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March 28, 2002

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
CC:: Members, Alexandria Commission for the Arts
FROM: Annmarie Pittman, Chair *AK*
RE: FY2003 Commission for the Arts Conditional Grant Awards Recommendations

Enclosed is a list of applicants seeking support for the arts from the City of Alexandria. A total of 30 applications qualified for operational, project and technical support grants totaling \$203,900. This reflects a 19% increase over the previous year. We were pleased with the response from our very active arts community.

Our five volunteer panels worked hard in reviewing each and every application and made recommendations based on the application, their knowledge in their particular discipline and their familiarization with the applicants body of work.

The 15 member Commission acted upon each grant application on Tuesday, March 19, 2002. Based upon the recommendations supplied by the panels and the thorough review of each grant application, the Commission developed the attached conditional grant award request. Recognizing the cutbacks that were necessary in this past tragic year, the Commission has authorized me to submit the amount of \$144,937 (\$139,937 City & \$5,000 VCA) as our recommendation for conditional grant awards. This is the same amount that was granted last year and represents 71% of the total request for FY2003.

Our Commissioners are pleased to serve the City and wish to thank you for your interest in the arts and your continued support of these worthwhile organizations.

Please let me know if you need additional information.



Alexandria Commission for the Arts
Conditional Grant Awards
FY2003

Grant Applicant	Type	Discipline	Request	Panel Recommendation	Conditional Award
Alexandria Choral Society	Operational	Music	\$ 7,500.00	Full Funding	\$ 7,500.00
Alexandria Citizen Band	Project	Music	\$ 900.00	Mid Partial Funding	\$ 600.00
Alexandria Harmonizers	Operational	Music	\$ 10,000.00	Full Funding	\$ 9,790.00
Alexandria Performing Arts Association	Operational	Music	\$ 10,000.00	Full Funding (\$7300)	\$ 7,300.00
Alexandria Singers	Operational	Music	\$ 7,580.00	Mid Partial Funding	\$ 4,000.00
Alexandria Symphony Orchestra	Operational	Music	\$ 10,000.00	Full Funding	\$ 9,790.00
The Art League	Operational	Visual Arts	\$ 10,000.00	Mid Partial Funding	\$ 9,000.00
Capital City Opera	Operational	Music	\$ 10,000.00	Full Funding	\$ 9,790.00
EcoVoce	Operational	Music	\$ 1,900.00	High Partial	\$ 1,900.00
First Night Alexandria	Project	Interdisciplinary	\$ 25,000.00	4 Partial & 1 Full Funding	\$ 9,790.00
Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center	Operational	Visual Arts	\$ 10,000.00	Partial Funding	\$ 9,000.00
June Franklin Dance Company	Project	Dance	\$ 2,500.00	Full Funding	\$ 2,500.00
Janet Stormes	Individual Project	Dance	\$ 1,000.00	Full Funding	\$ 1,000.00
Kathy Hardy Gray Dance Theatre	Operational	Dance	\$ 3,000.00	Full Funding	\$ 3,000.00
Kids in Music	Project	Music	\$ 6,000.00	Mid Partial Funding	\$ 2,997.00
Metro Stage	Project	Theater	\$ 20,000.00	Partial Funding	\$ 9,790.00
Mount Vernon Chamber Orchestra	Project	Music	\$ 10,120.00	High Partial Funding	\$ 8,000.00
NO VA Chapter/American Guild of Organists	Project	Music	\$ 10,000.00	Full Funding	\$ 1,000.00
Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association	Operational	Visual Arts	\$ 10,000.00	Mid Partial Funding	\$ 9,000.00
Northern Virginia Youth Orchestra	Project	Music	\$ 5,000.00	High Partial Funding	\$ 3,500.00
Port City Playhouse	Operational	Theater	\$ 2,900.00	Full Funding	\$ 2,900.00
RSVP/Young at Art	Project	Visual Arts	\$ 500.00	Full Funding	\$ 500.00
Springwater Fiber Workshop	Operational	Visual Arts	\$ 10,000.00	Full Funding	\$ 9,790.00
Virginia Opera	Project	Music	\$ 7,500.00	Full Funding	\$ 7,500.00
Virginia Scottish Games	Project	Interdisciplinary	\$ 10,000.00	4 Partial & 1 Full Funding	\$ 2,500.00
Alexandria Choral Society	Technical Assistance	Music	\$ 500.00	Full Funding	\$ 500.00
Alexandria Harmonizers	Technical Assistance	Music	\$ 500.00	Full Funding	\$ 500.00
Alexandria Singers	Technical Assistance	Music	\$ 500.00	Full Funding	\$ 500.00
The Art League	Technical Assistance	Visual Arts	\$ 500.00	Full Funding	\$ 500.00
Springwater Fiber Workshop	Technical Assistance	Visual Arts	\$ 500.00	Full Funding	\$ 500.00
TOTAL GRANT REQUEST			\$ 203,900.00		\$ 144,937.00
TOTAL POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE			\$ 144,937.00		\$ 144,937.00
REMAINDER			\$ 58,963.00		\$ 0.00

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The Honorable Kerry J. Donley
Alexandria City Council
City Hall
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Donley and Members of City Council:

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association, I would like to express our support for the City Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2003 allocation to the ACVA.

As we all know, the events of the past six months have shown us, more than ever, the importance of tourism to a healthy city economy. ACVA strives to continue to provide tourism tax dollars to help fund the City's much needed programs. While the City Manager's proposal falls short of fully funding the ACVA's FY 2003 Business Plan, with creative modification of our plan, we feel sure we will meet our goals and objectives for the coming year.

We look forward to working in partnership with each of you and with the City Manager and his staff to further the success of Alexandria's tourism industry.

Sincerely,

Wanda McKeon
Chairman of the Board
Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association

cc. P. Sunderland

Alexandria Hotel Association
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Alexandria City Public Schools

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Phillip Sunderland, City Manager
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Dear Mr. *Phil* Sunderland:

At the March 21, 2002 School Board Meeting, the School Board voted to amend the FY 2003 School Budget to include a 2.3 percent step for "topped out" employees.

Twenty-six percent of school employees are at the top of their pay scales. In order to ensure that our compensation for employees is consistent with the City employees, we respectfully request that the City Manager's Proposed Operating Budget be amended to include funding for the additional step for school employees for a cost of \$677,239, resulting in a total operating budget of \$135,271,504.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rebecca L. Perry'.

Rebecca L. Perry
Superintendent

RLP:bh

cc: The Honorable Mayor Kerry J. Donley
The Honorable Mark R. Eaton
The Honorable Susan J. Johnson
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The Honorable Linda D. Cheatham
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City of Alexandria, Virginia
Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney

F: Budget

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
From: S. Randolph Sengel, Commonwealth's Attorney
Re: FY2003 Budget Issues
Date: March 22, 2002



The purpose of this memorandum is to update Council on the impact of state budget cuts upon the budget of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, and to outline justification for continuing funding from local sources.

I. Impact of state budget cuts. At the annual spring meeting of the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Association on March 17, 2002, we were informed by representatives of the Compensation Board that funds paid by the Compensation Board to localities for Constitutional Officers will be reduced by 7.2% for FY2003, and in FY2004 this reduction will be increased to 8.5%. Although the final figure for funds to be received from the Compensation Board for the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office will not be available until May, it is anticipated that this cut will result in a reduction in state funds to Alexandria of about \$66,000.00 for FY2003. This reduction was confirmed by a memorandum from the Compensation Board Executive Secretary distributed March 22, 2002.

In addition, the latest and presumed to be final version of the state budget also cut the budget of the Virginia Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council by 20%. While this cut will have no direct impact in terms of reducing state revenue to the City, it will require us to adjust funds now budgeted for training of prosecutors. As a result of cuts to the Services Council budget, money available from the state for training of prosecutors has been reduced, and our office will be required to bear a greater share of expenses for training using existing funds.

II. Justification for local funding. It is the hope that the City will agree to fund the shortfall in state funds so that the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office can continue to operate at its current level of staffing. (Reduction of funds by \$66,000.00 would require termination of existing personnel. There are no categories of expenditures other than personnel which could absorb such a reduction.) In considering this issue, I respectfully ask that Council take into consideration the following factors which illustrate the extent to which daily efforts by prosecutors generate revenue for the City.



A. Direct contributions to the locality as a result of our work:

1. As a result of the successful prosecution of criminal and traffic cases in General District Court, the Court remits to the City on a monthly basis fines and forfeitures in substantial amounts. The last three months reported (December, 2001, January and February 2002) show revenues to the City from these cases at an average of \$68,000 per month. It is worth noting here that many Commonwealth's Attorneys in Virginia exercise their statutory option not to prosecute any misdemeanor criminal and traffic matters. Our office has always undertaken this effort even though we are not required by law to do so.

2. Substantial efforts on the part of prosecutors participating in a newly constituted environmental crimes task force portend resolution of pending case which we expect will result in a civil settlement payment of six hundred and seventy five thousand dollars (\$675,000.00) to the City general revenue fund. While this one case cannot predict with certainty a continuous revenue source of a definite amount, it is our hope that this effort will continue to produce a source of revenue for the City to apply to the costs of environmental clean up and funding for agencies which participate in such efforts.

B. Indirect contributions to the locality as a result of our work:

1. A significant amount of our work is supported by grant funding which requires no local matching funds. In particular, our efforts in securing funding for the Community Prosecution Program (\$350,000.00 for 36 months) and the continuing operation of portions of our Victim Witness Program have enabled us to continue this work without requesting additional local funding. The value of these programs to the community can be measured in both intangible and tangible categories. For example, because of the staffing and training level of our Victim Witness Program, we were able to make substantial contributions to handling the needs of local families who lost loved ones in the September 11 attack on the Pentagon. On a daily basis this program offers assistance on every level to all crime victims in their contact with the criminal justice system. In more tangible terms, this program has implemented aggressive efforts to collect restitution in criminal cases, and since undertaking such efforts has averaged collecting over seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) per year which is disbursed directly to crime victims.

2. Our pursuit of forfeiture of assets seized in connection with criminal activity continues to provide a source of revenue for some equipment needs. This process allows the acquisition of certain equipment without impacting local revenue, and returns a substantial amount of revenue to the police department as well. (Forfeited assets are disbursed 20% to the prosecutor's office and 80% to the police department).

C. A final comment on some intangibles:

A common inquiry often aimed at law enforcement funding asks why staffing levels cannot be reduced because of declining crime rates. There are two principal reasons why such declines do not materially impact the amount of work required from prosecutors. First, declining rates of reported crime do not necessarily mean declining numbers of cases in which criminals are arrested and prosecuted. Notwithstanding the decline in the rate of reported crime in Alexandria, we

continue to commence substantially the same number of cases per year. Thanks to advances in forensic science, especially in DNA, we are closing and prosecuting cases now which in the recent past would never have been solved. These scientific advances also contribute significantly to the second factor impacting our work load, which is that many cases which are prosecuted now are substantially more complex in many respects than cases in the recent past. As a result, the knowledge and effort required to successfully conclude such cases is much greater. In this regard, the foolishness of cutting state funds for training for prosecutors at a time when it is needed more than ever is readily apparent.

Finally, I assure you that Alexandria is truly fortunate to have retained a number of experienced prosecutors who are able to apply a degree of legal knowledge, insight, and experience to the benefit of this community which vastly exceeds in value what they are being paid. While it is true that the support of the City has been very helpful in fostering an environment in which career prosecutors can continue to serve, it is important to realize that the legal services provided by these dedicated employees is a tremendous bargain when compared to similar service in the private or federal government sector.

I appreciate your continuing support, and I hope that you will feel free to call me directly at any time if you have questions about budget matters related to this office. Thank you.

cc: Philip Sunderland, City Manager
Mark Jinks, Assistant City Manager for Fiscal and Financial Affairs
Gene Swearingen, Director, Office of Management and Budget

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March 19th 2002

Mayor Kerry J. Donley
301, King Street
Alexandria VA 22314

Dear Sir:

I read with interest your reported comments in the Gazette regarding the proposal that the City budget should increase by 6.6% in the coming year. I also noted the comments on the relative changes in business taxes and private property tax valuations...the fact that the former have decreased while the latter have increased significantly. You seem to be relieved that the budget can be covered by private property taxes and offer a 2 cent reduction in the tax rate...1.8% of the current base. I am not impressed by your generosity and noted the comments reported from several Council members who seem wary of even considering cutting taxes.

With respect, it is surely irresponsible of you and the Council to consider that a 6.6% increase in your budget is acceptable based on the additional income from private property taxes.

When tax expenses increase for a business that business has the option to increase the price of its services or products. My property valuation changes only the paper value of an asset but it does not change my income. Under your budget proposal and rate reduction, my tax payment to you will increase by 12% this year based on my latest valuation. The assessment increases the value of my land by 50%...yes that's 50%...in a single year. This makes me wonder what motivation was given to the office of assessments for a year in which the Council is aware that income from business taxes would be curtailed.

Are private property owners supposed to borrow money against the property to pay for your inflated budget? Your attitude appears to suggest that why should you be worried when your citizens have "earned" so much from their property this year. There are no such earnings.

I lived in California during the time of Proposition 13 which reflected the will of the citizens to control this attitude of local councils to freely spend other people's money based on private property asset valuations which do not provide income. I suggest that you carefully consider such precedents. Surely in difficult times you should be finding ways to reduce your budget as everyone else has been forced to do and not assume that residents are willing to cover the loss from business taxes with an increased tax on their assets which provide no additional income.

Yours sincerely,



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October 5, 2001

The Honorable Kerry J. Donley
City of Alexandria
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Donley:

As the City of Alexandria moves forward with budgeting for the coming year, I ask that you would consider further funding for projects that would enhance neighborhood safety within the city. To include speed tables, side-walks, speed reducing signage, etc. Many residents between the 1400-1600 blocks of Crestwood Drive have benefited greatly from the initial effects of temporary speed-tables. The speed of traffic has dramatically been reduced and the hazard of cut-through traffic has been diminished. I request that City Council provide funding for **permanent** speed tables and speed reducing **signage** for the 1400-1600 blocks of Crestwood Drive.

In closing I would like to compliment the Transportation and Environmental Services staff on the manner in which they perform their challenging job. Both Rich Baier and Bob Garbacz have been very responsive in dealing with the varying requests that have come from this neighborhood and have worked diligently with many residents to formulate a solution. I look forward to working with them in the future to ensure that the safety of our neighborhood is preserved.

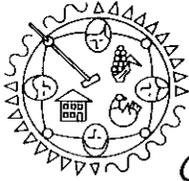
Sincerely yours,



Suzanne Wilson Houck

cc: Mr. Richard Baier, P.E Director, Transportation and Environmental Services
Mr. Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, T&ES, Engineering
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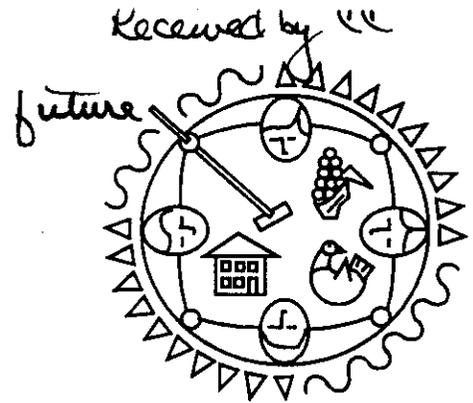
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Alexandria, VA 22313



Dear Mr. Sunderland,

We are the Alexandria United Teens. We formed over a year ago and we are teens trying to make changes in the Arlandria / Chirilagua neighborhood. Our community is predominantly Latino/a and African American. There are many teens who live in our neighborhood. Because of the lack of 'safe' public spaces many of the teens around here are often in the streets where there are many potential dangers. Many of our parents work two jobs in order to pay the high cost of housing and living in Alexandria. Many parents in our community do not have enough time for their children. Teens, like us, don't have a place to go to enjoy ourselves - WE URGENTLY NEED A TEEN CENTER!

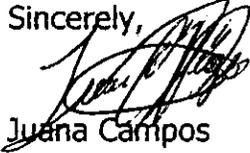
We have been to Recreation Centers around Alexandria and saw that most of the people at the recreation centers were children from the ages of 6-11. We visited the Cora Kelly, Mount Vernon, and Charles Barrett Recreation Centers. We saw that teens didn't participate because teens didn't want to be around small children. We have done research on other teen centers. We came up with our ideas about what kind of center we wanted by visiting other teen centers, including: the Old Fire House in Fairfax, the Latin American Youth Center in Washington, and the Computer Clubhouse on the Route 1 corridor.

From these visits we developed our ideas about the kind of center that we want. We want a center that is for teens between the ages of 12 to 19. We want a center that would at least have regular weekend parties, dancing classes, homework help, fun games and drama plays, cultural activities, and provide opportunities for community involvement. We want a teen center that will attract teens of all races and genders. Having teens involved in all aspects of its development (including location) will lead to the best possible center. We think if teens work on its development it would be teen friendly. We understand that the City of Alexandria has a budget of \$50,000 dollars to develop the plan for a teen center. We would like to become involved in the creation of this center. As we said before we really think there is a need for a teen center. It is important to provide 'safe' semi-public spaces where teens can study, learn, and have fun. We want to work with the City to create such a center in the greater Arlandria area.

We look to working with the City so that we can become involved and together partner to create a great teen center. To that end, we will call you to

set up a meeting where our members can meet with you at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Juana Campos
Vice President, Alexandria United Teens.

cc: Mayor and Council

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Executive Director
Patricia E. Gallagher, AICP

**IN REPLY REFER TO:
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The Honorable Kerry J. Donley
Mayor of the City of Alexandria
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-3211

Dear Mayor Donley:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City of Alexandria's FY 2003-FY 2008 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

We have reviewed the CIP, and it appears that none of the projects in this CIP impacts the federal interest. We share the City's interest in improving the quality of life in the National Capital Region, which is evidenced by your attention to open space acquisition and preservation, maintaining the City's tree canopy, increasing landscaping and plantings, and improving the City's gateways and historic resources.

Turning your attention to a related matter, our proposed Federal Capital Improvements Program for the National Capital Region for Fiscal Years 2003-2008 is scheduled to be released for public comment in May. We will send you a copy of the FCIP at that time and would welcome your feedback on the program.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input into your Capital Improvement Program and look forward to continued coordination in the future.

Sincerely,

Patricia E. Gallagher, AICP
Executive Director



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April 2, 2002

The Honorable Kerry Donley
Mayor of the City of Alexandria
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Donley:

On behalf of The Arc of Northern Virginia and our Alexandria members, thank you for participating in the March Is Including People with Developmental Disabilities Month proclamation ceremony on March 18th. Celebrating the accomplishments of and opportunities for Alexandria's youth with disabilities made for one of the most memorable events to date, and we are honored that you were able to join us.

Now that it is April, the Council will begin its work on the City's FY 2003 budget. The Arc is working with a group of Alexandria parents who have young adults with mental retardation and related disabilities, known as the 22 Committee, to prepare recommendations on funding priorities for this population. Given the tight fiscal times we face due to a sagging economy and severe state cutbacks, we wish to focus on one critical concern: vocational and day support services for students who will leave the public schools in June 2002.

Vocational and day support services are critical for Alexandria's youth with disabilities to make a successful transition from school to adult life. These services help young adults continue to build upon the core work and independent living skills they gained throughout their school years. Moreover, many young adults who receive job training, job development, and job coaching become productive members of the work force and tax paying citizens. For youth with complex behavioral, physical and medical conditions, vocational and day support services provide the daily therapy needed to maintain functional communication and social skills, muscle tone and movement, and a structured daily routine. These services prevent physical and cognitive deterioration that may lead to the need for intensive, expensive treatment in more restrictive settings.

Employment support services are also essential to families that care for adults with mental retardation and related disabilities. Without these services, parents will be forced to stop working so they can provide ongoing support to their family member. Constant caregiving results in loss of household income, cessation of health care and other employment benefits, a strain on parents' physical and psychological health, and stress in family relationships. When families break down, individuals often end up in costly, out-of-home placements, and parents must depend on public benefits for their income, housing and health care.



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advocacy and support for people with developmental and related disabilities



United Way

Approximately 46 adult Alexandrians with mental retardation currently receive vocational services in a variety of settings, including supported employment in competitive job placements, group supported employment in enclaves at local businesses, or sheltered employment in public or privately operated facilities. This June, there will be six T.C. Williams special education graduates who need funding for vocational services, because they cannot access funding from an alternative source, such as the Department of Rehabilitative Services or the Medicaid Mental Retardation Waiver. Three of these young adults will be unable to return home, and will also require a residential placement. The total of community vocational and residential services for these six graduates is \$189,000.

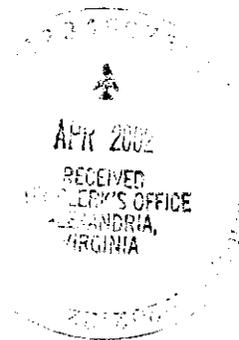
Young adults such as Erik Abramovich, whose accomplishments as an intern at the National Society for Professional Engineers were highlighted at the proclamation ceremony, are on the cusp of leading fulfilling, productive lives and making great contributions to the City of Alexandria. The Arc asks you to ensure their success by introducing and supporting a budget item to fund vocational services for the 2002 special education graduates.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to facilitate such an action, and to garner the support of City Council on this item. We greatly appreciate your willingness to entertain this request, and hope we can work together to make it a reality for Erik and his peers.

Best wishes,



Jeannie Cummins
Director of Advocacy and Programs





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Douglas MacArthur Elementary School
Parent Teacher Association

April 8, 2002

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Dear Mayor Donley, Vice Mayor Cleveland, and Members of the City Council:

We would like to thank you for your support of Alexandria City Public Schools. We see every day the positive results when our city's schools are adequately funded.

Over the past few months, we have followed the development of next year's ACPS capital and operating budgets. Our PTA presented testimony at School Board public hearings, and we have otherwise tried to stay informed about the budgeting process. Superintendent Perry has developed a careful budget, and we hope you will support it. We would also like to support the attention to secondary school renovation that is included in the capital budget. Growing numbers of children are in elementary school, and they are working their way through the system.

Coincidentally, our PTA meeting is scheduled the same day as your public hearing on the budget. The undersigned are those who attended the meeting and thus were not at the public hearing.

Again, we urge your approval of the school operating and capital budget, and your continued support of Alexandria City Public Schools.

Sincerely,

(Name)

Martha Blakeslee

(Signature)

Martha Blakeslee



NAME

SIGNATURE

MARY ANNE SALMON

Yvonne Folkerts

Paula Whitacre

CRAIG CHURCH

Vonda Delawie

LISA GOLDBERG

Paul Gordon

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