: gregory.guldin@woodberry.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members,

I am submitting this letter on behalf of the VISAA and in support of the construction of a new aquatic facility in the city of Alexandria. Please find enclosed a letter describing, in more detail, the nature of our support and our hope to create a long and lasting relationship with the constituents of the City of Alexandria. I thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,  
Gregory Guldin

- Attachment: [VISAA Letter to Alexandria City Council.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 10

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## Mr. Gregory M. Guldin

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Alexandria City Council Members  
*Alexandria City Hall*  
301 King Street  
Alexandria VA 22314

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of the City Council,

I write to you today on behalf of the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) to express our collective and unanimous support of a new 50-meter, championship swimming venue as well as our commitment to make use of such a facility upon its availability. Each year, the VISAA looks to host its 2.5-day championship meet in a facility capable of meeting our needs and, unfortunately, the state of Virginia simply does not contain enough of these facilities. The commitment of the Alexandria community to build such a facility would bring with it enormous benefits to athletes of all ages, through learn-to-swim programs, high school competitions, and club swimming, not to mention that hosting any championship-level event will provide a boost in the local economy.

Our organization has hosted our championship meet at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center for the past 2 years. The meet brought with it 611 athletes in 2016 and 655 in 2017, all-in-all representing 47 different independent schools from throughout Virginia. In addition to the athletes, there were approximately 150 coaches on the pool deck and upwards of 700 spectators that moved through the stands during the meet. Christiansburg being as remote as it is, we still had an array of committed parents who made the trip, and bringing our meet to a more urban area would certainly lead to an increase in the number of spectators, all of whom would utilize local restaurants as well as make use of local accommodations.

Despite our appreciation for the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, the facility has committed itself to a collegiate conference meet for the next 4-years, coinciding with the time at which our meet must be scheduled. As such, we sought out an alternative venue, the Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center in Stafford County, and were able to secure it. However, in our securing the facility, we misplaced a different group that was looking to use that facility at the same time; a group that is now seeking out an alternative venue for their meet.

The perspective my role in the VISAA affords me has really made me more aware of the dire need for more championship meet venues across the state. The city of Alexandria is poised and in a unique position to dramatically improve, certainly the availability of these championship meet venues, but even more so the access to an aquatic facility and programming for people of all ages.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Jack Browand  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 7:40 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides  
**Cc:** Mark Jinks; Emily Baker; James Spengler; Robin DeShields; William Chesley; Laura Durham; Margaret Orlando  
**Subject:** Park & Recreation Commission FY 2018 Budget Letter - Aquatics  
**Attachments:** PRC Aquatics City Council Letter Final 3-31-17.pdf

Honorable Mayor & members of City Council,

Please find attached a letter from the Park & Recreation Commission regarding the proposed FY 2018 Capital Improvement Budget.

Sincerely,  
Jack

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James B. Spengler  
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March 31, 2017

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Park & Recreation Commission:  
10 Year CIP Budget

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members:

The Parks and Recreation Commission ("The Commission") writes regarding the current proposed budget for the 10 year CIP. The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities ("RCPA") is facing \$27M in unfunded Capital Improvements over the next 10 years. It is clear that this department is taking on a significant burden of the budgetary constraints without regard for the future fiscal consequences.

In difficult economic times, it is easy to cut what seems like an amenity, but the Commission believes this strategy is short-sighted and ultimately fiscally irresponsible. The RCPA and the Commission based other recreation master plans around the implementation of the Aquatics Master Plan. Eliminating this plan will leave the City with a gaping hole of unmet recreational needs far into the future.

Close to a million dollars, and countless volunteer and staff hours have been spent to develop a fiscally responsible Aquatics Master Plan to minimally meet community aquatics needs. As you know, the current state of the City's pools is abysmal. Of those not permanently closed, all face catastrophic deterioration and require significant attention. Many will never re-open and, in the light of those circumstances, the Commission supported pursuit of a minimal aquatics plan to insure future cost recovery of facility construction and maintenance.

The two key pieces the Commission felt would both serve the community as a whole and allow for construction and maintenance cost recovery are the Therapeutic Pool at Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center and the renovation and expansion of Chinquapin Park Recreation & Aquatics Facility. Both are removed from the proposed budget.

With respect to the Therapeutic Pool, as the budget currently stands, the City Manager removed the \$1.4M aquatics design planning funds from this year's RCPA budget. As a result, RCPA cannot plan and accordingly cannot seek grants to fund the Therapeutic pool, a pool that would likely be primarily funded with outside resources. It is a significant loss to meeting the City's aquatics demands particularly for senior citizens and those with special needs. In short: the proposed budget short changes our most vulnerable citizens and disregards the progress needed to obtain outside funding.

The proposed budget is equally catastrophic to Chinquapin. The renovation and expansion of Chinquapin is a critical piece to overall recreational services provided by the City. It is central to recreation as a whole in the City, not only in location but also in programming. As it stands now \$15.3M is currently unfunded to complete the renovation. An additional, \$8.1M, dedicated to the Open Space Master Plan was removed from the 10 year CIP and instead \$7.5M was moved to the CFMP budget to maintain the aging Chinquapin physical plant. The Commission believes this is ill-advised and fiscally irresponsible. It is, once again, a decision to use a band-aid where surgery is required.

These funds, which could cover half of the renovation and expansion of Chinquapin, will only cover capital maintenance of the building and not the equipment/services that provide programmable, cost-recoverable services. There is unequivocally no chance to recover the \$7.5M without renovation to the facility as a whole.

Without the planned renovation to this critical recreation facility, the Commission is further concerned about spending approximately \$9M on the new Neighborhood Recreation Center at Patrick Henry ("PHRC"). PHRC was planned with the understanding that there would ultimately be a fully functional and renovated Chinquapin. A "neighborhood" recreation center like PHRC will not serve citywide programming needs like Chinquapin. Council's Neighborhood Recreation Center model has made cost recovery for both the construction and programming prohibitive, which will only add to the burden of RCPA's shrinking budget.

Additionally, removing the \$8.1M from the Open Space Master Plan is short sighted, because land prices in our region continue to outpace inflation. The increased number of approved residential development projects in the City will only make it more difficult to satisfy the requirements set forth in the Open Space Master Plan.

The Commission understands that it is easy to strike out large line items. It is much more difficult to ask the City Manager and staff to re-evaluate the budget as a whole in order to make the best fiscally responsible decisions for the entire community. Rather than planning recreation as whole to meet community needs citywide, the City is falling into the continual trap of looking at recreation in a piecemeal fashion without concern for the significant service gaps and without an understanding of what is needed for a viable cost recovery policy. As the Cameron Run Park planning process continues, it is imperative Council understand that without these other recreation pieces in place, priorities at Cameron Run Park will shift significantly.

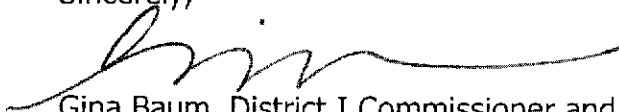
In an effort to refocus the City's planning of recreational facility needs designed to meet a growing population while the Cameron Run planning process is underway, the Commission would like Council to consider the following three times:

- 1) Reinstate a portion of the proposed \$1.4M aquatic design planning funds, in the amount of \$400,000 to FY18 to do the following:
  - a) Ask RPCA to re-engage the Hughes Group to develop a Therapeutic pool plan to be used to seek grants to fund the Therapeutic pool at Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center.
  - b) Ask RPCA to reengage Kimley-Horn and/or Counsilman-Hunsaker, or engage the Hughes Group to revisit the Aquatics Master Plan in conjunction with the Cameron Run planning process to make further recommendations with this site in mind.
- 2) Reinstate the remaining \$1M for aquatics planning in FY 2019 of the 10 year CIP based on the outcome of 1b.
- 3) Reinstate the Chinquapin renovation funding to the 10 year CIP beginning in FY 2021.

We believe these steps will get the recreation planning for the City as a whole back on track.

The Park and Recreation Commission would like to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Gina Baum, District I Commissioner and Stephen Beggs, District II Commissioner on behalf of Jennifer Atkins, Chair, and Judy Coleman, Vice-Chair, and the Park and Recreation Commission

CC: Youth Sports, AAA Bill Rivers, M. Jinks, J. Spengler

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Jean Schumann via Call.Click.Connect.  
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- Name: Jean Schumann
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: curiouscat9@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please see attached letter.
- Attachment: Property Tax Increase Letter.docx
- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 10

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April 1, 2017

To the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and City Council,

I'm writing to be sure my voice is heard regarding the proposed 5.7 cent property tax increase. It's too high, it's too much, all in one year, on top of increased sewer/stormwater fees, and last year's property tax increase. Raising taxes excessively and spending money is easy. Rein in the wish list, make the hard choices, spend more wisely. That's what I'm looking for from my elected officials.

I'm a federal employee. Take a look below at how annual federal salary increases have compared to the annual inflation rate for the last seven years. You can see that federal employees have not been getting richer – we've had to rein in our wish lists, make hard choices, spend more wisely. We're unable to control the increases that have occurred in our health insurance premiums, long-term care premiums, and those astronomical Comcast bills. I've invested money in my home -- making it a more valuable property that the City also benefits from -- in the hopes that I'll be able to have more time to enjoy it in retirement in the near future. I don't want to get taxed out of the home I've been making for my retirement years. I know the city has additional tough years ahead – I don't have the means for large property tax increases every year.

	Salary Increase	Inflation Rate
2016	1.6	1.3
2015	1.0	0.1
2014	1.0	1.6
2013	none	1.5
2012	none	2.1
2011	none	3.2
2010	1.5	1.6

Think of the federal employees and federal contractors in Alexandria, and their likely prospects for the next four years under the Trump administration.

Thank you.

Jean Schumann  
507 Robinson Ct.  
Alexandria



## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Emily Cooney via Call.Click.Connect.  
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 1:07 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click  
Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #117797: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council The  
proposed budget cut that will impact

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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- Name: Emily Cooney
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: emilygeorge08@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: The proposed budget cut that will impact Cora Kelly Rec Centers operational hours is terrible. As a parent in the neighborhood, we go weekly (and sometimes more) to the toddler playroom, along with many other families. It is a wonderful, safe, fun space for our children to interact and explore. The arguments that there is limited parking are ridiculous. There is almost always space available as many of us walk directly from the neighborhood. I have heard that we would be directed to Mt. Vernon and Charles Houston. Mt. Vernon has NO parking, and is too far for seniors to walk, and if it is raining, forget it. While Charles Houston has a small lot, I have had to park on the street there MANY times as it is a larger facility, and entirely too far to walk for either seniors or parents w/ kids. Taking this from our community will negatively impact the seniors and the younger children in our neighborhoods here. Find the savings elsewhere.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, April 7

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April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Members of City Council  
Alexandria City Council  
City Hall  
Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: Founders Park

Dear Council Member,

As a member of the Founders Park Community Association (FPCA) since inception, I've seen past ideas and challenges posed for modifying the City's intended plan and use of this valuable 'green space' –from Passive-use to outright development! Commendably, the City has prevailed and it remains as intended -- a Passive park.

Indeed, from the outset, the City has maintained its original stance, i.e., that it remain as is and Alexandria's Parks and Recreation has commendably developed and maintained, along with FPCA support, a National asset that should remain – passive and apart from any Business Improvement District (BID) activity.

I urge the current City Council to retain Founders Park in its present state for families, visitors and city residents to enjoy.

Thank you for your consideration and service to our City!

Sincerely yours,

  
Allan L. Gruer, Resident

**City of Alexandria, Virginia**  
**FY 2018 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP**  
**Budget Website & *Call.Click.Connect.* Comments**

From March 15, 2017 to March 22, 2017

**Concerned:**

Fast Facts on the Alexandria Public School Website give average class room sizes of:

Average Class Size

18 Elementary

20 Middle

22 Secondary

§ 22.1-253.13:2(C) of the Code of Virginia, says:

(i) 24 to one in kindergarten with no class being larger than 29 students; if the average daily membership in any kindergarten class exceeds 24 pupils, a full-time teacher's aide shall be assigned to the class; (ii) 24 to one in grades one, two, and three with no class being larger than 30 students; (iii) 25 to one in grades four through six with no class being larger than 35 students;

Seems like ACPS and the City could eliminate overcrowding simply by adapting the Virginia standard. Why are we spending all this money on new schools and raising taxes for a problem that doesn't exist?

Hope to hear from the City Manager and City Council on this.

**Jessica Hughes:**

I write to urge the City to adopt a FY18 budget that fully funds the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS), particularly ACPS' need to expand and modernize its facilities. For years, ACPS and the City Council knew the schools were overcrowded but have not taken steps to address this issue. Now ACPS, via Superintendent Crawley and the Board, have asked the Council for urgently needed funds, but the City's budget does not fulfill that request. In the next 3 years, it is a mystery how the 9th graders will even fit into Minnie Howard. Other schools, such as Douglas MacArthur, are falling apart, complete with routine gas leaks and mold. Without further funding, MacArthur's desperately needed renovation will fall from the priority list. For our City to continue to attract and retain families -- the bedrock of our community (and property tax base) -- we must act to provide adequate funding for ACPS.

## Jackie Henderson

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**From:** Morgan Routt  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 10:04 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** City Council Aides; Mark Jinks; Laura Triggs; Emily Baker; Debra Collins; OMB Staff; Craig Fifer  
**Subject:** FW: website comments  
**Attachments:** Website Comments March 15-22.pdf

The attached includes one comment posted to the OMB website and one comment received through Call.Click.Connect over the past week. In addition, the following two budget questions and answers have been posted online.

Date	Name
3/22/2017	<u>Question #21: The Supplemental Capital Program includes \$15.0 million for Waterfront Small Area Plan Implementation. What plan initiatives are proposed to be addressed with this funding?</u>
3/21/2017	<u>Question #20: The proposed CIP proposes a new CFMP for 2355 Mill Road. What is the long-term plan for this facility and the adjacent property?</u>

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Morgan Routt  
(703) 746-3743