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April 17, 2002

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

Dear Mayor Donley:

On behalf of The Arc of Northern Virginia and our Alexandria members, I would like to thank you for taking the time to address the need for vocational services that young adults with developmental disabilities and their families have after leaving high school. We greatly appreciated the questions you and other members of City Council had about what happens to these students, and we are delighted you are looking into the feasibility of supporting the cost of vocational services for those who cannot access other funding sources at the state level.

I have enclosed an article which appeared in the Northern Virginia Journal the day after City Council held its budget hearing. The article explains how different local jurisdictions are addressing the need for vocational services for special education graduates. We hope you find it informative and useful in your deliberations.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional resources to assist in your decision-making. Once again, thank you for considering this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Cummins
Director of Advocacy and Programs



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Reuben Lucas, a 22-year-old senior at T.C. Williams High School, washes dishes Tuesday at his Old Country Buffet restaurant job in Hybla Valley. His parents are lobbying the Alexandria City Council to support funding for vocational services for special education students graduating from high school.

Victims of lean times

Parent's request to extend son's job training funds underscores need for state to aid mentally disabled

By **TRIGIE EALEY**
Journal staff writer

Reuben Lucas must take two buses to get from his parents' Alexandria home to his part-time job as a restaurant dishwasher in Fairfax County.

Lucas earns about \$50 a week loading and unloading the huge industrial dishwashers at the Old Country Buffet on Route 1. Wearing yellow gloves and a disposable plastic apron, he sorts and stacks the plastic food tubs and the stainless pans neatly on a nearby cart.

If a dish comes out of the dishwasher still soiled with food, Lucas takes the pans to the sink and washes them by hand. He then puts the pan back into the dishwasher.

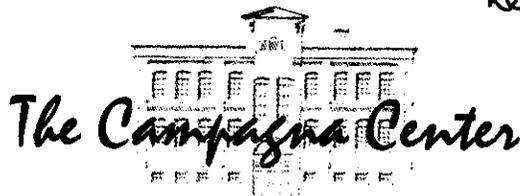
his dark blue restaurant T-shirt revealing a tie-dyed T-shirt he received playing basketball at the Special Olympics. He playfully drapes his jacket over his head before putting his arms into the black coat.

Susan Lucas, Reuben Lucas' 55-year-old mother, laughs as the younger of her two sons jokes around.

"He can be a clown," said Susan Lucas, a retired federal employee.

Behind the smile, she and her husband Jay worry about their son Reuben, much more than they worry about their elder son Zac, 26 and a college graduate.

"In every single facet of life, we worry about him," Susan Lucas said. "Where will he work and live? Who are his friends?"



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April 23, 2002

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The Honorable Kerry Donley and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Donley and Members of Council,

We are extremely concerned about a provision of the City Manager's proposed FY03 budget which may not have come to your attention, since we are sure you agree that after-school hours are critical for children, both to keep them safe while their parents work and to provide them with experiences that enrich their learning and develop their talents. The Campagna Center provides those opportunities for 1,300 Alexandria children every day, through our contract with the City to offer our Campagna Kids program at 13 elementary schools.

The field of school-age child care has advanced significantly in the last decade and Campagna Kids has kept pace with these changes in curriculum, staff qualifications and accreditation. In fact, we now have met the requirements to be accredited at four of our sites: Charles Barrett, Jefferson-Houston, William Ramsay and George Mason. Accreditation has attendant costs, not the least of which are wages that will attract and retain qualified staff.

Regrettably, we have been advised by City staff that the City Manager's proposed budget reflects no increase in funding for the Campagna Kids program in FY03, not even the 2.5% COLA needed to maintain our current status with the increased costs of doing business. We strive to conform to the vision you share of quality programming, including accreditation, enrichment, and qualified staff. As the City requested, we have made every effort to encourage parents to seek other sources of funds through the Child Care Fee System, and we continue to supplement parent and public revenues with private funding whenever possible (\$71,600 in FY01).



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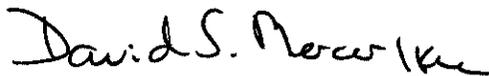
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It is impossible to accomplish these goals without adequate City support. We cannot expect to retain staff when the City Recreation Department operates after-school programs at the same hours, in the same buildings, but **lacking licensing, accountability or accreditation** – while paying significantly higher wages to its staff.

Please let us know of our opportunity to discuss this issue with you prior to adoption of the FY03 City budget.

Sincerely,

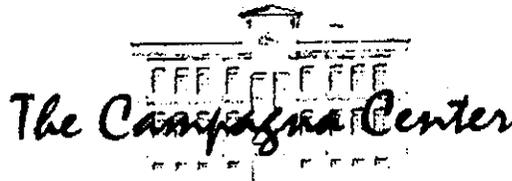
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David S. Mercer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "D" and "M".

David S. Mercer, President
Board of Directors

cc: Philip Sunderland, City Manager

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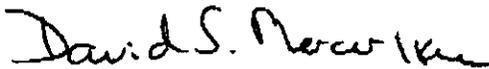
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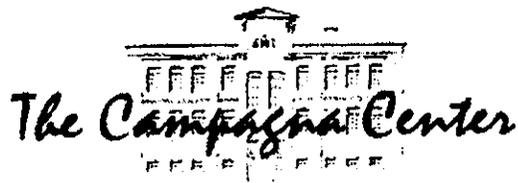
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David S. Mercer, President
Board of Directors

cc: Philip Sunderland, City Manager



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Making a Difference of Alexandria's Children and Families
the United Way & Combined Federal Campaign

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FROM: K. Monson
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Mayor Kerry Donley
Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mayor Donley and Members of the City Council :

Thank you for your continued support of the Arlandria Health Center for Women and Children. As you know, Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (ANHSI) has been working in partnership with the Alexandria Health Department since January 1997 to manage the Arlandria Health Center. In addition to management responsibilities, ANHSI has been responsible for raising funds to sustain the Center. An initial agreement between the City, the Commonwealth and ANHSI ensured that each party would contribute 1/3 of the cost of operating the Health Center, to meet a budget of \$300,000. Over the years, ANHSI has been able to significantly increase private funding for the Center and expand the portfolio of health services available to the community.

This fiscal year, our costs will exceed \$1 million. The City committed \$200,000; the Commonwealth, \$125,000; and ANHSI must raise \$675,000 by year's end. Together with the Alexandria Health Department, ANHSI will provide health care, counseling, and case management services to more than 2600 people, most of whom are very low-income, uninsured women and children living in the Arlandria community.

During the final days of the Commonwealth's budget deliberations, the Center was cut by 10%, a loss of \$12,500. In addition, our United Way designations are down by 25% for next

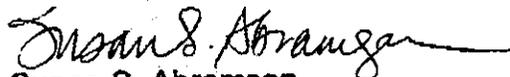
Your tax deductible contribution supports services at the Arlandria Health Center for Women and Children and at our new Family Center including:
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• Referrals for Specialty Care • Preventive and Gynecological Services for Women • Individual and Family Therapy

year as are many of our grants from philanthropic foundations on whom we depend for the bulk of our support.

It is my understanding that the Mayor is planning to request an additional \$20,000 to help offset the significant funding shortfall that we will be facing in the coming fiscal year. In the absence of additional support, we will be faced with the decision to lay off staff and cut back services. This leaves our clients with few options for primary care other than going to the InovaAlexandria Emergency Department or going without.

In a recent conversation with DSS officials about trends in unmet needs among the City's poor, they reported that without a doubt, the need for affordable health care, prescriptions, and adjunct health services is the most significant problem in the City, followed by affordable housing. The Arlandria Health Center is one of the few places in the City where uninsured women and children can go for health care. Thank you for working to sustain the Center as a viable option for so many families to seek and receive high quality health care.

Sincerely,



Susan S. Abramson
Executive Director, ANHSI

sent to CC, CM, OMB

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5851 Quqntrell Av. #310
Alexandria, VA. 22312-2756
14 May 2002

Alexandria City Mayor and Members of City Council:

Re: Expansion of Senior Taxi Service Program, City Mgr. Memo 4/8/02

1. At your hearing on 6 or 7 May, the tentative conclusion was to place the requested \$33,125. in the City's 'Contingency Fund' which, in effect defers any action on the proposal until a later date. City Council agenda's are never devoid of issues that need decision and deserve attention, but I join the rest of the Alexandria Commission of Aging Members in deploring further deferral of action on this long standing issue.

2. Some fifteen years ago when I chaired the Commission's Committee dealing with transportation the small clientele then served protested loudly about lack of service to the Anderson Clinic and to Shopper's Food Warehouse. As you know, the Anderson Clinic was located in Arlington County about two blocks outside our City limits. It offered rehabilitation services for those with broken bones, and offered services not available within the City. A few of the taxi drivers were willing to bring their passenger to the Clinic by turning on their meter at the City-line and assessing full rate for service over that two blocks. My Committee encouraged the contractor to try to make this service available from all drivers - although we also knew that most of the clients were probably trading food or heating budget to pay this added fare. After all, NoVA was full of such 'Berlin Walls' and each jurisdiction was very jealous of its own capability to provide service. As to the Food Warehouse, at that time it was located on the South side of Duke St. extended - today it offers the new store in Landmark Plaza which is just North of the City boundary at Lincolnia Road.. We see quite a few people wheel loaded carts around to the back of the store, i.e. the Lincolnia Road side, - maybe they too are finding ways to get taxi service for grocery shopping which is permitted twice a month.

3. The limited rate of growth in Alexandria's elderly population alleged by the 2000 Census, reflects poorly on the City's services for the elderly. As the group represent discriminating consumers who support the trading functions of most businesses, and aside from their vulnerability to abuse, do not require a lot of government services, this is an age group that should be nurtured and retained. Production and distribution, without a lot of customers, soon cease. The coming Council should be encouraged to measures that will make Alexandria a desirable place for consumers so that our producers and distributors have a good market opportunity.

4. Recommend that the \$33,125. be funded in your 2003 budget.

Respectfully,



J. Donald Edwards





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ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

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Chair

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William L. Claiborn, Ph.D.
Executive Director

May 17, 2002

The Honorable Mayor Kerry J. Donley
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mayor Donley:

On behalf of the Board, I want to express our strong appreciation for your efforts during the budget process. Your support and ability to create a unanimous agreement around the budget was essential. We are very pleased about our ability to continue our services despite the State's reductions, and, for the first time, to obtain funds for the half dozen young people graduating from Special Education who need vocational support. We hope this can become a tradition, as it is in other Northern Virginia jurisdictions.

We know that the community corrections people at the Court Services Unit, the CCJB and Adult Probation and Parole are all pleased that they will be able to get treatment and assessment services for their clients as the result of the SABRE 'pickup'.

The Council support for our base 'supplemental' as well as the \$100,000 estimated State shortfall are a reminder of the strong commitment that you and others have made to our programs.

Again, please accept our thanks and appreciation for your special efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Phillip Bradbury
Chair





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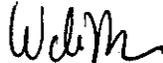
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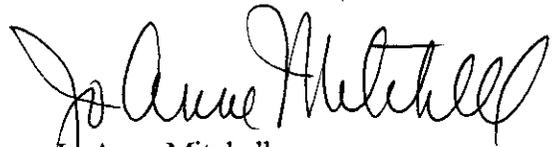
On behalf of the Board of Governors and nearly 200 members of the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association, we would like to express our appreciation for your ongoing support of Alexandria's tourism industry.

Your approval of the City Manager's ACVA budget allocation and your decision to fund Dash About are not taken lightly. We are committed to maximizing the City's return on its investment and to making Alexandria a premier travel destination as well as a wonderful place to live and work.

We look forward to working in partnership with you in the upcoming fiscal year.

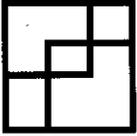
Sincerely,


Wanda McKeon
Chairman of the Board
ACVA


Jo Anne Mitchell
President & CEO
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Alexandria Hotel Association
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Mayor Donley and Members of City Council
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Dear Mayor Donley and Members of City Council,

Thank you all for approving a \$35,000 increase to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts' grants to the Arts in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. We acknowledge and appreciate Councilman Speck's initiative on this, as well as the full Council effort.

Thanks for keeping the arts on your radar screen, and continuing to support the growing arts community here. Your continuing support for the arts has fostered an impressive growth of the Arts in our community, which enriches us all.

It doesn't feel like it was so long ago that our fledgling Del Ray Artisans applied for our first grant from the City – and here we are, with your help, celebrating our 10th Anniversary year!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kathryn A. Brown
Assistant Treasurer
For the Board of the Arts Resource Foundation dba Del Ray Artisans





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May 23 , 2002

Mayor Kerry J. Donley
City of Alexandria, City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mayor Donley,

I understand our City Council has approved an increase of \$35,000 to the amount budgeted for support of the arts in Alexandria, through the granting program of Alexandria Commission for the Arts. We greatly appreciate your support, the initiative of Councilman David Speck, and the support of the members of the Council. The cultural and artistic identity of Alexandria is something in which we all take pride, and the value that the city places on the arts in the community is demonstrated by your continuing support, both financial and personal.

Your attendance, official ribbon-cutting, and words of appreciation and encouragement on the occasion of the opening of our Duke St. Annex last fall; the Council's demonstrated commitment to the arts through this financial support; the continuing, and in fact increasing, funding allocated to the arts are very much appreciated—not only by those of us providing these services, but by the whole community which benefits in so many ways from the rich cultural atmosphere that helps define Alexandria.

We are proud of our association with the City of Alexandria, and consider ourselves blessed to be a part of Alexandria's vibrant arts community. In these troubling times, I think the arts are more important than ever and am most gratified to see that our leaders concur. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the members, students, faculty, and staff of The Art League, I thank you and the City Council for your support.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Brinker Hafer
Executive Director



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July 12, 2002

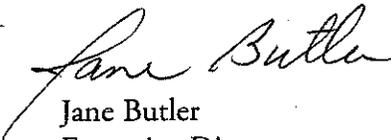
Mayor Kerry J. Donley
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Dear Mayor Donley and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the board of directors and staff of Springwater Fiber Workshop, I would like to thank you for approving an increase in funding of \$35,000 to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. We have been providing fiber arts education in Alexandria for 16 years and the City's continued support of the arts has been very much appreciated by our staff, teachers and volunteers. This award will help Springwater continue to expand its offerings of workshops, public programs and other activities to fulfill our mission of teaching and promoting the fiber arts. We were thrilled to receive even more than we had requested. Now we will be able to fund an increase in our programs for school-age children and teacher training on integrating the arts into basic education.

We acknowledge the support of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts in our promotional materials and on our Web site. I look forward to working with you in the coming year to encourage more people to participate in the arts in Alexandria.

Sincerely,



Jane Butler
Executive Director



Sent to CC

#2 S/1602 RF

July 21 - 02

To Mayor Kerry Donley -
Re: Issues Concerning Senior
Citizens Topic Expansion.

I've neglected to respond to the
printed issue in June; Silver Streak -
Just found my copy in with other papers
to answer - So - Now I'm taking time
to do so - I'm a great supporter of
using the Topic Service - I do not
drive and bus services are not
convenient to most medical facilities
or where you have to go to get a bus -
(distances and time for appts not helpful).

I realize many of the seniors don't
or can't write / call to help express their
ideas or needs - they need advocates to
help them express their needs -

Hopefully, the officials of our city will
take time to (see & think about the
problem as if you had to use the
Topic Services.) I have had in
some conversations with seniors - saying

2. They aren't sure how to go about letting someone know what they need. (many aren't able to write or not always up to calling on the phone -

Maybe now with my letter someone can decide if its worth extending these services - If word gets out and people know they can get to a variety of medical assistance - they will certainly use the "Senior Topics" -

I'll be interested in hearing how this all will come out in near future -

Thanks for thinking of these "Senior Citizens"

We have a good City and will run group of people to see it is taken care of here in "Alex" -

Good work!

Sincerely -



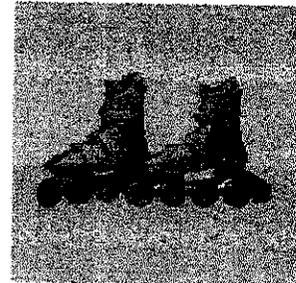
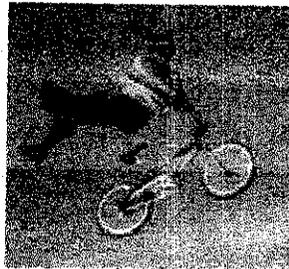
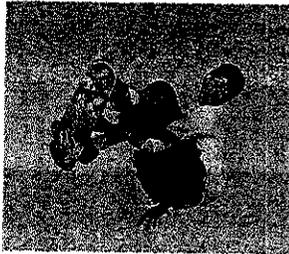
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Alexandria, VA 22301

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Do You Want A Skate Park??



The City is considering building a park for skateboarders, roller bladers and bikers. The park is NOT in the City budget. E-mail or write to the Mayor and City Council as soon as possible if you want a park. It is important that they hear from you *WHY* you want the park. They must hear from you **today**. You can e-mail them by sending it to the Clerk of the Council, Beverly Jett, and she will forward it to them.

Beverly.Jett@ci.alexandria.va.us

You can also send them a letter. Mail to:

Mayor and City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

If you want a place to skateboard, roller blade or bike without being kicked off the street all the time, please send an e-mail or a letter **NOW**.

**Remember Every Voice Counts, So
Please Send An E-Mail or a letter
TODAY!!!**

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P.F. 5-6-02



Beverly I Jett

05/06/2002 07:47 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate park

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bcjwolfe@comcast.net

05/03/02 06:28 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park

Dear Clerk of the Council,

I think you should build a skate park. I live in Fairlington and I have no where to skateboard. Everywhere I go there are cars driving by. Or, there are signs put up saying no skateboarding or roller-blading. Once, I was even told by a police cop not to skateboard. Also, a neighbor yelled at me for skateboarding near her house. Once in a while, I want to be able to skateboard without anybody telling me not to. So, I would like you to build a skate park.

Sincerely
Jacob Wolfe



Beverly I Jett

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05/04/02 09:11 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park

To whom it may concern:

I am completely in favor of building a skate park in Alexandria. I am a parent of two young boys and we own a home in the Del Ray neighborhood. My oldest son is very interested in skateboarding and practices frequently in the street, on the sidewalks and in parking lots close by our neighborhood. He and his friends also enjoy in line skating and play street hockey. I've recently driven him down to Potomac Mills twice to go to Van's skate park. This is a huge inconvenience because of the distance and travel time involved, and I don't look forward to doing it again anytime soon. The children in our city who are interested in skating deserve a place to hone their skills and have fun with their friends that is safe, close by and convenient. Skating in the streets is NOT safe and poses a potential threat to our children's safety and the safety of drivers as well. Giving kids a place to recreate can only be a positive thing as it gives them a constructive way to spend their time, gets them off the streets and into a safe environment. We do not have enough places in our city for children to enjoy themselves outdoors. There are not enough ball parks for kids to play soccer and baseball. We need more open spaces for play and fun, or we will pay the price with kids in trouble or in danger. Please DO consider building a skate park in Alexandria, for the sake of our children. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Bair, 103 E. Oxford Ave., 703-684-8724



Beverly I Jett

05/06/2002 07:51 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: SKATE PARK

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/06/02 08:15 AM -----



REYVAN@aol.com

05/04/02 10:56 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex, jtaylor@alexandriatoyota.com @ INTERNET
cc:
Subject: SKATE PARK

What a great idea a skate park would be. Not only would it be a great place for the youth of Alexandria to take part in a fun and a modern form of exercise and recreation. It would also serve as a unique way to show that Alexandria is progressive in its approach to the future without compromising its historic past. Also this is a wonderful opportunity to show Alexandria's youth that the government is truly here to serve the people! All the people!
Sincerely, David Reynolds



Beverly I Jett

05/06/2002 07:56 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/06/02 08:20 AM -----



SDJ5201@aol.com

05/04/02 02:25 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Ms Jett; I believe a skate park in the city of Alexandria is a good idea because of the number of young people who enjoy skateboarding and rollerblading. A park would give them a safe and secure place to skate as opposed to skating in streets, parking lots and other unsafe areas. I have been a resident of Alexandria for 20 years and have raised my children here and now have my grandchildren living in this city. As the popularity of skating has risen in the last few years, I believe any investment in a skating park for the young people is an excellent idea.

John D. Snoddy
5201 Richenbacher Ave
Alexandria VA 22304



Beverly I Jett

05/06/2002 07:57 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/06/02 08:21 AM -----



Kitchura3@aol.com

05/04/02 02:41 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Beverly Jett, Clerk of the City Council

Dear Ms Jett; In reference to the issue of the the skate/rollerblading park, I would like to vote in favor of the park. As we know, many of the children using rollerblades and skateboards as well as bicycles have no controlled area to ride in safely. Please forward this e-mail to the appropriate city council members and Mayor Donnelly to help us advocate for a safe place for our children and grandchildren to skate and ride.

Sincerely,
Seminary Valley resident
5201 Richenbacher Ave,
Alexandria, VA 22304

Kathryn M. Snoddy



Beverly I Jett

05/06/2002 08:08 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/06/02 08:32 AM -----



pistachiyo@yahoo.com

05/05/02 08:46 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc: :
Subject: Skate Park

Dear City Council,

On Wednesday, May 1, 2002, the Francis C. Hammond Middle School Student Council Association, representing 1500 sixth, seventh, and eighth graders, voted to support the building of a skate park in the City of Alexandria. We feel that this would give skateboarders, rollerbladers, and cyclists a safe environment in which to practice. It will also keep them from interfering with activities in other public places where their skills aren't welcome! Please vote in favor of the skate park,

Sarah Schaffer

SCA President

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Beverly I Jett

05/06/2002 08:09 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

Thank you for your comments. I have sent them to the Mayor and Members of City Council.

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/06/02 08:33 AM -----



TimWombat626@aol.com

05/05/02 09:49 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Wassup.

My name is Tim. I'm 11 yr.s old and like to skateboard, along with lots of my friends. I think it is a great idea to have a SP in Alex. so you don't have to drive all the way out to Vans. It's also safer because it requires gear. How can I help? Write back.

Tim



Beverly I Jett

05/06/2002 03:38 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: park in alex.

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/06/02 04:02 PM -----



**phutch84@hotmail.co
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05/06/02 10:22 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: park in alex.

I WANT A SKATE PARK!

thanx.
perry hutcheosn

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Beverly I Jett

05/06/2002 03:39 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skatepark

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/06/02 04:03 PM -----



bposey@comcast.net

05/06/02 10:43 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skatepark

As a parent, teacher, and church youth worker, I would like to voice my total support of a skatepark in Alexandria - preferably one that's indoor - and free! The kids in Alexandria should have a place to play this sport just like baseball, football, basketball, etc.

Please feel free to contact me if you have other questions.

Beth Posey
488 N. Latham St.
Alexandria, VA 22304

*Sent to CC; CM;
Budget; S. Whitmore*

P.F. 5-6-02



Beverly I Jett
05/03/2002 06:05 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate park in Alexandria

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/03/02 06:29 AM -----



LDwyer1038@aol.com
05/02/02 05:01 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park in Alexandria

Dear Mr. Mayor and members of City Council,

When we heard the news that there was a possibility of a skate park being built in the city of Alexandria we were thrilled. We are very much in support of a park of this kind.

We have three children, two of which are boys and love to skate. They do both skateboarding and roller blading. Our oldest son who is 13 years old spends countless hours in the street in front of our house. We live in Seminary Valley where traffic isn't heavy, but it does concern me to have them in the street. I encourage them in this activity because they love it and they get an unbelievable amount of exercise. Most kids today don't have a physical activity that they enjoy doing on their own outside of organized sports.

The problem with this type of skating is that many of the "tricks" that the kids like to perform involve apparatus that is usually found in public places like curbs, rails, ramps, stairs etc. Most all of these things can be incorporated into a skate park so that kids are not skating in public areas.

It would be nice to have a skate park so the kids have a place to gather and skate together. Thank you so much for considering this.

Sincerely,
The Dwyer Family



Beverly I Jett

05/03/2002 06:13 AM

To: Flwrhaze02@aol.com @ INTERNET
Subject: Re: skate park in Alexandria 

Erin,

I do not know who is responsible for placing banners throughout Alexandria regarding the skate park; however, the ones that are out there have generated a lot of interest and e-mails which have been provided to City Council.

I'll certainly pass on your support for a skate park to City Council.

Beverly Jett

Flwrhaze02@aol.com



Flwrhaze02@aol.com

05/02/02 07:54 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park in alexandria

hi, my name's erin and im a senior at tc williams, ive been seeing the banners around alexandria for a skate park, and i was wondering if it would help to have some on the west side area (by hammond, thats where i live) do you have to pay for them? i dont skate myself (b/c im really bad at it) but i love watching it and reading about it, and think that it would really add to alexandria if a skate park was made in the area, that way kids dont have to drive to the vans skate park, or skate on the street and get in trouble by the cops or be a hazard to traffic. where is the meeting held, b/c i would like to attend it if possible, please e-mail me back w/ information, i would really appreciate it!!!!

thanks!!!

-erin connors



Beverly I Jett

05/03/2002 06:14 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park Proposal

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/03/02 06:38 AM -----



**RJR@episcopalhighsc
hool.org**

05/02/02 09:45 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park Proposal

I am very much in favor of seeing a skate park built in the Alexandria area; my sixteen year-old son is an avid skateboarder, and usually has to visit parking lots and staircases to do his skating. Occasionally we make the trek to Vans' Skate Park in Potomac Mills, but the trip is a long and costly one. I am a high school English teacher as well, and I know a number of young people who would benefit from being able to skate at a supervised park. My son requested that the park be a "no helmet, no pads" park, but forget it--I'm all for these safety precautions. Again, I'm a voice strongly in favor of this park construction.

Tim Rogers
Episcopal High

School

RJR@episcopalhighschool.org



Beverly I Jett

05/03/2002 06:18 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: responding to the idea about a skate park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/03/02 06:40 AM -----



mztropical4u@hotmail.com

05/02/02 10:30 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: responding to the idea about a skate park

Hi Beverly, my name is Bobbie Portis my son brought home this flyer about a skate park. I think its a wonderful idea. The reason I think this because in Alexandria what is there for the kids to do my son is only six but he is really into skateboarding and roller skating. I havent lived here only for about a year but since I ve been here I have heard of alot of gangs in this area maybe if the kids were focusing on fun things were they can compete with each other they wouldnt have to turn to crime and drugs, and maybe if they had there own territory to skate and rollerblade there would be less graffiti, and complaints elsewhere. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 1-(703)-751-7342. Thanks and Good Luck.



Beverly I Jett

05/03/2002 06:20 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skatepark in Alexandria - letter attached

The Word doc is his letter. Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/03/02 06:43 AM -----



mrlobster@earthlink.net

05/03/02 12:06 AM

To: mayoralx@aol.com @ INTERNET
cc: Beverly I Jett@Alex
Subject: Skatepark in Alexandria - letter attached

CHRISTOPHER K. JENSEN
2836 KING STREET W ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA W 22302-4024

May 2, 2002

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

Dear Mayor Donnelly,

I am writing this letter to you and members of City Council so that you will build a skate park in Alexandria. I am 13 years old and I love to skateboard. I have been skateboarding for three years. Skating and skateboarding is very popular with a lot of Alexandria kids. My parents and my friends' parents often drive my friends and me to the Vans Skatepark in Woodbridge. It is so far away from Alexandria and the traffic is usually so backed up that it takes a long time to get there. It is also so crowded at the Van's park that it is easy to run into other people.

Having a skate park in Alexandria would make it easier for me to skate closer to my home. It would be a lot safer than skating on the street by my house. Our city needs to have all different kinds of parks for all the different people who live here. We have swimming pools, tennis courts, soccer fields and baseball fields. So, please build a skate park in Alexandria.

Sincerely,

Chris Jensen

cc: Clerk of the Council



Beverly I Jett

05/03/2002 08:03 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/03/02 08:27 AM -----



**TastefulAffairs@aol.co
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05/03/02 07:00 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park

Beverly,

As a mother of a 16 year old son and 14 year old daughter, I know how important it is to provide for our youngsters a place to use up their young energy, and no better place than a skate park. When my son was younger we traveled to Potomac Mills Mall to the skate park, which he loved, but the distance did not permit us to go as often as he would have liked. I encourage the city to create a skate park for our young boys and girls.

Thank you,

Linda J. Harkness (resident and business owner of Alexandria)



Beverly I Jett

05/03/2002 08:04 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/03/02 08:27 AM -----



Aklbailey@aol.com

05/03/02 07:38 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Dear Council:

Almost every afternoon I hear the crunch of granite wheels on Overlook Drive as my neighbor's son, Cal Purdy, practices on his skate board. Although he is a really good kid, he doesn't always watch for cars the way he should. I worry that some day he'll get into an accident. If you all are thinking of a skate park, I think that would be a good idea.

Anne Bailey



Beverly I Jett

05/03/2002 08:11 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Support for skate park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/03/02 08:35 AM -----



LSTCWEIR@aol.com

05/03/02 08:21 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc: sweir@wba-arch.com @ INTERNET, Lilceez808@aol.com @
INTERNET
Subject: Support for skate park

Mayor Donley and City Council,

We are writing in support of the request for the city to provide the children of Alexandria a skate park. Our children have long enjoyed rollerblading and skateboarding and have been frustrated with finding acceptable areas to use. One of their most enjoyable experiences was putting together a rollerblade hockey team and using an enclosed tennis court for the game. This was quickly put to an end by neighborhood complaints and the police, though supportive of the children's activity, who had to stop them from playing. Other local and national regions have successfully built skate parks and have appropriate rules and regulations for safety. We respectfully ask the city to consider this proposal that fosters physical activity for the children of Alexandria.

Sincerely,
Lynne and Steven Weir
430 Timber Branch Parkway



Beverly I Jett

05/03/2002 12:20 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/03/02 12:43 PM -----



baselhijjawi@hotmail.com

05/03/02 09:06 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Saw your e-mail address on a poster...yes I am in support of building a skate park for kids, please add me to your list of supporters.
My name is Basel Hijjawi, Home Tel (703) 751-4707.
Basel

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*Sent to CC; CM;
Budget; S. Whitmore*



Beverly I Jett

05/02/2002 08:28 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate park

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..... Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/02/02 08:36 AM



Vtaylor13@aol.com

05/01/02 09:22 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park

skaters need a place to skate in alexandria without being kicked off or yeled at if there was a park for skaters it would keep kids of thje street and be alot of fun for bikers bladers and skaters



Beverly I Jett
05/02/2002 08:27 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park for Alexandria

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/02/02 08:35 AM -----



ckesaris@hotmail.com
05/01/02 05:02 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park for Alexandria

Dear Ms. Jett (Clerk of the Council),

When we first heard that Alexandria was going to build a skate park (over a year ago), my son, who was 10, and I were very excited. There is no place for skaters to skate in Alexandria except parking lots and streets. It seems many communities smaller than ours have skating parks. When we visited inlaws in Maine, the small town had a decent, small skate park! All my kids wanted to know why not Alexandria? We do have a lot of first-rate basketball courts and playgrounds but playgrounds are mostly for young children and all the nice basketball courts are in lower income neighborhoods. It would be nice to have a skate park that is not in a questionable neighborhood that everyone would feel safe using. Skating, scootering, rollerblading are becoming mainstream sports and we are in the position to provide a place for these kids (and adults). At the present, we go to Vans Skate Park in Potomac Mills which is really a long haul from Alexandria. Walter (my son) and I thought this was a done deal. Don't tell us it ain't so!!! Must we beg, borrow and steal to show our support for what could be a lot of fun for these kids? Just let us know what we must do.

Carol and Walter Kesaris

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Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 03:51 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/01/02 03:58 PM -----



trevw@comcast.net

05/01/02 04:02 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park

Hi

My name is Trevor Weir. I am 20 years old and have lived in Alexandria my whole life, give or take a couple months. I am writing in regards to the flier I receive about building the skate park. I am 100% in favor of building this skate park and am kinda jealous that they didn't have one here when I was younger. I have been skating since I was about 10 years old, off and on. And have struggled with finding places that I could skate board with out being kicked out or hassled by the police. I don't think the city knows the negative affect they have caused to kids by neglecting a skate park. Eventually they limited the places that I could skate to the point where it wasn't worth continuing the sport. After quitting this sport is when the use of drugs and alcohol, something I had been strongly against, started to seem like a much better idea. This city limits the things these kids can do and then wonders why they need such a strong police force. I can sure tell you with me they got what they asked for. After a total of 2 DUI's one of them a car accident, 3 possession of alcohol under age, 1 unlawful entry charge on a residential home where I was completely under the influence of alcohol, 1 possession of marijuana, 1 possession of a fake id, and a couple other little charges that I received all under the influence alcohol and drugs, I decided to get sober. And the first thing I started doing when I first got sober was pick up my skateboard for the first time in about 5 years. While I was living in a halfway house out in Port Townsend, Washington State outside Seattle for 5 months, I got to see how much a skate park affects a town. That was the first thing I saw when I drove through that town for the first time and I new exactly where I was going to be for the next 5 months. This Park was sitting right in the middle of the town next to the shore line. It was a free park and no one worked there, it was just open to the public. It had a sign up that said protective gear recommend, skate at your own risk. The ages of skaters there ranged from about 5 years old to about 40 years old. Every one there had a great time, practicing and practicing every day. It was a very safe environment so parents would feel comfortable leaving there kids there (not real young kids) while they ran to the store cause there was always someone older there. And the parents always new where there kids would be after school everyday. And not only were there a ton of people there skating everyday, but there was a tone of people who loved to watch us skate. I bet if they made a park here, half the people who contested the park, would find themselves going down there to watch people skate. Cause I think skating is by far the funest sport to watch as well. Now I have about a year and a half sober and still try to go skating whenever I have a chance to. And you don't know how happy it makes me feel to see all of the little kids of all different nationalities skate boarding around the streets now. So hopeful the city will do something they needed to do a long time ago and go ahead with the skate park.

Trevor Weir



Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 04:03 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

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**welshsalon@comcast.
net**

05/01/02 04:11 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

I support the skate park and think that the city should build it

Thomas Welsh
703.683.2400



Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 04:07 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/01/02 04:15 PM -----



grisham@erols.com

05/01/02 04:19 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Beverly,

I recently heard about to possibility of a skate park in Alexandria.

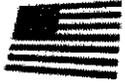
I would like to support the park ... as one of my two sons is an avid skateboarder.

In the past he has frequented underground parking garages in our city and driven to the skatepark at Potomac Mills in order to skateboard. I don't believe any of us want our children driving on major highways or going into parking garages just to find a place to have fun.

I believe we are not serving the needs of our community if we don't provide our children with a place to be kids. Mind you these are high school boys. We need to provide students with a place to hang out doing what they love, instead of making a nuisance of themselves.

Thank you.

Rhonda Grisham



Beverly I Jett
05/02/2002 10:53 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

..... Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/02/02 11:01 AM



**KZYao@AdvantagePerf
ormance.com**
05/02/02 10:51 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Depending on size, location, and more knowledge of alternative use of funds, I'd be in favor of a skate park and would like to learn more about how to lend support.

I saw your sign with your e-mail in McDonald's



Beverly I Jett

05/02/2002 02:20 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/02/02 02:28 PM -----



pmiller@youthevote.net

05/02/02 01:42 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

To Mayor Donley and City Council Members:

I'd like to add my support to the Skate Park. I believe this is something that is badly needed in Alexandria -- with all the people that are skateboarding and roller blading today it has become a true sport. Just last night as I was driving home on Howell, two kids were roller blading right down the middle of the street. I don't think we want to further encourage this. Having a specific place for this sport is needed and I hope you'll support it when you consider the budget. Many thanks. Pat Miller



Beverly I Jett

05/02/2002 02:23 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Yes to Skate Park in Alexandria

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/02/02 02:31 PM -----



**greuter@asisonline.or
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05/02/02 12:56 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Yes to Skate Park in Alexandria

Dear Mayor Donley & Members of City Council,

I would like to join my daughters and hundreds of other children in Alexandria to express support for a Skate Park. While I know it is not currently in the Budget, I believe strongly that this is something that needs to be added this year. As a witness to kids using every parking lot, street and imaginable space possible to skate board, we need a specific location where they are permitted to skate, before we end up with a tragic accident. Not only is it dangerous where they currently skate board, but I see the damage that they inflict to the property of businesses along the Avenue and throughout the city.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Gayle T. Reuter
110 E. Del Ray Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301

*Sent to CC; C.H.
Budget; S. Whitmore*

5-6-02



Beverly I Jett
04/30/2002 04:05 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: please build a skatepark

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/30/02 04:13 PM -----



niven24@hotmail.com
04/30/02 04:16 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: please build a skatepark

hi i am a local skater from alexandria.....

one of my friend told me that there might be a skate park opening here in alexandria.... and i almost cried out loud in my class....

having a skatepark right here close to home....is going to be like living in heaven..... i skate around alexandria..and there is some good spots to skate at ,, and we are not even allowed to stay there..... i remeber one incident when i was just walking home and a cop pulled up to me asking for id and where i was? wat i was doing here? if i've been skating or not? i mean i just want a place to go to where i dont have to worry about things like that..... and having one here will take us off the streets where who knows wat can happen to us its also a good thing for the community because then our parents will atleast know where we will be at because most of the time they dont know where we are ,, ,, ,, because we can never stay at one spot more than like 5 minutes.... people doesnt understand wat we go through everyday when we skate, for example (i am sure if u found something to do that is really fun , and u just love doing wat ur doing , but when u do it the whole community REJECTS u as if wat ur doing is a crime.) i feel like that everyday.... as if i am being rejected from society.... we get treated badly with no respect.... having this park will make us stay out of peoples way and will be a benifit for the whole community,,,,,,
.....

thanks alot for listening to me and i hope that there will be a skatepark or not that i or we (skaters) are asking for alot , but just a place out of worry and out of other peoples way. :)

also this will bring out BLADERS,BIKERS,SCOOTERS, not just skateboarders, THANKS ALOT
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Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 07:49 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: regarding skate park in alexandria virginia

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/01/02 07:56 AM -----



certifiedandree@excite.com

04/30/02 05:17 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: regarding skate park in alexandria virginia

Hello, My name is Andr'ee Smith I am a local skater and almost cater hehe!

I am emailing you regarding the skate park in alexandria,va I think it would be a good idea to have a skate park because it would give people who skate board,biking,and rollerblading a chance to have place too go so there wont be any interference from people complaining about them trespassing or skating in traffic and it would be good exercise for the people who enjoy the sport of skating and biking.

 It would be a good idea to have a skate park in alexandriava also because it would create jobs for people who into skating a job too do something that really like and enjoy so they could have a chance too work there,Also it would help boost the economy up in alexandria like it would bring people from other states if they dont have a skate park to come to one in alexandria if they dont have one or not and also it would bring jobs to alexandria,for the youth also etc....

 And I would suggest a way too pay for this skate park is having a food fundraiser which is my specialty food type of sell i suggest would be a bake sale items like brownies & cookies and have a sale price for those i could help price the fund raising items also have a special donation for those who want the skate park and also maybe a special dinner for the people who are interested in skating and biking.

 Also, most of the skate parks I know have like skate boards,skate shirts,and skate shoes for sale so that would pay for the skate park itself and most skate parks have a entrance fee range between \$7- 15 at least you dont want too high because you figure not all the youth may have jobs but it would attract the teenagers,adults,and kids who like skating and biking.

 Also it would be a good idea to have like snack machines and a like a type of bevarge area so when people feel sweaty and out of breath they could have something too drink etc and maybe a short resting area.

Also it would keep kids and teenagers out of trouble.

 If you need any help regarding a fundraiser or what types of food items too sale for a fundraiser please give me a call at my business number at 703-575-9320 or my home number at 703-575-9537 and or email at this email or my other catering email at aceandree@hotmail.com and i'll get back too you soon as i can and maybe we make arangements you can reach between the hrs. of 10:00 am-6:00 pm 7 day a week.

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Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 07:55 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skatepark

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/01/02 08:03 AM -----



Kdyowell@aol.com

04/30/02 05:43 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skatepark

i would really like a new skatepark because the closest on to me in about 25min away and is really expensive



Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 07:55 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/01/02 08:03 AM -----



corn7633@gis.net

04/30/02 09:13 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park

Dear Mayor and City Council:

I would love to have a skate/bike park in Alexandria! It would be a great place to skate safely and meet friends. My friends at school (Hammond) said they thought it would be great too.

Tyler Cornelio
4004 Feather Stone Pl.



Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 07:56 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/01/02 08:03 AM -----



corn7633@gis.net

04/30/02 09:13 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My friends and I would love to have a skate park close by! It would be safer than skating on the street. We could also meet kids from other schools too.

Ethan Cornelio
4004 Feather Stone Pl.



Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 07:57 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: <No subject>

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shepis@hotmail.com

04/30/02 09:49 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: <No subject>

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Hi, My name is shepherd i am a sophmore at TC Williams High School and i am e-mailing you because i was told by a friend that in order to get a skate park in Alexandria i must email you so this is my email => i would really love to have a skatepark in Alexandria because Vans is soooooo far away. its rediculouse. i mena who wants to drive liek 40 min and pay almost 20 dollars to skate for an hjour and a half. and i was told that if we were to have a skatepark it would be designed by roller bladers in which case i suggest you get skate boarders to because skaters and boarders have dif things they like to skate on.

shepherd (PLEASE!!!)

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Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 07:57 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/01/02 08:05 AM -----



kegan72@yahoo.com

04/30/02 10:16 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Dear Ms. Jett,

I write to you today in support of the proposed skate park in Alexandria. My block, the 3000 Block of Hickory St., is full of kids who ride their skateboards. Unfortunately, several of our neighbors and their friends refuse to slow down as they come up the hill. While many of us have contacted the police with the license plates of these speeders, nothing has been done so successfully stop the problem. I am afraid that one of these days a child will be hurt by one of these speeding vehicles. It is because of this that I support the skate park. I feel it will be a good outlet for these children as it will keep them out of harm's way and under adult supervision.

Yours,

Katherine Bennett

Katherine Egan Bennett
kegan72@alum.emory.edu

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Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 07:57 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate boarding

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/01/02 08:05 AM -----



Dunning@aol.com

04/30/02 10:54 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate boarding

Just a quick note to express my strong support for a skate board park in Alexandria and with the City's support. I only wish it would have happened in time for my son, Christopher, to enjoy it. He was "kicked off" more parking lots than I care to remember!
Lets do it and keep these athletes off the street and public and private lots.
Remember when the sport of soccer was gaining in popularity and how much public support it took to get good soccer fields. Boarding and skating's time has come.

Nancy Dunning



Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 08:19 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/01/02 08:27 AM -----



KDicesare@aol.com

05/01/02 07:37 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park

Beverly,

In response to the skate park issue. I have always felt the kids need more options. My daughter plays street hockey and roller blades on the roads. Also I have always felt that this city never does enough for its youth. We end up playing Lacrosse in Arlington we swim on Teams in Arlington and Fairfax. When my daughters did gymnastics I had to go to Arlington. Chinquapin is not a user friendly place for kids and family.

So yes I am for a skate park with a nominal fee or no free. The more you keep kids busy the less trouble you will have with kids drinking, drugs, and sex. I think skate rental should be provided again with no fee or nominal charges.

Ken DiCesare
703-836-9044



Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 11:04 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate board park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/01/02 11:12 AM -----



tgorman@aft.org

05/01/02 10:07 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate board park

To the city council:

I would like to add my voice of support for a skate park in Alexandria. My son asked for a BMX bike (trick bike) for Christmas in 2000 and he got one--but he has used it only once or twice because there is no place nearby for him to safely ride the bike or learn how to do the tricks. The nearest park is a Potomac Mills, which is impractical for us. A skate park that facilitates both skateboarders and BMX/trick bike riders would be a real asset to Alexandria. Please consider including such a park in the city budget.
Yours sincerely,

Trish Gorman Higgins
411 W. Masonic View Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22301



Beverly I Jett

05/01/2002 12:46 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Board Park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 05/01/02 12:53 PM -----



debfunk@mindspring.com

05/01/02 10:38 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Board Park

Dear Mayor Donnelly,

We understand the City of Alexandria is considering building a skate board park so that children and adults will have a safe place to skate board. We think this is an excellent idea.

Our son, who is now 18 years old, had a terrible time when he was younger finding a safe and acceptable place in the City he could ride his skate board. We feel kids spending their spare time practicing their skate board "skills" is good clean fun and that there should be a facility for them to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Funk
Dennis D. McDonald
2201 Valley Circle
Alexandria, VA 22302

*Sent to CC; CM;
Budget; S. Whitner*



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 07:27 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

P. F. 5-6-02

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 07:34 PM -----



jlrhoades@comcast.net

04/29/02 07:41 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Dear Council Members,

I hope that you will approve building a park for skateboarders, roller bladers & bikers. The kids (and adults?) that are into these activities need a place to practice their sport, other than the city streets, sidewalks & local handicapped ramps! The kids get chased off of many properties, public or private, when they try to use what they find available to practice on. Alexandria has many ball parks, walking parks & even bike trails, but not a park that lends itself to stunt bikes, roller blades or skateboards. I think the skate park is a great idea!

Sincerely,
Lauri Rhoades
2918 Bryan St. 22302



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 06:39 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Can u buiid a skatepark

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 06:46 PM -----



**AdioSk8erBam@aol.co
m**

04/29/02 06:32 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Can u build a skatepark

Dear person Can u please build a skatepark because we have alot of skateboarders around hear. and we always have to go to potomac mills to the skatepark thats to far. Beleave me Im the best one of the best skater in alexandria. If we go to oldtown or DC we get kicked out by police. please Build one. Thank you.



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 06:40 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: <No subject>

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 06:47 PM -----



lilmike777@hotmail.com

04/29/02 06:46 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: <No subject>

hello,

a friend sent me this email and told me to write to u about getting a skatepark in alexandria. we need one bad. we dont have any place to go except public places where we arent allowed to. as i said, we need a skatepark in alexandria bad.

mike

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Beverly I Jett
04/29/2002 08:38 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: regarding the skate park

ditto

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Thinkpink107@aol.co
m
04/29/02 08:27 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: regarding the skate park

Hi, my name is Adeline. I am writing to you say that I would absolutely love to have a skate park in Alexandria! My reason is because the nearest skate park to my family and I is all the way out in Potomac Mills! So I definitely recommend building a skate park, I think that there would be tons of business! Thanks Adeline

*Sent to CC; CM;
Budget; S. Whitmore*



Beverly I Jett
04/29/2002 12:58 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

P.F. 5-6-02

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 01:05 PM -----



**naginnarb@hotmail.co
m**
04/29/02 12:59 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Dear Beverly,

Many of my students are skate enthusiasts, which is wonderful. It is great to see them engaged in such a positive activity. The issue is that they are in danger doing it in neighborhood streets, parking lots, and public squares. They will, as kids have historically, taken risks to improve their skill base and have fun. This leads to dramatic injuries and increased dangers such as traffic. Doesn't it just make good sense to provide them with the space they need to this activity. A space providing proper conditions and no traffic other than more skaters. My nephew was so engaged with it as a child that he continued and competed nationally. It was a great way to channel energy which could have been directed in some much more hazardous avenues.

Please help us to obtain this resource for Alexandria's youth!

Thanks,

Ruth Brannigan, Third Grade Teacher

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Beverly I Jett
04/29/2002 12:57 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 01:04 PM -----



bakerskater00@hotmail.com
04/29/02 12:27 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park

WE WE WE WE
WANT WANT WANT
A A A
SKATEPARK!!

We don't like gettin hasseled by cops we dont like getting kicked outta places..when i say we i mean skaters we get kicked outta most of the places we go if there is a place where we can legally skate there wouldnt be so many problems with skateboarding soo thats why i say to make a skatepark!!

Signed,
Anonymous

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Beverly I Jett
04/29/2002 03:27 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 03:34 PM -----



GaleCurcio@aol.com
04/29/02 03:39 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

As the parents of a 13-year old who is passionate about skate boarding, we would very much like to see a skate park built in Alexandria. There are currently very few places for kids who want to skateboard to go and an outdoor place would be ideal. My son is an A-B Honor Roll student, doesn't have pierced nose or tatoos, he would not cause any problems should he frequent a skate park.

Gale and Tom Curcio
703-360-3621

*Sent to CC; CM; Budget;
S. Whitmore*



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:23 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: We support a skate park

P.F. 5-6-02

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:46 AM -----



**BERMAHER04@aol.co
m**

04/27/02 10:45 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: We support a skate park

Dear Ms. Jett:

We have lived in Alexandria since 1985 and have been homeowners since 1988. We strongly support the building of a park for skateboarders, roller bladers, and bikers. Our son and daughter engage in these sports.

The City budget should include funds for construction of a skate park. The activities that this park would support are enjoyed by a wide range of children and adults in Alexandria, but facilities are scarce. Building a park would permit citizens to pursue these activities safely and without conflicting with the activities of others.

Ms. Jett, would you please make our views known to the Mayor and the City Council? Thank you very much.

William F. Maher, Jr.
Michelle M. Berberet
2808 Valley Dr.
Alexandria, VA 22302
703-820-5923



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:22 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate park

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:46 AM -----



Inabug4@aol.com

04/27/02 10:10 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park

i think the city council should vote for this skate park. I'm not saying this cause i'm a kid, and I skate..but cause i know kids who skate, and they're really annoying. If you built the skate park maybe they would stop going to places where they can't skate and get in trouble. And it would give them a place to go in the wee hours of morning instead of outside my house. So consider it for the skateboarders. PLEASE

Thanks,

Ina



Beverly I Jett
04/29/2002 10:22 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate park

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:45 AM -----



DisturbedMan33@aol.com
04/27/02 09:44 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate park

Dear Mayor and City Council:

My name is Jorge Mendoza and I love skateboarding. I started skateboarding because it's something positive to do instead of hanging out in the street doing negative things. But lately it seems like skateboarding is starting to become something negative because we're always getting kicked out of places by the police. The police are always telling us to skate else where, but we dont know where else where is. Every where we go it's the same story. If the city were to biuld a skatepark we would have a great place to skate. We dont have to get kicked out of places by the police and everyone would be happy. Me and other skaters around the area would greatly appreciate it if we could have a skatepark in our city.

Thank you.



Beverly I Jett
04/29/2002 10:21 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: do u want a sk8 park

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:44 AM -----



egrube01@yahoo.com
04/26/02 10:30 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: do u want a sk8 park

To the Mayor and City Council Members,

Hi i am a skateboarder and i think it would be a great idea to build the skatepark. Most people that skateboard in alexandria always get their board taken away or get a fine. I myself am fed up with running everytime i see a police officer when i am skating, and it is like that for rollerbladers and bikers.

A couple of ways to get money for it is from sponsors like the McDonalds right next to Lubukk Field or other resteraunts.

evan grube

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Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:24 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: (no subject)

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:47 AM -----



Trickster640@aol.com

04/27/02 01:27 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: (no subject)

Dear, Ms. Jett,

I am a twelve year old skateboarder who has a 11 year old brother who rollerblades. We've been hoping for a skatepark in Alexandria for a while now and it seems like it may come true. My reason for wanting a skatepark in Alexandria is, as my parents have told me, if we had a skatepark here we would first of all not hack up the town trying to skate, and second, we would not get on peoples nerves by skating in public areas. I really hope this goes through, and thank you for your time.

Patrick J.
Skateboarder

P.S. I got your e-mail from one of my friends who sent out a forward saying we should send our reasons for a skatepark to you. I hope your not overwhelmed with letters!



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:24 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:47 AM -----



bbl1976@hotmail.com

04/27/02 02:12 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

To whom it may concern:

I believe it's a great idea to construct a skate park in Alexandria. The recent rise in the popularity of skateboarding has been immense. Without a place to skate these kids find themselves skating on the streets. Obviously this is not safe and it takes away from the police officers day in which they are enforcing legitimate crime. This skatepark will generate revenue as well as keep our kids safe.

A concerned citizen.....Brandon Little

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Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:25 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skateboard Park

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:48 AM -----



smedd1@comcast.net

04/28/02 02:08 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skateboard Park

Dear Ms. Jett,

I saw a notice in a shop window directing me to this email address if I wanted to register a vote in favor of building a skateboard park in Alexandria.

I am very much in favor of the building of a skateboard park in Alexandria.

Please let me know if there is any other way that I can register my support for the building of the skatepark and where I might be able to find more information on this issue.

Thank-you. Sincerely,

Stephen, Melanie, and Eric Dahlgren
555 E. Nelson Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:26 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate park!

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:49 AM -----



HipHippie@aol.com

04/28/02 03:15 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park!

dear ms. beverly jett, I think we should build a skate park. I personally don't skate but I have many, many friends who do. the people i know don't have many places to go to skate and end up skating where they're not supposed to and begging to skate in parking garages. Some of them also get hurt while they're out skating and there aren't many people around to help them. A skate park would be a safe (and legal) place for them to go after school and do what they love. It also might be a good teen hangout where we will be watched and safe. I think my friends and I all agree that a skate park would be an awesome idea. thank you so much, Emma Shapiro
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Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:26 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park Is NEEDED

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:50 AM -----



RayzumanJr@aol.com

04/28/02 03:43 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park Is NEEDED

Hello

My name is Raymond. I am a student of George Washington Middle School. I think that the citizens of Alexandria deserve a park that kids can go to rollerblade, skateboard and ride their bikes. Police have been recently taking kid skateboards and bikes when they are riding in front of their own houses. They say you have to find some other place so I think this is a good solution. So I hope you consider this serious. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, - Raymond -



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:30 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: SKATE PARK!

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:54 AM -----



PezMonkeys@aol.com

04/28/02 04:27 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: SKATE PARK!

I think having a skate park in Alexandria would be awesome. Great way to get kids off the street. I'm all for it.

Michael York



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:31 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: <No subject>

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:54 AM -----



robinoman210@hotmail.com

04/28/02 05:59 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: <No subject>

hello i am a 7th grader that goes to G.W. Middle School and i think a skate park would be very useful to me and other kids.

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Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:32 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Fwd: City Council might bulid a skate park!

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:55 AM -----



Pastapenguin73@aol.com

04/28/02 06:28 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Fwd: City Council might bulid a skate park!

To: Beverly Jett,

I love to bike and most of my friends either skateboard, roller blade, or bike. If we get a skate park all of those people that are usually on the street can go there. It would probably decrease the accidents caused by bikers, skateboarders, or roller bladers with cars by having them not ride on the streets. This way it would be safer for them and all the people that are driving and skating or riding. When kids and teens go out to skateboard, roller blade, or ride there bikes the parents are always wondering where they are if they are needed. If there was a skate park parents will be able to drop there kids off and know where they are and that they are not in danger of being hit by a car on he streets. So, pretty much the reasons for a skate park is safety, fun, and less accidents on the streets. Thanks for listening!

Sincerely,
Kayla McCormick



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:33 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:56 AM -----



Porter513@aol.com

04/28/02 07:24 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Dear Mayor Donley and Member of City Council

We fully support a skate park for the youth in the city and we encourage you to do the same. We feel the city needs to be as supportive of positive youth activities as possible. The building of such a park would provide yet another activity option for the children of Alexandria and also show that the city is interested in them. Sincerely,

John and Bonnie Porter



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:33 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate park

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:57 AM -----



SNACKDAWGG@aol.com

04/28/02 08:34 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate park

I think a skate park in Alexandria would be a great idea. It would give teens a place to hang out instead of hanging out on the street. It would also be convenient to people who live in the area because the only other good skate park is a Potomac Mill.

The skate park would allow teens to meet people who share the same interest as them. So as you are voting think about the good side of having a skatepark not the negative. Children would be safer in a place with the proper equipment than trying to make their own ramps.

Sincerely,

Chris Horner



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:36 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate park

ditto...Message is in first file at bottom...Hey

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 10:59 AM -----



**madboogiemana@hotm
ail.com**

04/28/02 09:36 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park

hey i skate and i really enjoy it cops always kick us out of our spots so a skate park designed by skaters would be the best thing that could happen to this city for skaters so please build one

thanks...

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Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:37 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: <No subject>

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 11:00 AM -----



eastsydarya@hotmail.com

04/28/02 09:40 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: <No subject>

I want a skatepark.

Signed,
The White Knight of Justice

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Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:37 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

ditto...

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 11:01 AM -----



TimWombat626@aol.com

04/28/02 09:42 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Wazzup. I am 11 years old and I like to skate. I saw your sign and I think having a skate park here is a great idea. What can I do to help?

Tim



Beverly I Jett

04/29/2002 10:38 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

ditto

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/29/02 11:01 AM -----



MSLARS@aol.com

04/28/02 11:31 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Skate Park

Members of City Council

I support the creation of a skate park in Alexandria. I have been very pleased with the Wave Pool, batting cages, miniature golf areas at Cameron Run and feel that they are a wonderful addition to our city. Young people need opportunities to exercise and socialize close to home. Youth love the challenge of learning new skating techniques and are at the point in their lives where taking risks is part of their make up. Creating the skate park will provide a safe and challenging environment for young people to test themselves in a positive way. I would much rather know that skaters are using a safe facility rather than pounding together their own make-shift ramps etc. as my own sons did when they were kids. Providing a top notch recreational facility like this is a worthwhile investment in promoting healthy, active youth.
Sincerely, Martha Larson, Physical Education teacher

*Sent to CC, CH;
Budget; S. Whitmore*



Beverly I Jett

04/26/2002 03:42 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: Request for skateboard park in this year's budget

P.F. 5-6-02

ditto...thanks.

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/26/02 04:05 PM -----



athenawilliams@att.net

04/26/02 03:51 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: Request for skateboard park in this year's budget

Dear Mayor Donley and City Council Members,

I am writing to request the city put money in this year's budget toward building a skateboard park in Alexandria. I have two school age sons (straight A students at MacArthur and George Washington) who would love to have a place to skateboard without having to worry about traffic. I am not a dog owner yet I have supported the funds that have gone for the city's many dog parks and the new animal shelter. I think our children deserve some safe and dedicated place to skateboard and I know the city has land near Lockett's Field that is being considered. That would be a great central location for a park. Please consider this request. Sincerely, Athena Williams (703) 836-7634.

*Sent to CC; CM; Budget;
S. Whitmore*



Beverly I Jett

04/26/2002 12:36 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: <No subject>

P.F. 5-6-02

Ditto...Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/26/02 12:59 PM -----



Kent.Wells@cingular.com

04/26/02 10:58 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: <No subject>

Ms. Jett,

I am writing to support building a city skate park. Thank you for sharing this with the City Council.

Kent Wells
504 Summers Court
Sent From my Cingular Wireless Handheld.

*Sent to CC; CM; Budget;
S. Whitmore*



Beverly I Jett

04/26/2002 06:20 AM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: skate park

P.F. 5-6-02

Please put a copy in Council boxes, CM, Budget, Whitmore and PF 5/6. Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/26/02 06:42 AM -----



**averystraw@yahoo.co
m**

04/25/02 08:34 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: skate park

Dear Ms. Jett,

I am a strong advocate for a skate park in Alexandria. First, let me state I am a professional with no children. I do not skate nor do members of my family.

I am in favor of a skate park because I think skating is a great activity for teens and children (and adults) and establishes a place for them to go to hang out, be with friends, be reasonably safe, etc. Though liability and insurance costs may be high, the costs are far higher to pay for problems that result from drug use, sex, etc, OR ones that result from skirmishes with law enforcement or community members when they are skating on the streets. This firmly establishes a "third place" for teens to go - for them to feel at home with friends. The city could even, after building, establish a skate park board made up of nearby residents, users of the skate park, and maybe some elected representatives - to address issues and to empower users to make it thier own and deal with issues that arise in their community. I am in favor of using my tax dollars to build and maintain a skate park. Avery Straw

2703 Mount Vernon Ave Apt 5

Alexandria, VA 22301

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*Sent to CC; CM; Budget;
S. Whitmore*



Beverly I Jett

04/25/2002 03:10 PM

To: Barbara L Carter/Alex@Alex
Subject: SKATE PARK

P.F. 5-6-02

Please put a copy in Council boxes, CM, Budget, Whitmore and PF 5/6. Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Beverly I Jett/Alex on 04/25/02 03:33 PM -----



DMS3667@aol.com

04/25/02 03:17 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
cc:
Subject: SKATE PARK

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council, My name is Martin Sargent II. I am writing you to request that you build a skate park. I feel that it would be much safer for us kids to skate in the park rather than on the street.

Thank you very much,

Sincerely,
Martin Sargent II



WOWskate@aol.com

05/10/02 09:03 AM

To: Beverly I Jétt@Alex
Subject: DO YOU WANT A SKATE PARK?

To whom it may concern:

Recently I have noticed posters asking us if we want a skate park. The answer is an emphatic YES!! I can't speak for skaterboarders, but as an inline skater and cyclist, I know that these busy suburban neighborhoods are short on safe spaces for people like me to practice my sports. I live in Del Ray and am a co-president of WOWskate (www.wowskate.org), an inline women's skating team. I also ride my bike to work. I think a skate park is a wonderful idea, both for beginner and veteran skaters. For the beginners, it can offer them a safe place -- away from the roar of speeding cars -- to learn the sport correctly as well as learn safe skills to bring outside the park. Inside a safe environment, they can learn the proper way to control their skates (or skateboards), instead of learning the hard way (dodging cars and other urban traffic) and potentially ruining city property (running boards or skates along city-funded sidewalks and/or decorative railings, etc.). For the veteran skaters, it can offer a place to relax and to possibly share their knowledge with the beginners.

I hope you will seriously consider putting funding in the budget for an excellent idea like a skate park. If there is anything I can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time.

Barbara Fox
WOWskate.org
703-980-9883



DonnaDebDavis@aol.co
m

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
Subject: Skate Park

05/10/02 11:52 AM

Yahoo! Yes I want a skate park!

Donna D. Davis 4141 N Henderson Rd. #218
Arlington, VA 22203



baxlap@msn.com

05/11/02 11:27 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
Subject: Skate park now!

Ms. Jett:

As an inline skater who skates regularly in the DC metropolitan area, I am writing to request that the Alexandria City Council include funds for a skating park in the next city budget.

With inline skating being technically illegal on streets in Virginia, I am at risk of being arrested merely for participating in my sport of choice (I was ticketed in Clarendon two years ago). Being forced to share narrow bike trails with slow-moving dog walkers and bicyclists with delusions of Lance Armstrong shouldn't be my only legal means of skating. Moreover, a skate park would provide an alternative, non-destructive forum for trick skaters, who would otherwise grind and destroy public and private property with their skates.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew Baxley, Arlington



MikeDaChickenHead@co
mcast.net

04/23/02 08:34 PM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
Subject: WE NEED A SKATEPARK BADLY

*Sent to
CC, com, Budget,
whatmore
Jy 2002 Budget*

Dear City Council members,

Our city must be the only city without a skatepark. I used to think skateparks were very rare, but when i go on trips i see 3 or 4 a city! Me and my friends have been kicked off the streets (obviously), but also the sidewalks! Theres nowhere else to skate! Alexandria is a very popular skate city. I know so many kids that skate and so many more who are starting out. Alexandria keeps building basketball courts and tennis courts, but barely anyone uses them! A skatepark would be a much better idea than any basketball or tennis court. And even if we don't have a skatepark, we can still skate on the streets! We get out of the way of cars and everything. We're doing nothing wrong! The kids of Alexandria are suffering, so we need a skatepark. Even the adults would be happy because the "disruptive skaters" would be out of their streets. So please we need a skatepark.

-thanks

P.S.-I would like to submit some ideas on the layout of the park (ramps, rails). If you could tell me who to e-mail for that matter i would appreciate it.

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dripekus@yahoo.com

05/23/02 09:07 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
Subject: A skate park

Mayor and City Council

I want a place to skateboard, roller blade and bike without being kicked off the street all the time in Alexandria.

Because it is necessary all the children to game and play. It is necessary to improve a brain and body together. I think it will be very pleasant for us.

Thanks for help.

Sincerely

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CLAUDIAL@iadb.org
05/23/02 08:27 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
Subject: SKATE PARK FOR ALEXANDRIA

Yes, I think Alexandria need a skate park. Children need a safe place to play this sports.

thank you

TENANTS' AND WORKERS' SUPPORT COMMITTEE

3805 MT VERNON AVE #5
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22305
phone: 703-684-5697
fax: 703-684-5714



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FAX

To: Mayor
Kerry J. Donley From: UNITY

Fax: 703-838-6453 Pages: _____

Phone: _____ Date: May 3 2002

Re: _____ CC: _____

- Urgent
 For Review
 Please Comment
 Please Reply
 Please Recycle

• Comments:

- a) Our preliminary investigation indicates that the Companions may not fit the definition of independent contractors.
- b) Many of the Companions neither work or live in Alexandria.

We agree with Councilwoman Woodson when she says that the services that the UNITY workers provide are critical to the city's overall service delivery mission, as well as to the city's goal of self-sufficiency for social service recipients.

Plan: UNITY has already researched the feasibility of insurance coverage with UNITY being considered as a group. The insurance companies are willing to bid on that basis. The Tenants' and Workers' Support Committee is prepared to administer the plan and is willing to establish and administer an escrow fund to hold and disburse the funds to the insurance company.

Eligibility would begin in the manner described in UNITY's first proposal, page 2. (See attached letter to Mayor Donley dated August 22, 2001.) The provider would gain eligibility by receiving reimbursement from the city in an amount equal or greater than \$1960.00 during a six month period. (The rates have increased since 2001, so the original \$1800.00 rate has been adjusted accordingly.) At the current rates of reimbursement, \$1960.00 is equal to the provision of care to one pre-school aged child for fifty hours a week for fourteen weeks. Continued coverage, on the same basis, would require payment in any month of at least \$560.00 per month. (The provision of care for one pre-school child for fifty hours a week for four weeks.) The figures are already available on a monthly basis, since the Department of Human Services pays the providers on a monthly basis.

The current low bid for single insurance for the providers is \$252.00 per month for **single** coverage. Based on the demographics we have seen, it is UNITY's position that not all providers would be covered under this plan. Some providers are covered by Medicare. Some providers are covered by their spouse's insurance. Some providers do not have city children, not because they don't want them, but because the number of eligible children is down. We estimate that 125 providers would need insurance, at a cost of \$378,000.00 per year.

Study: The City Council has provided for a study of the feasibility of providing these funds. UNITY has and is continuing to do extensive research on this matter, and we are willing to participate in the study. Unity recommends that the study take no longer than three months and be presented to the City Council at the first meeting in September so that if the City Council decides to implement the plan, it can start up in October.

CHILD CARE PROVIDER RATE INFORMATION

PROVIDER NAME **Write your FIRST name here**

Write your LAST name here

PHONE: (703) _____

SSN _____

ADDRESS

Street Number

Street Name

Apartment Number

City

ZIP Code

Please indicate the rate you charge for the following age groups in the weekly rate column. To meet the requirements of the Purchase of Service system, your weekly rate will be divided by 5.

Fill out this column only

AGE RANGE	WEEKLY RATE	AGENCY PAYMENT
After School Only		\$ 75 wk / \$ 15 day
Before & After School		\$ 100 wk / \$ 20 day
Before School Only		\$ 73 wk / \$ 14.6 day
Infant (Birth to 2 years)		\$ 145 wk / \$ 29 day
Preschooler (3 yrs to 5 yrs)		\$ 140 wk / \$ 28 day
School-age (5 yrs to 14 yrs) All day		\$ 144 wk / \$ 28.8 day
Toddler (2 years to 3 years)		\$ 148 wk / \$ 29.6 day

I understand that these are the rates that will be in effect until the expiration of the attached Individual Vendor Agreement. I certify that the above rates are the rates I currently charge or would charge the general public.

SIGNATURE _____

Sign your name here

DATE: _____ 2001

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PHONE: (703)

ADDRESS

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Street Name
Apartment Number

City
ZIP Code

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Fill out this column only

AGE RANGE	WEEKLY RATE	AGENCY PAYMENT
After School Only	\$135.00	15
Before & After School	150.00	20
Before School Only	125.00	14.60
Infant (Birth to 2 years)	250.00	29
Preschooler (3 yrs to 5-yrs)	225.00	28
School-age (5 yrs to 14 yrs) All day	200.00	28.80
Toddler (2 years to 3 years)	250.00	29.60

I understand that these are the rates that will be in effect until the expiration of the attached Individual Vendor Agreement. I certify that the above rates are the rates I currently charge or would charge the general public.

SIGNATURE DATE: 1-4-2002

Sign your name here

August 22, 2001

Mayor Kerry Donley
City Hall Room 2300
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mayor Donley:

What follows is a proposal from Alexandria family child care providers to the City of Alexandria for a health insurance plan for city-reimbursed child care providers. As you may very well be aware, Unity is a group of family child care providers who, with the support of local community groups, have organized themselves. Over the course of the last year and a half, UNITY providers have communicated with city officials as a group with one voice on issues relevant to the providers. Currently, these providers are not offered any health insurance as part of their contracts with the city to provide day care for up to 1,000 of the city's low-income children every day.

The city's subsidized child care program is an element of the federal Child Care and Development Fund program. Under this program, each state is given a block grant of funds by the federal government to pay for the child care of low-income families. In Virginia, the program is administered at the local levels under the supervision of the Virginia Department of Social Services. The Virginia providers enter into a contract, entitled an "Individual Vendor Agreement," with their local social services office in which the provider agrees to provide care to the children of local eligible families in exchange for a payment from the city or county, with the payment set at the rate that the Virginia D.S.S. has established for the particular locality in which the provider provides care. Once the contract has been made, the provider is then placed on a list of providers that is circulated to the eligible families. The parents contact the providers directly.

Unity proposes to have these providers enrolled in the City of Alexandria's health insurance plan. Many, if not most, of the families eligible for subsidized care are in the process of leaving or have just left the welfare rolls and need affordable day care to ensure their independence. In the City of Alexandria's effort to assist these vulnerable families in attaining independence, the city has relied on the availability of child care providers willing to accept payment at a rate that is frequently below the city's established living wage. The child care providers are furnishing a crucial service to the City of Alexandria by allowing parents to work.

To enroll the providers in the City of Alexandria's health insurance plan is to reward the providers for this service. In terms of an eligibility threshold, Unity proposes that provider eligibility for enrollment in the City of Alexandria's health insurance plan be based on the amount of care provided by each uninsured provider to eligible families over a period of time.

Specifically, Unity proposes that each provider not otherwise enrolled in any employer-sponsored health plan who receives reimbursement from the City of Alexandria in an amount equal to or greater than \$1,800 during any six-month period be eligible for enrollment. At the current rates of reimbursement, \$1,800 is equal to the provision of care to one pre-school age child for fifty hours a week for fourteen weeks (the maximum weekly reimbursement rate is based on a ten-hour day, or fifty-hour week).

Once a provider has established eligibility for coverage, Unity proposes that the provider be eligible for full family coverage under the City of Alexandria's health insurance plan, and that the City of Alexandria pay the full cost for the premiums. Enrollment, however, will be the responsibility of the provider, and the insurance would only become active the month after the provider completes and submits the relevant enrollment forms. Once enrolled, Unity proposes that the provider remain enrolled for a period of twelve months. Continuing eligibility for coverage will be based on a review in the eleventh month of coverage, and the review will be based on the amount of reimbursement received by the provider from the city during the previous twelve months. Unity proposes that the provider receive continuing coverage if s/he has received reimbursement from the city in an amount equal to or greater than \$3,600. The coverage would last for another twelve months.

The importance of granting these providers access to the City of Alexandria's health insurance plan cannot be underestimated. Under the current reimbursement rates, the providers are paid \$2.68 an hour per child for the care of pre-school age children. At this rate of reimbursement, most providers find the costs of private individual health insurance plans prohibitive and have been forced to remain uninsured. Some providers have had no choice but to purchase an individual plan for their families and are forced to pay an exorbitant premium, while others have been fortunate enough to have access to their spouses' employer-sponsored plan. The bottom line is that the vast majority of providers are either uninsured or paying excessive premiums.

By providing family child care providers with health insurance, the City of Alexandria will be taking steps towards improving the quality of child care available in the city. Lack of health insurance is a critical issue to providers that often causes good child care providers to find other means of employment that offer these benefits and creates a high turnover rate amongst the city's pool of licensed, family child care providers. Therefore, by providing health insurance, the city would be ensuring there was a larger pool of experienced providers in the city.

In addition, the quality of care available in the city will also improve due to the direct relationship between a child care provider's health and the care s/he is able to give to a child. When a child care provider is sick, the health of the child is also at risk. Child care providers play an extremely important role in the life of the children they care for. Many times, it is the provider that spends 10-12 hours a day with a child while parents are at work. They are the people responsible for nurturing, feeding, and preparing a child for school and the world beyond. It is detrimental to the development of a child when a provider is no longer a part of their life because the relationship and trust that has been built between provider and child is crucial to their learning.

The situation explained above is truly an unfortunate one. Given the role that these providers are playing in the City of Alexandria's effort to accomplish meaningful welfare reform, it is essential that the providers be afforded benefits that are commensurate with their worth. To assist these providers is to invest in the futures of the City of Alexandria's most vulnerable children. It is Unity's hope that the City of Alexandria will agree to enroll the providers and their families in the City of Alexandria's health insurance plan. Please consider our request.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Dunbar
Unity Representative

Allie Smith
Unity Representative

Willie Mae Rome
Unity Representative

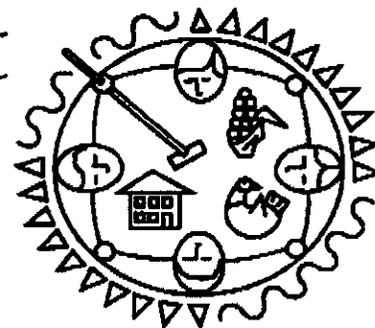
Lucille Wooding
Unity Representative

Sheryl Bell
Unity Representative

Leslie Taylor
Unity Representative

Sheila Clifford
Unity Representative

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Mayor Donley and Members of Council

VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Mayor Donley,

The Tenants' and Workers' Support Committee is concerned about the long term impact of this year's budget debate. Several issues are being discussed and we view them as all interconnected.

- 1) Allocating \$2 million for the purchase of the former Datatel Building in Arlandria will only accelerate gentrification trends that are pushing out hundreds of our community's low-income, predominantly Latino and African American, residents. We view it as a subsidy to the private developers who will benefit through the creation of a parking lot. We urge you to strike this from the budget.
- 2) Our youth group(s) – over 20 Latino/a and African American youth - are appalled by the inclusion of \$200,000 in the city budget for a skate board park while their appeal for the creation of a teen center on the eastside of town (Rt. 1, Del Ray , Arlandria) is not receiving serious consideration.
- 3) We appreciate the inclusion of \$375,000 in the City budget to increase the wages of childcare providers so that they can afford health insurance. In this case, the city is setting a positive example by appropriately valuing the critically important service that the providers offer.
- 4) Given the City's affordable housing crisis as well as millions of dollars in unfunded human needs – we urge Council to cut the tax rate 2 as opposed to 3 cents. The \$1.6 lost for each penny the rate is cut are sorely needed and could be well spent on a number of critical human needs.

Finally, we urge that the City work with the Tenants' and Workers' Support Committee and other community-based organizations to develop a budget process **that is participatory in its development**. Once the budget is released in March the process is very participatory and accessible – but the bulk of the work is already done and we, the public, largely negotiate on the margins of a budget that is already well defined. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to future collaborations.

Sincerely,

Jon Liss
Director

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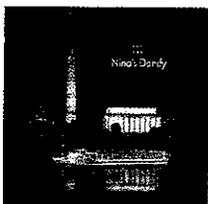


ALEXANDRIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Statement on FY 2003 Budget
May 6, 2002

Accredited by the
Chamber of Commerce
of the United States of America

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce commends the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and all relevant City Staff who worked diligently on developing a sound FY 2003 budget. In general, the Chamber supports the City's proposed budget but expresses some concern over certain areas.

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The Chamber fully backs the City Manager's proposed funding for education and public safety improvements, both of which were increased relative to FY 2002. In each area, additional staffing and technological improvements are critical to protecting City residents and maintaining a strong quality of life. This is especially the case as terrorist trials get underway, likely affecting local residents and adjacent businesses. The Chamber suggests that the City consider the ability for citizens to get to work and to their homes as plans for managing the terrorist trials are formulated. Similarly, emergency preparedness requires special attention. Funding for advanced technology and intelligence systems as well as additional personnel will better equip Alexandria's public safety officers to respond effectively to disaster and emergency situations. The Chamber supports the City's proposed funding in this area.

With education, the Chamber believes that funding for teacher salaries must remain competitive despite reductions in staff due to fewer students attending Alexandria schools. The Chamber acknowledges and supports the City's 2.5 per cent COLA compensation increase for educational employees. However, the Chamber does recommend that the City explore additional ways to retain teachers, including housing assistance programs that will enable teachers to live within Alexandria's boundaries

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Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
May 6, 2002**

and closer to school locations. The Chamber also supports City progress on school renovation and expansion, including necessary repairs and enhancements at George Washington Middle School, Minnie Howard Middle School, and T.C. Williams High School.

Affordable housing remains a serious concern for businesses and residents alike. Traditionally, the City has offered homebuyer assistance to those in the low to moderate-income bracket. However, rising real estate prices now affect many who are not considered eligible for City loan assistance, including some teachers, health care workers, law enforcement officers, and hospitality professionals. The Chamber praises the City's efforts to expand assistance to teachers and law enforcement officers but notes that income limits on assistance remain below average middle-income levels. Recognizing that income limits often are due to state and federal guidelines, the Chamber encourages the City to examine ways to assist middle-income families by making full use of the Housing Trust Fund, now containing a balance of about \$7 million dollars, and continuing substantive work on employer-assisted housing programs.

On transportation, the Chamber is pleased that general funding for DASH is included in the City budget but wishes to emphasize the benefits of DASH About, the King Street Shuttle, as a constructive means for promoting public transportation. The Chamber also supports grant and other funding for further study on air quality and transit alternatives. Further, the Chamber supports capital improvement funding for road, metro, and rail. However, future funding for imperative traffic mitigation projects such as the Duke-Eisenhower Connector must remain a top priority.

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Finally, given the events of 2002, particularly the terrorist attacks on September 11th, the City's fiscal outlook has exceeded initial expectations due to an exceptionally strong real estate market. The Chamber is positive about the City's decision to retain low residential real estate taxes compared to other jurisdictions. Although real property taxes comprise nearly half the City's budget, the City wisely took measures to stem a drastic rise in tax payments. At the same time, the Chamber encourages the City to remain moderately conservative with estimates of future revenue based on increasing property values and to seek diverse sources of revenue that may offset heavy reliance on residential real estate taxes.

The Chamber thanks elected City officials for their time and consideration. The Chamber also thanks City Staff, particularly City Manager Phil Sunderland and Assistant City Manager for Fiscal and Financial Affairs Mark Jinks, for conducting outreach sessions with Chamber members and the business community at large.

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest and most effective chambers in the Greater Washington region, with 1,100 business members who employ more than 49,000 people. Governed by a 41-member Board of Directors, the Alexandria Chamber is one of the oldest chambers in the country, having been founded in 1906, before the United States Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, visit www.alexchamber.com.

From: KERRY DONLEY
To: Bill Euille
Subject: Motion on the budget

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Bill -

I think the best way to handle the budget tonight would be:

I move the Manager's proposed budget with the following amendments....

The amendments would include the items on the add/delete list starting with the revenue adjustments (#1 - #7); a decrease in the real property tax rate to \$1.08; amendment regarding city parking increasing revenues \$17,000; approve the COLA and in-step as proposed; items #12 - #15 (should acknowledge that the COLA of 2.5% for City Council aides is subject to council's favorable changes to the requisite regulations) which have no fiscal impact; add \$397,000 to ACPS to fund an added salary step increase; add \$56,000 for vocational education; add \$20,000 to the Arlandira Health Clinic; add \$120,000 for continuation of the DASH About; \$35,000 for the arts grant program; add \$80,000 for the Child Care Fee Subsidy; add \$15,000 for King St. Gardens irrigation; add \$25,000 for the initiation of a public arts program; add \$30,000 to the Campagna Center after-school program; add \$200,000 for the construction of a skateboard park; and to offset these increases and the tax rate reduction, the Council makes the following designations - \$350,000 savings from health care benefits, \$768,020 from the state aid contingency established by the Manger, net revenue adjustments, and Fund Balance appropriation.

Further, the Council makes the following designations in Contingnet Reserves - \$50,000 for closed captioning of City Council meetings, \$50,000 for the new development review process, and \$33,000 for expansion of the Senior Taxi program. The Council also designates \$739,980 to be used to offset state cuts in funding as outlined in Budget Memo #36.

Finally, with these amendments, the Council approves a FY 2003 Operatiing budget with expenditures of \$373,171,224 and revenues of \$363,354,600 and an appropriation from Fund Balance of 9,816,624.

Once this motion is adopted (and after the speeches), you should also move the adoption of the FY 2003 to FY 2008 with one change - provide \$1,250,000 for the Duncan Library expansion previously budgeted for the Market Square garage and allocate \$1,250,000 for Market Square garage in FY 2004 (no new cost).

I think the above will take care of it. Call me with questions/concerns.

Kerry

CC: Mark Jinks; Phil Sunderland

FY 2003 Budget

Proposed Expenditures	373,311,244	Proposed Revenue	363,537,600	Source
Net Revenue Adjustments			1,400,000	
Proposed Parking Fee Changes			17,000	
ACPS Longevity Step	397,000			Revenue Adjustment
Vocational Education	56,000			Revenue Adjustment
Arlandria Health Clinic	20,000			Revenue Adjustment
DASH About	120,000			Revenue Adjustment
Arts Grant Program	35,000			Revenue Adjustment
Child Care Fee Subsidy	80,000			Revenue Adjustment
King St. Gardens Irrigation	15,000			Revenue Adjustment
Public Arts Program	25,000			Revenue Adjustment
Delete Health Insurance	(350,000)			
Transfer Remaining State Aid	(768,020)			
Reduce Real Estate Tax rate 1cent		(1,600,000)		Revenue Adjustment, Health Insu
Campagna Kids	30,000			Remaining State Aid Contingency
Skateboard Park	200,000			Revenue Adjustment
Total Expenditures	373171224	Total Revenues	363354600	
Recommended Fund Balance Appropriation		9773644		
Proposed Fund Balance Appropriation		9816624		
Excess over Manager's Recommendation		42980		

*Appropriate \$730,980 from state aid contingency to cover programs listed in Budget Memo #36

**Designate \$50,000 in Contingent Reserves for closed captioning of City Council meetings

***Designate \$50,000 in Contingent Reserves for new development review process and/or small area plans

****Designate \$33,000 in Contingent Reserves for Senior Taxi Program

*****1 cent on real estate tax rate = \$1.6 million in FY03 and \$.8 million in FY02