



**Without ACVA-related Adds/deletes**

**Expenditure Adjustments:**

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| • Sheriff and ERT retirement income plan (to correct budgeting error)            | Decrease \$200,000   |
| • Campagna Kids Program  | Increase \$152,000   |
| • WMATA operating subsidies  | Increase \$48,000    |
| • Tree Maintenance   | Increase \$65,000    |
| • Gateway Landscaping and Maintenance and Street Trash Cans                      | Increase \$35,000    |
| • Pedestrian and Bicycling Alternative Transportation Coordinator                | Increase \$74,000    |
| • Increase Affordable Home Ownership Protection Program Income Limit to \$61,000 | Increase \$245,000   |
| • Burke Library Books  | Increase \$50,000    |
| • Alexandria Commission for the Arts   | Increase \$25,000    |
| • Sister Cities  | Increase \$10,000    |
| • USS Alexandria   | Increase \$5,000     |
| • Senior Taxi Fare Equalization  | Increase \$5,000     |
| • Companion Aides for Elderly  | Increase \$100,000   |
| • Land Use and Zoning Education and Seminars                                     | Increase \$10,000    |
| • Regional Street Smart Pedestrian and Bike Safety Program                       | Increase \$5,000     |
| • Summer Youth Employment  | Increase \$25,000    |
| • Service Audits and Benchmark Studies   | Increase \$350,000   |
| • Sign Plan Coordinator  | Decrease \$70,000    |
| • Cash Capital Contribution to CIP   | Decrease \$424,000   |
| • Transfer to the Alexandria City Public Schools                                 | Decrease \$2,000,000 |

**Further this motion makes the following changes in the Contingent Reserves:**

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| • ACPS Education Contingent funded by reduction in appropriation to ACPS                       | Increase \$2,000,000  |
| • Increase in Undesignated Contingent funded by decrease in cash capital appropriation for CIP | Increase \$190,000    |
| Net change in contingent reserves due to all other added items or deletions                    | Decrease of \$748,000 |

**Further this motion includes the following designations in the Contingent Reserves:**

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- \$2,000,000 for Education Aid Contingent
- \$15,000 for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- \$300,000 for a loan to the Tenant and Workers Support Committee
- \$25,000 for home health aides for ARHA Ladrey House
- \$50,000 for grant for Lee-Fendall House Repairs
- \$40,000 for Code Enforcement Staff

These designations are made understanding that further Council action is required prior to appropriation.

**Further this motion includes the following change in fund balance designations:**

- \$509,000 from fund balance designated for Public Safety Overhires for appropriation.

**Further this motion includes:**

- Approval of a COLA of 2.0 percent COLA for City employees, including the City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, and for City Council Aides and the Mayor's Aides;
- Approval of merit step increases for all eligible employees;
- Approval of an increase of employer share of health care benefits;
- Approval of an increase in funding for the City Supplemental Retirement Plan; and
- Approval of an increase in funding for the employer share of the Virginia Retirement System.

**The proposed amendments result in an appropriation from Fund Balance in the amount of \$4,334,000.**

The elements of this motion result in a real property tax rate of \$0.995, with \$0.01 being designated for the cash capital contribution to the capital projects fund for Open Space, and personal property tax rate of \$4.75.

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***I move the adoption of the proposed FY 2005 to FY 2010 Capital Improvement Program of \$302,599,029 in total, with \$75,650,407 in FY 2005; \$60,051,888 in FY 2006; \$44,297,400 in FY 2007; \$86,248,838 in FY 2008; \$18,868,515 in FY 2009; and \$17,481,981 in FY 2010, with the following changes to the City Manager's proposed Capital Improvement Program:***

- Use of CIP funds designated for Open Space to provide an Open Space Coordinator overhire position for 3 years (est. FY 2005 cost of \$75,000).
- Increase in cash capital for Playground Renovations and Drainage Improvements as follows:  
  
\$100,000 per year from FY 2005 through FY 2010
- Decrease in cash capital for the Residential Sign Program as follows:  
  
\$24,000 in FY 2005  
\$36,000 per year from FY 2006 through FY 2010
- Decrease in cash capital for the Coordinated Sign and Wayfinding System as follows:  
  
\$300,000 in FY 2005
- Decrease in cash capital for Athletic Field Lighting Improvements as follows:  
  
\$200,000 per year from FY 2005 through FY 2010
- Decrease in cash capital for the Wilkes St. Tunnel Restoration Study as follows:  
  
\$40,000 in FY 2005
- Decrease in cash capital for the Revenue Collection Management System as follows:  
  
\$150,000 in FY 2005

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5-3-04

# Del Ray Citizens Association

PO Box 2233

Alexandria VA 22301

Established 1954

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Justin M. Wilson, President 

**Date:** May 3, 2004

**Subject:** Bonding For Open Space Acquisition

One year ago, the membership of the Del Ray Citizens Association expressed enthusiastic support for the creation of the Open Space Fund during the budget process. We felt then, as we do now, that the City of Alexandria has rapidly dwindling opportunities to preserve open space, and if the City didn't use the opportunity to create a dedicated revenue stream for acquisition; it might never be able to make a significant impact on the scarcity of such space.

A year later, we are still committed to the acquisition of open space and we are pleased that although the commitment made by the previous Council to make a serious effort at open space acquisition was not binding on this City Council, that this City Council has shown a commitment to continue the efforts begun last year.

Many have rightfully felt an impatience with allowing the revenue stream created last year to slowly accumulate enough funds to allow the purchase of significant parcels of land. This impatience, coupled with the historically low interest rates has led to several proposals for the City to use its bonding capacity to acquire open space.

We are supportive of such efforts to acquire open space using bonds, and in turn using the dedicated revenue stream from real estate taxes to fund the debt service on such borrowing. We believe this will allow the City to move forward in an expedient, yet prudent manner to purchase parcels of land to provide quality, usable open space through the City.

Although we are mindful that the Open Space Fund monies are earmarked for acquisition of land, we urge Council to also look at ways City money can be used to maintain, beautify and provide more usable community resources on existing open space already owned by the City. While we don't waver in our commitment to acquire new open space, we urge the City to devote significant funds to caring for the open space it already owns.

For example, in our Community alone, there are significant areas of Open Space, which can be improved to provide for increased utility for the community.

**Mount Vernon School/Recreation Center/Duncan Library Triangle:** This focal point of our community is an important open space and recreation resource. The ACPS and

community organizations have devoted significant funds to the improvement of this area. There is the opportunity for the City to step in and provide funds for new fencing, resurfaced tennis courts, better pedestrian elements, additional landscaping, and numerous other features to improve what is a critical community resource.

**Playground between Monroe and Mason:** We understand this playground is due to be renovated in FY 2005. We encourage the City to undertake significant improvements in its renovation in order to create a quality park for the community.

**Commonwealth Avenue Median:** Perhaps one of the most scenic medians in the City—the medians and trees are quickly falling into disrepair. Significant funds now, to restore the curbs, aerate and grade the soil, install sod, and replant trees where appropriate can help restore this critical, yet overlooked, area of open space for all to enjoy.

**East Mt. Ida Corridor—including Charles Hill and St. Asaph Parks:** The patches of this green corridor need to be unified into a continuous, well-ordered green space, and the park fixtures better maintained.

These are small, yet significant examples where City funds can go a long way to improving existing open space, to supplement the new open space we hope will be acquired. These are only some of the opportunities within Del Ray, and there are assuredly other such opportunities throughout the City.

Congratulations on the completion of the budget process. Enjoy the summer off, and we look forward to working with you in the next fiscal year.

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FAX: 703-838-6433  
Attn: Jackie Henderson

May 3, 2004

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council:

Thank you for reading my few words regarding the budget. I was reading the Bible last night and right in front of me were verses telling me that I must submit to those, who govern. The Scripture said that you in authority are ordained by God. Also, I know that you are of the people and want to do the best for us all. However, being ordained by God is a big one with me.

I wrote a letter to Alexandria Gazette, recommending that citizens join forces with Alexandria businesses to "Buy Alexandria First". That way we could become a team and work together for the good of all. The tax base can be built up and even more importantly to me, perhaps you could further reduce my real estate tax assessment. I know that Mr. Sunderland reduced it a few cents and really appreciate it. Thank you.

I live at 500 Virginia Avenue. My husband and I don't qualify for any "help", but we are getting into a financial bind. See, he is retired military. I am practically disabled with fibromyalgia, although I'm active as much as possible: DHS/FEMA's disaster reservist, a poet, free lance write, etc.

I am asking you to do the best you possibly can in lowering our taxes rates. We are hurting. Please help us. Please don't try to buy everything for us at once. We as individuals can't afford it, really. Thank you and May God Bless you.

Sincerely,  
*Melanie DeMayo*  
Melanie DeMayo

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Phone calls received today in favor of the \$25 million bond for open space.

# BOND ISSUE for OPEN SPACE

| <u>Name:</u>   | <u>Support</u> / <u>Not</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Mrs. Marko<br>4709 Surrey Place<br>703.751.0553     | X                           |
| 2. Erma Zervas<br>2002 Braddock Ct.<br>703.370.2114    | X                           |
| 3. Ronald Holder<br>238 S. Jenkins St.<br>703.751.1272 | X                           |
| 4. John Scheper<br>Sutton Place<br>703.461.3685        | X                           |
| 5. Dan Cunningham<br>402 Skyhill Road<br>703.751.7723  | X                           |
| 6. Carol Freeman<br>703.836.4531                       | X                           |
| 7. Segundo Jimenez<br>703.823.3199                     | X                           |
| 8. Yursala Gallager<br>703.751.4860                    | X                           |
| 9. Elizabeth Wright<br>703.370.9463                    | X                           |
| 10. Maria Quezdo<br>703.461.7299                       | X                           |
| 11. Lois Hunt<br>703.548.8165                          | X                           |
| 12. Milton Heller<br>703.823.2128                      | X                           |

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| 13. Susan Bartlett<br>809 South Columbus St.                   | X |
| 14. Joan Gardner<br>811 South Columbus St.                     | X |
| 15. John Shephard<br>Sutton Place                              | X |
| 16. Keith Owenland<br>402 Skyhill Road                         | X |
| 17. Lois Grapes<br>Griffith Place                              | X |
| 18. Yasmin Vasseler<br>David Vasseler<br>703.823.7980          | X |
| 19. Stephen Beane<br>478 West Taylor Run Pkwy.<br>703.751.6145 | X |
| 20. Henry Spille<br>703.998.7432                               | X |
| 21. Mrs. Flynn<br>4910 Rutland Place                           | X |
| 22. Dan & Mary Dase<br>5673 Rayburn Ave.                       | X |
| 23. Ingrid Turner<br>452 West Taylor Pkwy.                     | X |
| 24. Jane Schepan<br>5104 Sutton Place                          | X |
| 25. John Yeary<br>703.751.6350                                 | X |
| 26. Carol Flint<br>703.370.9550                                | X |

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|---|---|
| 27. George Beshore<br>Margaret Beshore<br>411 Skyhill Road      | X |
| 28. Oliver Flint<br>Skyhill Road<br>703. 370.9522               | X |
| 29. Joan Price<br>322 South Lee St.                             | X |
| 30. Robert Puttman<br>Susan Puttman<br>318 Prince St., Unit # 3 | X |
| 31. John Kennahan<br>302 South Lee Street                       | X |
| 32. Barbara & Charles Viney<br>5000 Rhodes Place                | X |
| 33. Mrs. Curry<br>3713 Templeton Place                          | X |

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Attached are e-mails that were received regarding Open Space.

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**"Monica Maynard"**  
**<Monica.Maynard@ferc.gov>**

05/03/2004 01:55 PM

To: <alexvamayor@aol.com>, <delpepper@aol.com>, <council@joycewoodson.net>, <SmedbergPC@aol.com>, <MacdonaldCouncil@msn.com>, <councilmangaines@aol.com>, <Rob@krupicka.com>  
cc: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: Open Space!

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

I support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. Please approve the issuance of these bonds now, when you adopt the budget on May 3rd rather than waiting until the fall. Alexandria is in an open space crisis and Second Presbyterian Church, several sites on the waterfront and other opportunities must be acquired as soon as possible before these gems are lost forever. I also support Councilman Macdonald's request to fund an Open Space Coordinator staff position for three years.

Bonding now is the best strategy to increase parkland for citizens and neighborhoods throughout the city to enjoy. Interest rates are near record lows, waiting means that land prices will escalate even more, and each year more potential parkland is approved for development. And when it's been developed, it's too late! Communities all over the country routinely issue bonds to purchase open space. Alexandria should do the same.

Thank you for making open space an immediate, current budget priority, while we still have opportunities.

Monica Maynard

405A East Howell Avenue

Alexandria, VA 22301



**Roger.Sullivan@bmdo.o**  
**sd.mil**

05/03/2004 01:51 PM

To: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
cc: sgsullivan@aol.com  
Subject: Support MacDonald Proposal

Ms. Henderson -

Could you please forward to Mayor and City Council members:

We support Councilman MacDonald's proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to purchase open space, especially the Second Presbyterian Church!

Thank you -

Roger and Susan Sullivan  
5004 Heritage Lane  
Alexandria, VA 22311  
703/820-3788



"Thomas Unger"  
<thomunger@yahoo.com>  
m>

05/03/2004 01:40 PM  
Please respond to  
thomunger

To: <alexvamayor@aol.com>, <dellepper@aol.com>, <council@joycewoodson.net>, <SmedbergPC@aol.com>, <MacdonaldCouncil@msn.com>, <Councilmangaines@aol.com>, <Rob@krupicka.com>  
cc: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: Please support

As a long time resident of Alexandria (12+ years), I hope that you might support the following initiative:

I support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. Please approve NOW the issuance of these bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3rd rather than waiting until the fall. Alexandria is in an open space crisis and Second Presbyterian Church, several sites on the waterfront and other opportunities must be acquired as soon as possible before these gems are lost forever. I also support Councilman Macdonald's request to fund an Open Space Coordinator staff position for three years.

Bonding now is the best strategy to increase parkland for citizens and neighborhoods throughout the city to enjoy. Interest rates are near record lows, waiting means that land prices will escalate even more, and each year more potential parkland is approved for development. Communities all over the country routinely issue bonds to purchase open space. Alexandria should do the same.

Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Thom Unger  
1205 S. Washington St. Apt. 11D (Hunting Terrace)  
Alexandria, VA 22314



"Ardith C. Dentzer"  
<75712.2044@compuser  
ve.com>

05/03/2004 01:26 PM

To: Ludwig Gaines <councilmangaines@aol.com>, Rob Krupicka  
<rob@krupicka.com>, Andrew Macdonald  
<macdonaldcouncil@msn.com>, "Redella \"Del\" Pepper"  
<delpepper@aol.com>, Paul Smedberg <paulcsmedberg@aol.com>,  
Joyce Woodson <council@joycewoodson.net>, Mayor Bill Euille  
<alexvamayor@aol.com>

cc: Jackie Henderson <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, Ginny  
Hines Parry <ghparry@fortebrio.com>, HTHTTAers  
<hthtta@yahoogroups.com>

Subject: Issuance of \$25 MM in Bonds to Buy Parkland

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

I support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. Please approve the issuance of these bonds NOW when you adopt the budget on May 3rd rather than waiting until the fall.

Alexandria is in an open space crisis and Second Presbyterian Church, several sites on the waterfront and other opportunities must be acquired as soon as possible before these gems are lost forever. I also support Councilman Macdonald's request to fund an Open Space Coordinator staff position for three years.

Bonding now is the best strategy to increase parkland for citizens and neighborhoods throughout the city to enjoy. Interest rates are at near record lows, but they will most certainly begin to creep up in the weeks ahead. Waiting means that land prices will escalate even more, and each year more potential parkland has been approved for development. Communities all over the country routinely issue bonds to purchase open space. Alexandria should do the same.

Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

In addition, individuals and businesses who own land in Alexandria who wish to deed their land to the City of Alexandria as "Greenspace in Perpetuity", should be encouraged to do so.

Most sincerely,

Ardith Campbell Dentzer  
1204 S. Washington Street, #823W  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-549-6121



Allison090@aol.com  
05/03/2004 01:25 PM

To: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
cc:  
Subject: open space bond issue

Dear Jackie,

Just a quick note to respectfully ask the Mayor and City Council to please support the issuance of the \$25 million in bonds for more parkland. I believe the City of Alexandria benefits greatly when the City continues to show leadership in being very livable and green while having a vibrant business community and historic neighborhoods. I realize it is a balancing act that at times is difficult. But in the end, people will continue to want to live and work here in Alexandria if the City continues to set the highest standards for an excellent quality of life, a business-friendly community, and an ongoing respect for historic preservation. That is what I have always loved about living here.

Thank you very much for your help in sharing this note with the City Council and Mayor. And thank you for your service to our City.

Sincerely,

Allison Silberberg

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Allison Silberberg  
1544 Mount Eagle Place  
Alexandria, VA 22302-2120  
703-379-5565  
allisonsilb@aol.com  
[www.filmbiz.org](http://www.filmbiz.org)

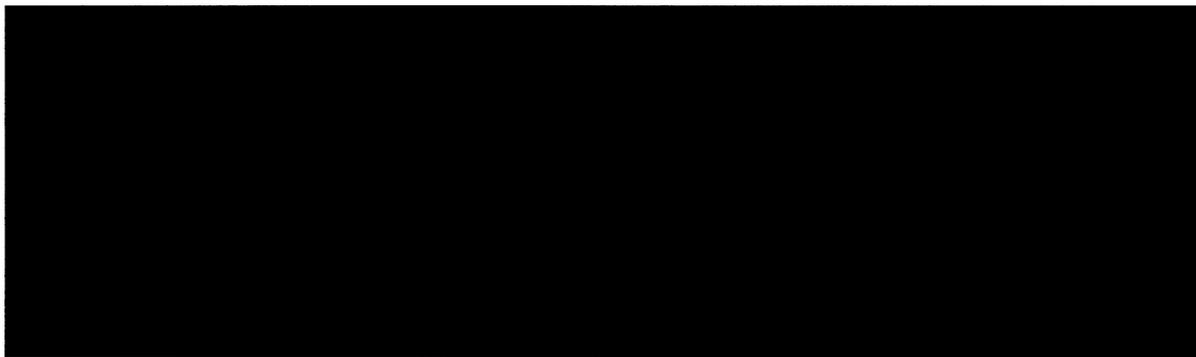


<none@none.com>  
05/03/2004 12:11 PM  
Please respond to none

To: <alexvamayor@aol.com>, <delpepper@aol.com>, <council@joycewoodson.net>, <councilmangaines@aol.com>, <rob@krupicka.com>, <macdonaldcouncil@msn.com>, <paulcsmoberg@aol.com>, <rose.boyd@ci.alexandria.va.us>, <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, <tom.raycroft@ci.alexandria.va.us>

cc:

Subject: City of Alexandria Website Contact Us - EMail for Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members (alexvamayor@aol.com, delpepper@aol.com, council@joycewoodson.net, councilmangaines@aol.com, rob@krupicka.com, macdonaldcouncil@msn.com, paulcsmoberg@aol.com, rose.boyd@ci.alexandria.va.us, jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us, tom.raycroft@ci.alexandria.va.us)



Time: [Mon May 03, 2004 12:11:15] IP Address: [151.207.240.3]

Response requested:

**First Name:** Mr. and Mrs.

**Last Name:** Barry

**Street Address:** Crstwd

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** unlisted

**Email Address:** none@none.com

**Comments:** In your meeting tonight, please provide Alexandria's voters with TRUE tax relief -- not a meager three cent reduction in rate that still amounts to an average tax increase of over 12 percent for Alexandrians! We voters will be watching.

Thanks!



Faith.Teitelbaum-contra  
ctor@bmdo.osd.mil

05/03/2004 01:07 PM

To: alexvamayor@aol.com, delpepper@aol.com,  
council@joycewoodson.net, SmedbergPC@aol.com,  
MacdonaldCouncil@msn.com, Councilmangaines@aol.com,  
Rob@krupicka.com  
cc: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us, ghparry@fortebrio.com  
Subject: Open Space

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

I support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. Please approve NOW the issuance of these bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3rd rather than waiting until the fall. Alexandria is in an open space crisis and Second Presbyterian Church, several sites on the waterfront and other opportunities must be acquired as soon as possible before these gems are lost forever. I also support Councilman Macdonald's request to fund an Open Space Coordinator staff position for three years.

Bonding now is the best strategy to increase parkland for citizens and neighborhoods throughout the city to enjoy. Interest rates are near record lows, waiting means that land prices will escalate even more, and each year more potential parkland is approved for development. Communities all over the country routinely issue bonds to purchase open space. Alexandria should do the same.

Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Faith Teitelbaum  
118 Roberts Lane #101  
Alexandria, VA 22314



"Robin C. Grimes"  
<RobinCGrimes@comcast.net>

To: "Jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us"  
<Jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>

cc:

Subject: Open Space Bond YES

05/03/2004 12:50 PM

Please respond to  
"RCG45@spamex.com"

Jackie,

Please forward this to the Mayor and city council.

I am for the City of Alexandria buying up as much space as it can' if it is open space and remains open space so much the better.

My reasons for wanting open space are perhaps a little different that most people. While I am in favor of open space in general my support for a bond issue is based on reducing city expenditures. Since zoning and the city council seem to be unable to resist increasing residences within the city I figure turning all the remaining land in to parks and other open spaces will have the same effect.

Parks and other open spaces seldom or never: send children to school, have police come to intervene in domestic disputes, require social services. As those of us involved in or interested in city government know, residences, except for the most expensive, are a net liability for a city: that is they use more in city services than they contribute in taxes. Having more open space will tend to raise the value of homes near them and slow down the increase of residences thus slowing the rise of taxes.

Robin Grimes



**"Rose and Clark  
Edwards"**  
<clarkedw@cpcug.org>

To: <Jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc: <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: open space

05/03/2004 12:32 PM

Please forward this message to the Mayor and members of the City Council.

Please approve the proposal to fund the purchase of several sites for more open space in Alexandria.

Clark Edwards  
622 Prospect Place  
Alexandria VA 22304



"Thomas.J.Esbrook@us  
doj.gov"  
<Thomas.J.Esbrook

05/03/2004 12:19 PM

To: "jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us"  
<jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us> (Receipt Notification  
Requested) (IPM Return Requested)

cc:

Subject: Open Spaces for all the People of Alexandria - not just for Developers  
and Rich People

To the City Council Members:

We support fully Councilman Macdonald's proposal to provide enough funds now to buy the Second Presbyterian Church, several sites at the waterfront and others in the city before they are more expensive to buy and lost forever to ALL of the taxpaying members of this great community.

We look forward to attending tonight's Council Meeting and to continuing our efforts to work for a City Government that works for ALL the citizens of Alexandria.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

PEACE.

Thomas & Jeanette Esbrook  
805 Green Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 548-6498



**Jane&Joe**  
**<jwetz@erols.com>**  
05/03/2004 12:27 PM  
Please respond to jwetz

To: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
cc:  
Subject: MsgToMayor&Council

3 May 2004

Dear Ms. Henderson,  
Please forward this message to the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
Thank you,  
Joseph E. Wetz, Jr.  
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Dear Leaders of Alexandria,

I support Councilman MacDonald's proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to purchase parkland, and to establish an Open Space Co-ordinator staff person.

I know you have been addressing Alexandria's needs and my higher taxes show it. All are important and some, like the acquisition of land, may not be possible later, or will be more expensive.

Please approve the issuance of \$25 million in bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3rd rather than waiting until the fall to make a decision.

Sincerely,  
Joseph E. Wetz, Jr.  
485 North Pickett Street  
Alexandria, VA  
22304-2105



**BrianNova37**  
<bjscott36@yahoo.com>

05/03/2004 12:18 PM  
Please respond to  
BrianNova37

To: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
cc:  
Subject: Opposition to \$25 Million bond issue

Greetings,

Please convey to the Mayor and City Council my opposition to the proposed \$25 million bond issue being proposed for the purchase of open space. This bond issue appears to benefit only those citizens in Old Town, Del Ray, and areas in which members of the Alexandrians for Sensible Growth reside.

Alexandria needs to spend its money for things which will benefit all Alexandrians, not just a small but very vocal minority of citizens who have "papered" the city with flyers espousing its position without also informing citizens of the converse arguments, and providing pre-scripted letters of support which it proposes all citizens send to council members.

Regards,

Brian Scott  
36 S. Ingram Street  
Alexandria, VA 22304

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"DAN & MARY DOSE"  
<d-mt-dose@erols.com>

05/03/2004 10:59 AM

To: <alexvamayor@aol.com>, <dellepper@aol.com>, <council@joycewoodson.net>, <SmedbergPC@aol.com>, <MacdonaldCouncil@msn.com>, <Councilmangaines@aol.com>, <Rob@krupicka.com>, <ghparry@fortebrio.com>, <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc: "DAN & MARY DOSE" <d-mt-dose@erols.com>  
Subject: RE Support to MacDonald's budget proposal

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council.

We support Councilman Macdonald's proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to purchase parkland and to establish an Open Space Coordinator staff person.

Please approve the issuance of \$25 million in bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3 rather than waiting until the fall to make a decision.

We support Macdonald's proposal to provide funds to buy the Second Presbyterian Church, several sites at the waterfront and others in the city before they are even more expensive to buy and maybe lost forever. It's terrible to think what the developers plan to do with these properties.

Please make funding for open space a budget priority now, instead of later. Thanks.

Dan and Mary Dose



"Hambrick, Kathryn"  
<KHambrick@PattonBo  
ggs.com>

05/03/2004 10:49 AM

To: <alexvamayor@aol.com>, <delpepper@aol.com>,  
<council@joycewoodson.net>, <SmedbergPC@aol.com>,  
<MacdonaldCouncil@msn.com>, <Councilmangaines@aol.com>,  
<Rob@krupicka.com>  
cc: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: Open Space Vote on May 3, 2004

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

I support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. Please approve NOW the issuance of these bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3rd rather than waiting until the fall. Alexandria is in an open space crisis and Second Presbyterian Church, several sites on the waterfront and other opportunities must be acquired as soon as possible before these gems are lost forever. I also support Councilman Macdonald's request to fund an Open Space Coordinator staff position for three years.

Bonding now is the best strategy to increase parkland for citizens and neighborhoods throughout the city to enjoy. Interest rates are near record lows, waiting means that land prices will escalate even more, and each year more potential parkland is approved for development. Communities all over the country routinely issue bonds to purchase open space. Alexandria should do the same.

Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Kathryn Hambrick  
3821 Griffith Place  
Alexandria, VA 22304

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05/03/2004 10:39 AM

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>

cc:

Subject: open spaces

Dear Ms. Henderson,

Twenty months ago when I was seeking a community for my first home purchase, I limited my search to the City of Alexandria. I had already rented for five years in Alexandria and was impressed by the number and quality of city services; the responsiveness of local government to its citizens; and the overall lifestyle. Through 350 years, Alexandria largely has maintained the intent of its founders: to establish a small but vibrant city, dedicated to the comfort and well-being of its residents as well as strong, local commerce.

I thus believe that it is crucial for the City Council to pursue the open space initiative. The people, who live in Alexandria, need and want undeveloped land for recreation, for aesthetics and for our mental and physical health. Construction in Alexandria is growing exponentially -- but not necessarily to our benefit. I fear that we could end up as a shorter version of Crystal City's unpleasant urban jungle. The City Council therefore must take this opportunity to buy open space now and preserve it for the community. Councilman Macdonald's \$25-million bond proposal is the most effective and expedient way to achieve this objective.

I would appreciate it if you could forward this letter to Mayor Euille and the City Council today, so that they may consider my support for the bond initiative during this evening's budget deliberations.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Erin Winograd  
20 S.Gordon St.  
Alexandria, VA 22304



<FjkAMCI@aol.com>

05/03/2004 10:24 AM

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>

cc:

Subject: Support for Councilman Macdonald's proposal to Issue \$25 million in bonds

Please pass to Mayor and Members of City Council;  
Gentlemen and Ladies,  
My wife and I strongly support Councilman Macdonald's proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to purchase parkland and to establish an open space coordinator staff person.  
Please make funding for open space a budget priority now, instead of later.  
Thank you.

Frederick J. and Elizabeth J. Kelley  
532 Fort Williams Pkwy.  
Alexandria 22304-1851



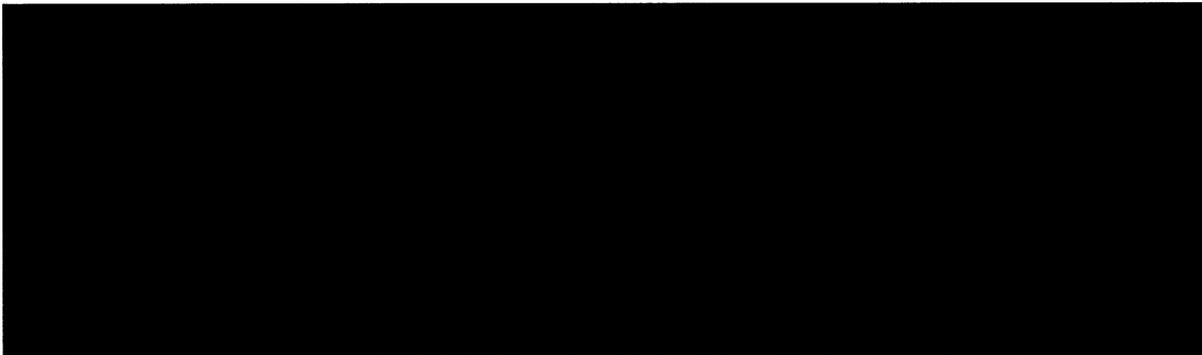
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**Last Name:** McQuilkin

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** 703-820-4360

**Email Address:** jmcquilkin@vnuexpo.com

**Comments:** Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice-Mayor, and Honorable Members of Council;

I have lived in Alexandria for over 35 years. I am a product of its' public schools K-12. This is the first time I have felt compelled to contact the council about an issue.

I simply wish to implore you to support Councilman MacDonald's proposal for a \$25 M bond for the acquisition of open space. Anything less will simply be insufficient.

We are looking at rare opportunities I believe to acquire valuable open space and we need to be prepared. I, and many of my Alexandria neighbors and friends will be monitoring this issue closely.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Jeff McQuilkin



"Raymond Cruddace"  
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To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc: <cruddace@xip.nrl.navy.mil>  
Subject: Copy of letter to the City Council

05/03/2004 09:47 AM

1109 North Pitt Street  
Alexandria

Monday 3 May 2004

Dear Mayor Euille,

In this letter I would like to express my strong support for Councilman MacDonald's proposal, that the city issue bonds in the sum of \$25 million to buy parkland, and that the city should fund a staff position for three years to co-ordinate open space policy.

In our travels, all of us have come to appreciate how the quality of life in a modern city depends on 'open spaces', that is parks, those large quiet areas in which nature holds sway, and where citizens can meet together and find refuge from the tumult of the streets. New York has Central Park, Londoners can retreat into Hyde Park or St. James Park, and in Munich citizens can wander or cycle for hours in the Englischen Garten, without ever seeing or hearing a car. We have no such jewel in Alexandria, although it an easy task to identify large and once open areas in our city, which in recent times have succumbed to 'development'.

Councilman MacDonald's proposal deserves strong support, because it takes immediate action to rescue what little open space we still have, and to create ever larger green areas in which we can meet, relax, walk and cycle.....but not motor!

Yours sincerely,  
Ray Cruddace



<PebbleMo@aol.com>

05/03/2004 09:37 AM

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, <ghparry@fortebrio.com>

cc:

Subject: bond issue for more green spaces

Please approve the issuance of \$25 million in bonds for the purpose of purchasing parkland and the establishment of an Open Space Coordinator, a much-needed position in this already overbuilt city. And while we are on the subject, what ever happened to the green belt that was supposed to run along the river from one end of the city to Jones Point?

We have lived here in old town for forty years and are saddened to see Alexandria turn into a cavernous, urban nightmare like Bethesda.

Make this bond issuance a priority at the May 3rd, 2004 budget hearing.

Please forward this message to the Mayor and Member of City Council.

Sally and Russell Murray, 210 Wilkes Street, Alexandria 22314



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<ELaine.Gort@USPTO.G  
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05/03/2004 09:35 AM

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<Rob@krupicka.com>  
cc: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: I support the open space initiative

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

We have lived in Alexandria for five years and own three properties here because we love this community and intend to stay and raise our family here. It is heartbreaking to see open space after open space turned into densely packed multiple housing development after development with seemingly little focus given to open space, parks, and bicycle/pedestrian interests.

Alexandria is fortunate to have the Mount Vernon waterfront trail, but should take initiative to generate additional open space for residents within the community and to provide non-vehicular connections between these open spaces. In the short time we have lived here we have seen traffic issues dramatically increase so much that we no longer ride our bicycles to work due to concerns for our safety. We now drive to work instead. Is this really what is best for our city?

We support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. Please approve NOW the issuance of these bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3rd rather than waiting until the fall. Alexandria is in an open space crisis and Second Presbyterian Church, several sites on the waterfront and other opportunities must be acquired as soon as possible before these gems are lost forever. We also support Councilman Macdonald's request to fund an Open Space Coordinator staff position for three years.

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Please make open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Sincerely  
Elaine and Allen Shriver  
513 Hilltop Terrace  
Alexandria, VA 22301



"Tuppence Blackwell"  
<tuppenceblackwell@earthlink.net>

To: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
cc: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
Subject: Open space - Here now, then it's gone forever

05/03/2004 09:15 AM  
Please respond to  
tuppenceblackwell

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

I live in Parkfairfax, where I enjoy the open space we have on our private land, but I also walk frequently in Alexandria's public parks, especially Oronoco Bay, Founders', Brenman, and Chinquapin.

I support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. Please approve NOW the issuance of these bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3rd rather than waiting until the fall. Alexandria is in an open space crisis and Second Presbyterian Church, several sites on the waterfront and other opportunities must be acquired as soon as possible before these gems are lost forever. I also support Councilman Macdonald's request to fund an Open Space Coordinator staff position for three years.

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Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Tuppence Blackwell  
3254 Gunston Road  
Alexandria, VA 22302

[tuppenceblackwell@earthlink.net](mailto:tuppenceblackwell@earthlink.net)  
For trees, for dance, for community



**Mary Jennings**  
<mjennings@asmr.com>  
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05/03/2004 09:08 AM

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cc: "jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us"  
<jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, "ghparry@fortebrio.com"  
<ghparry@fortebrio.com>

Subject: Support for Open Space Budget priority

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

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Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Jennings  
904 Janneys Lane  
Alexandria, VA 22302



"Ryan, Jr, Anthony J"  
<Tony.Ryan@opm.gov>

05/03/2004 08:31 AM

To: "jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us"  
<jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc: "ghparry@fortebrio.com" <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: Funding for Open Space

Jackie,  
Please forward this message to the Mayor and City Council Members. Thanks!

I Support the efforts of Councilman Macdonald to provide funds to purchase the Second Presbyterian Church as well as several waterfront sites.

Please approve the issuance of \$25 million in bonds NOW!!

Funding for open space must be a budget priority!!!

Donna and Tony Ryan  
478 Naylor Place  
Alex, VA 22304

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05/03/2004 08:49 AM

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
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Subject: Fw: Fw: Alex. City Budget

Ms. Henderson, please forward to the Mayor and Members of Council

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> Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council

> Regret I am unable to appear in person to request that the full \$25 million be approved for Open Space via Bonding.

> Now is the time to live up to the Grand Statement made by Council for open space.

> Full commitment for this noble and needed goal must be carried out.

> Fear of future fiscal problems and TC over runs must not control the commitment for open space There are always scenarios to cause budget people to quake,...but City Council must hold to its policies the budget can always be adjusted..

> I urge you to Bond for the purchase of Open Space...correct the years of neglect.....

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> Ellen Pickering May 2, 2004

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<ghparry@fortebrio.com>

cc:  
Subject: FUNDING FOR OPEN SPACE

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

I support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. These parkland spaces should be apportioned throughout the city with no one area getting a preponderance of the resources. Communities all over the country routinely issue bonds to purchase open space. Alexandria should do the same. Please approve the issuance of these bonds for fairly apportioned parkland when you adopt the budget this evening rather than waiting until the fall.

Alexandria is in an open space crisis and several sites offer opportunities which must be acquired as soon as possible before they are developed and lost forever. Waiting means that land prices will escalate even more, and each year more potential parkland is approved for development. Alexandria is becoming a Joannie Mitchell "parking lot" due to the unfortunate rush for overdevelopment.

Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Sandi Wurtz  
121 South Ingram Street  
Alexandria, VA

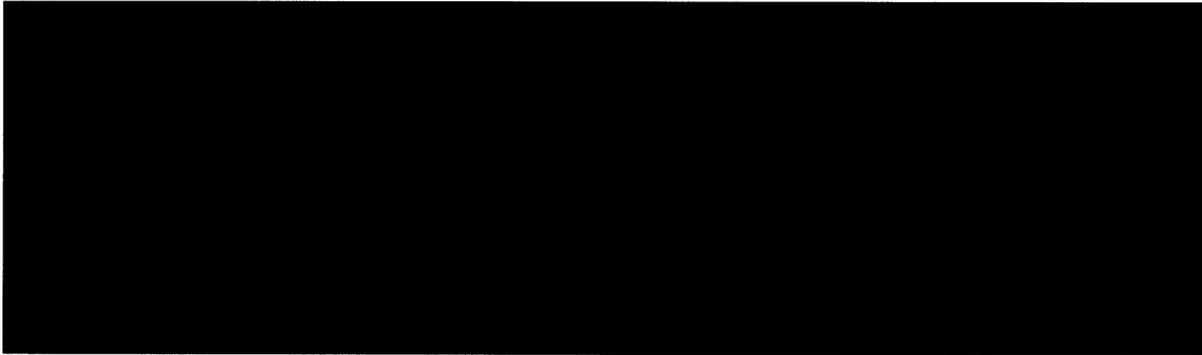


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**First Name:** Tana

**Last Name:** Lorah

**Street Address:** 3400 Martha Custis Drive

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** 703-575-8556

**Email Address:** Tanal@cuneolaw.com

**Comments:** I wanted to write and let you know that I fully support the following portions of the budget proposal re: open space purchasing:

- \$25 million dollars worth of bonds to purchase open space -- properties like the old Second Presbyterian Church and other sites located throughout Alexandria..

- An open space coordinator

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tana Lorah  
Resident of Parkfairfax



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<dblairs1@comcast.net  
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To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc: <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: Support for Open Space

05/03/2004 08:10 AM

Ms. Henderson – Please forward to Mayor and City Council:

We strongly support Councilman Macdonald's proposal to issue \$25M in bonds to preserve the shrinking open space in Alexandria, and to establish an Open Space Coordinator staff person to work on the issue. We are very concerned that the City not lose the opportunity to purchase the Second Presbyterian Church land at Seminary Road and Quaker lane, open land along the waterfront, and additional pieces of undeveloped land as they become available. Alexandria will lose its charm and character if every piece of open land is filled in with structures, residential or commercial. The Mayor and Council need to act now to reverse the trends that are filling in all available land.

Diane and Dennis Blair  
Timber Branch Parkway



"Martha Bethea"  
<bethea22314@msn.com>  
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05/03/2004 08:09 AM

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, <ghparry@fortebrio.com>, "Martha Bethea" <bethea22314@msn.com>  
cc:  
Subject: OPEN SPACE

Alexandria City Council:

As a citizen of Alexandria, I strongly support Councilman Andrew McDonald's proposal to buy open space now, including: (1) to approve now, not later, the issuance of \$25 million in bonds; (2) to buy the Second Presbyterian site, available waterfront sites, and others in the city now, before they are lost forever.

Respectfully,

Martha C. Bethea  
921 South Alfred Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-548-5907



<Dorothystrunk@aol.com>  
m>

05/03/2004 07:18 AM

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc: <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: Open Space in Alexandria

Please pass this e-mail to the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

I urge you to support Councilman Macdonald's proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to purchase parkland and to approve the issuance of open space in Alexandria.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dorothy R. Strunk  
30 South Hudson Street  
Alexandria, VA 22304



Lynn Bostain  
<lbostain@erols.com>  
05/03/2004 07:27 AM

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc:  
Subject: Alexandria Open Space

Jackie,

Would you please forward this message to the Mayor and City Council Members? Thanks!

May 3, 2004

The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
Mr. Philip Sunderland, City Manager  
City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor, City Council and City Manager,

In order to preserve the quality of life for which most Alexandrians live in this city, I am requesting that you approve the issuance of \$25 million in bonds for purchase of parkland in your May 3, 2004 budget. There also needs to be money allocated for an Open Space Coordinator to oversee the maintenance of this land.

I know that some Council Members have suggested that we wait until Fall to visit the Open Space issue, but I request that you change this approach and take advantage of low interest rates that are available today. All indications are that interest rates will rise, and Fall is an unwise time in which to seek a delay since we would be subject to higher rates. Funding for Open Space should be a budget priority now, not later. I support Councilman Macdonald's proposal to provide enough funds **now** to purchase the Second Presbyterian Church site, several waterfront sites and others in the City before they become even more expensive and we lose them to developers.

In conjunction with the Open Space initiative, I am further requesting that you support the proposal to fund the Buddie Ford Nature Center on the West End with an additional full-time employee and at least 2 part-time employees. Mark Kelly, who operates the Buddie Ford Nature Center, has done a splendid job in maintaining the Dora Kelley Nature Park and the Nature Center, but he needs help to continue his efforts. These new employees would fit into the Open Space issue since they would be helping to maintain a wonderful park which we already enjoy in the West End of Alexandria.

Please approve the issuance of \$25 million in bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3--please don't wait until a later date.

Sincerely,

Lynn W. Bostain  
5695 Rayburn Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22311



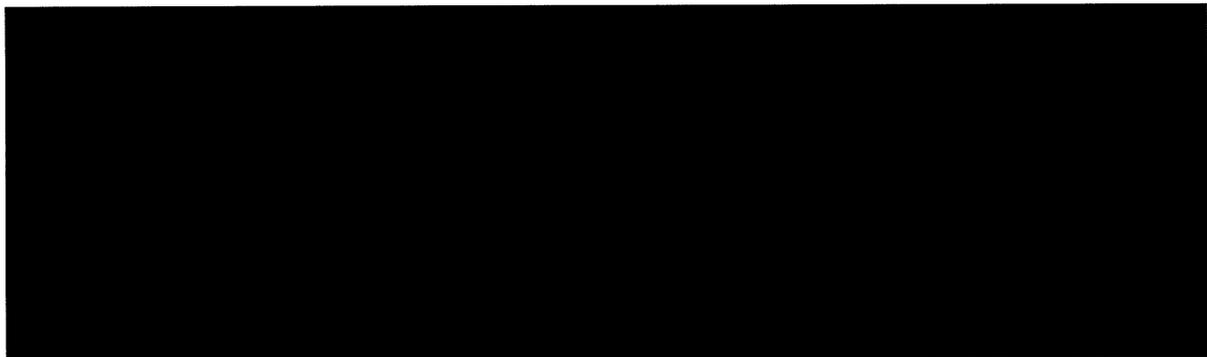
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Response requested:

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**Last Name:** Carman

**Street Address:** 3733 Templeton Place

**City:** ALEXANDRIA

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 7037514823

**Email Address:** john.m.carman@verizon.net

**Comments:** Please be advised that I support Councilman Macdonald's proposal to provide enough funds now to buy the Second Presbyterian Church, several sites at the waterfront and others in the city before they are even more expensive to buy and the potential "Green Space" lost forever. For this reason, I call upon you and the other members to approve the issuance of \$25 million in bonds to acquire the "Green Space" for all of the residents of the city. Please adopt this initiative at your budget meeting on May 3, 2004 and please do not wait until the fall sessions to do

so.

Respectfully,

John & Marcia Carman



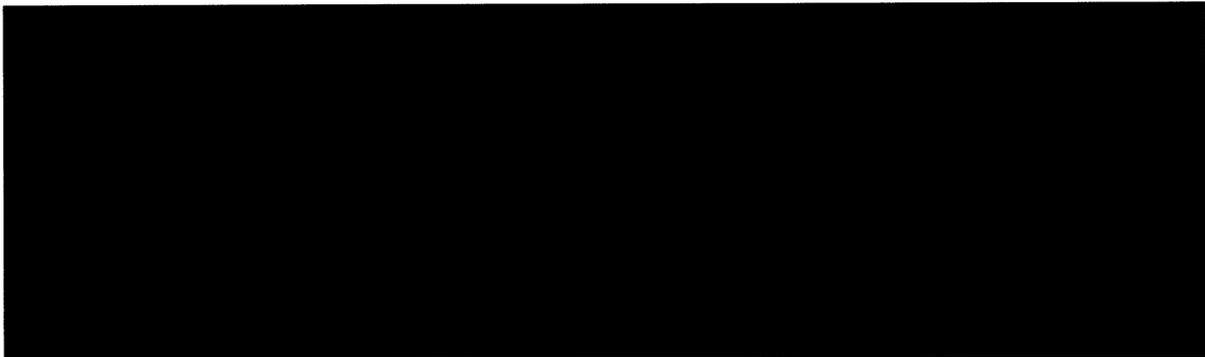
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**Response requested:**

**First Name:** Suzanne

**Last Name:** Scoville

**Street Address:** 59 Arell Court

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703 370 1002

**Email Address:** lacomtesse@verizon.net

**Comments:** Noble --adj. 5. admirable in dignity of conception, manner of expression, execution or composition. 7. of an admirably high quality; notably superior; excellent.

This Monday a vote will be taken on the issue of a 25 million dollar bond for the preservation of Open Space in Alexandria. How will City Council choose? Will they champion the concerned residents of Alexandria by looking forward and maintaining the quality of life in a city of staggering historical significance? Or will they

yield to the immediate and facile quotations of pecuniary gain?

A recent newscast concerning the C&O canal project reported that years ago, a proposition arose to turn the canal into a paved road. "Thank goodness they did not!", said the newscasters;, thank goodness that someone had the foresight to perpetuate beauty, preserve history and refuse to succumb to the easy, potentially lucrative way out.

The dynamic tension created over the last months through an often contentious and frustrating dialog between City Council and Open Space proponents has given rise to a refreshing case of informed perspective. The right hand is beginning to listen to the left!

City Council has a rare opportunity to make a truly noble decision this Monday. By saying yes to the 25 million dollar bond to preserve open space, they have the ability to make a long range and powerful impact on the future of Alexandria. By not insisting on an atmosphere of build and pave, by recognizing that citizens need to balance their environs with breath, space and earth, City Council will be telling its citizens that this city will be different. That it will not go the way of so many other American cities...insufferably over-crowded, overbuilt and impersonal. And this City Council will be well remembered.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Scoville  
59 Arell Court  
Alexandria, VA



"kathy burns"  
<burnskathy@earthlink.net>

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc:  
Subject: URGENT --for May 3, 2004 meeting

05/02/2004 10:18 PM

Dear Ms. Henderson,

Please forward my attached letter to the Members of the City Council for the May 3 discussion on Open Space. I write in my capacity as the vice president of the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, which has fully supported the Open Space guidelines and the proposed bond issue for the purchase of the tract at Quaker and Seminary.

I also write in my individual capacity as a resident who has lived in the West End of Alexandria since 1975. If you have any trouble opening the attachment, please contact me at 703-824-1799 so I can resend it by pasting it into the email.

Sincerely yours,

Kathleen Burns  
1036 N. Pelham St.  
Alexandria, VA 22304



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Dear Members of the Alexandria City Council,

On April 3, the Executive Board of the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association gave full support to the concept of Open Space as a reality, rather than a distant dream. At the quarterly meeting of our Civic Association on April 19, we supported the suggestion that the City purchase the 6-acre tract now owned by 2nd Presbyterian Church.

This land would be an enormous benefit for a city crammed with 137,000 people, many of whom are in small apartments and condos. This would give people some Open Space we could all share and enjoy. They could savor the sunshine while sitting on a park bench, fly a Frisbee, run up and down the hills with their children, and enjoy the visual release Open Space affords. The central location of the site is an additional plus so that residents from any neighborhood could use it for recreation. And it is easily accessible as well by the DASH bus for all those Alexandrians who lack cars and must rely on public transportation. Its wide open spaces could be readily used by T.C. Williams and McArthur Schools as well as various private schools also in the vicinity.

Under the Planning Staff plan, only eight individuals would benefit from their million dollar homes in this site. It also seems a grave misnomer to call the two lots that would be left vacant "parks" since they have no public parking or public access. They are simply a barrier between traffic and these wealthy homeowners. I was surprised to hear of the \$500,000 tax benefit to the developer, so I would question the comments of the so-called "generosity" of the developer in this regard.

We have heard many comments and complaints from those who live near the site that the water table, slope and current drainage plans cause many mini "floods" and problems already and they did not feel the proposals by the City would significantly alleviate this concern. Massive construction does not seem like a positive environmental use of this land mass.

The BSVCA association supports the idea of "sensible management" of the city's financial and physical resources. We think the \$25 million bond issue for Open Space is manageable in a budget of \$430 million. As taxpayers, we would be getting an enormous benefit that would apply to everyone.

Given the urgency of this matter, we favor the \$25 million bond issue as soon as possible. It should be a budget priority. The site was already ranked in the Top Ten for Open Space long-range planning.

Similarly, Open Space is far too important to be relegated primarily to an advisory board that is solely appointed by the City Manager. We support the concept of a designated Open Staff Coordinator as a staff person who would be fully accountable to the Mayor and City Council for full implementation of the Open Space guidelines.

In April, I attended the Open Space work session with the City Council and the Planning Commission, in my capacity as vice president of our Civic Association. We would strongly urge the Council to insist on more openness, transparency and accessibility to all the monthly sessions held by the Open Space committee. While it may be a wonderful time of the day for Judy Noritake, the chairman, that is not the case for the majority of residents who are busy getting ready for work, sending children off to school and preparing for the daily commute.

Given the huge number of competent people in this community, perhaps she should step down if that is the only time she can meet, and the City Council should appoint someone else who has more flexibility and a greater willingness to include citizen participation as an essential component of this process. The meetings should not be geared solely to her personal convenience but to the greatest degree of public input. People can meet in the evenings or on the weekends, but generally not at 7 a.m. No one can presume to know another person's motives, but one has to question why a public board refuses to accommodate the public. If the more than 200 other city boards and commissions all must have members vetted by the City Council, it seems an anomaly this board is accountable only to the City

Manager, who is not elected. The mandate for this committee is too serious to limit the discussions to only a few who can make the meetings now scheduled at the awkward, inconvenient and unrealistic time.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Burns  
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05/02/2004 07:52 PM

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Subject: Funding for Open Space

May 3, 2004

The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
Mr. Philip Sunderland, City Manager  
City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor, City Council, and City Manager,

The undersigned groups call upon the Council to fully implement the Open Space Master Plan (OSMP) approved in 2003 by purchasing all available properties listed in the plan. We believe that a commitment must be made immediately, and implemented as soon as possible, to ensure such open space is preserved for current and future generations of Alexandrians.

City officials have acknowledged for some time -- as outlined in the OSMP -- that a minimum of 100 acres of additional open space is needed just to keep pace with Alexandria's growth. Open space is essential for an improved quality of life for all Alexandrians. Open space provides critical greenways and wildlife corridors. One of the primary goals of the Open Space plan is to link and expand the pedestrian, bicycle, multi-use trail system. Open space not only provides park and recreation needs, but also is a critical component of pedestrian and bicycle access to activities and sites throughout the city. An expanded trail system is an integral part of the transportation solutions in Alexandria for reducing vehicular traffic with its congestion and pollution. Trails improve the health of our citizens by providing safer places for increased physical activity. These routes allow citizens to learn the benefits of alternatives to the use of cars for meeting their transportation needs that will become more important as the city increases in population density.

To meet this vital goal -- that becomes more costly the more we delay taking

action -- we propose, as outlined in the OSMP, that open spaces be financed through more innovative funding mechanisms, such as a bond referendum. The proceeds should be used to purchase those properties most at risk for development and consequently would lead to a degradation of our city's overall quality of life. In making this suggestion, we note that [the Mayor and] a number of Council members ran on election platforms unequivocally advocating adherence to the OSMP and open space acquisition generally, as stated in questionnaire responses to both Alexandrians for Sensible Growth and the Sierra Club. The time has come for Council to honor those campaign commitments.

We look forward to seeing considerably more than 100 acres of new parks and green space preserved for our children and our children's children. Given the skyrocketing land values in Alexandria, quick action is required to ensure the timely purchase of available properties at the best possible prices. This priority is, simply put, too important to be delayed any longer.

Thank you for your support in this vital issue.

Sincerely,

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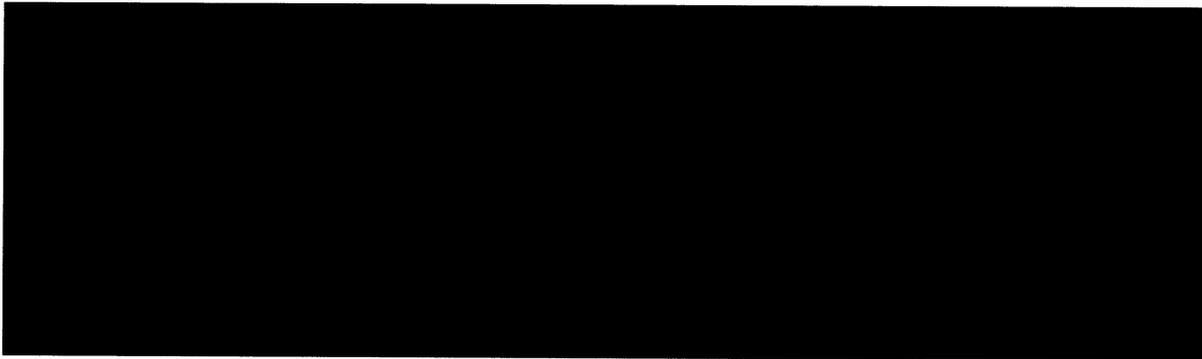
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**Comments:** To the Mayor and Members of City Council:

Yes, I realize this is a slightly edited form letter, but the matter is urgent and time is short. PLEASE think about the future of the city! Given the scale of development you have approved recently, (e.g. the Winkler development on Seminary Road) will Alexandria continue be a city where people really want to live???

I support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. Please approve NOW the issuance of these bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3rd rather than waiting until the fall.

As we have seen most painfully here in the West End, Alexandria is in an open space crisis and Second Presbyterian Church, several sites on the waterfront and other opportunities must be acquired as soon as possible before these opportunities are lost forever. I also support Councilman Macdonald's request to fund an Open Space Coordinator staff position for three years.

Bonding now is the best strategy to increase parkland for citizens and neighborhoods throughout the city to enjoy. Interest rates are near record lows, waiting means that land prices will escalate even more, and each year more potential parkland is approved for development. Communities all over the country routinely issue bonds to purchase open space. Alexandria should do the same.

Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

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Subject: Councilman MacDonald's Open Space Proposal

**Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:**

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*Tom M. Arnold, Jr.  
2306 Sibley St.  
Alexandria, VA. 22311-5744*



Joessullivan@aol.com

05/02/2004 01:19 PM

To: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us

CC:

Subject: Parkland Bonds

Honorable City Clerk: Please forward this message to the Mayor and each member of the City Council. Thank you.

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

Regarding: Parkland

We have retired from our jobs. BJ worked for the Alexandria School System and continues to serve the City as a Beautification Commissioner. I worked for the Federal Aviation Administration. We choose to remain in Alexandria during our retirement. This is because the City is beautiful and runs pretty well, although each of you knows better than most that the City faces some real and immediate problems and issues. For years, a major concern of ours has been the limited amount of open space for public use and enjoyment. Only a few sites (Ft. Ward and Chinquapin) are anything more than "vest pocket parks." As land values rise, acquiring more parkland becomes increasingly expensive and hard to achieve. Developers seem determined to immediately build on or pave over every square inch of the City. Every day, the competition for open space becomes more fiercely competitive.

With this in mind, we urge you to immediately approve on May 3 the proposed \$25 million bond issue for parkland, and the related proposal to establish an Open Space Coordinator staff person. Several sites are in danger of new development and of being forever lost to our citizenry. The Second Presbyterian Church is probably is the best and most crucial example. Every day's delay in making funds available for acquisition of land such as this significantly decreases the likelihood of more parkland for our citizens relaxation and enjoyment. Last Fall we elected a Democrat Council as our promise for the future. Now is the time to take a major step to fulfill that promise. Please!

William J. (Joe) Sullivan and Bette Jo (BJ) Sullivan



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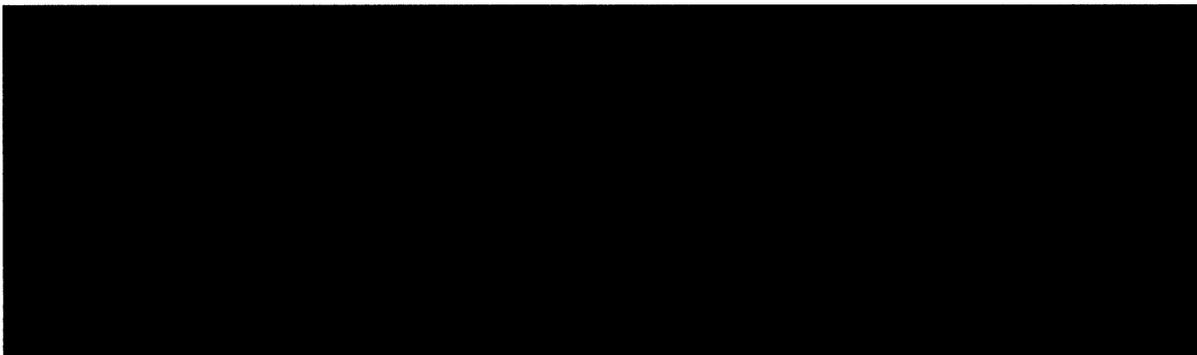
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**Comments:** I URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE OPEN SPACE FUND AND PARTICULARLY FAVOR THE LARGER FIGURE SUPPORTED BY COUNCILMAN MACDONALD AS A MORE REALISTIC AMOUNT. THE PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING MECHANISM IS ATTRACTIVE.



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To: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
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Subject: Attn:Mayor & City Council Members

I have three four letter words for you: More Open Area!  
i want to enjoy open space NOW! Therefore, I support  
Councilman Andrew Macdonald's proposal to buy open space with \$25 million in bonds.  
Please make funding for open space a budget priority NOW!  
Thank your for paying attention!  
Terry Patin  
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**AnnCorro@aol.com**

05/02/2004 09:43 AM

To: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
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Subject: Open Space bond

Dear City Council Members;

Please vote for a \$25 million bond that will ensure Alexandria has more open space. We are such an urbanized city that any free parcels should be reserved for parks and green space. Surely, most Alexandrians would be willing to have tax money go for such an enduring benefit. Ann Corro 5009 Richenbacher Av., Alex, VA 22304 703 -370-3664.



<hansfree@comcast.net  
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To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc:  
Subject: Fw: Open space bond

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Peter H. Freeman  
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To: <alexvamayor@aol.com>  
Sent: Saturday, May 01, 2004 9:10 PM  
Subject: Open space bond

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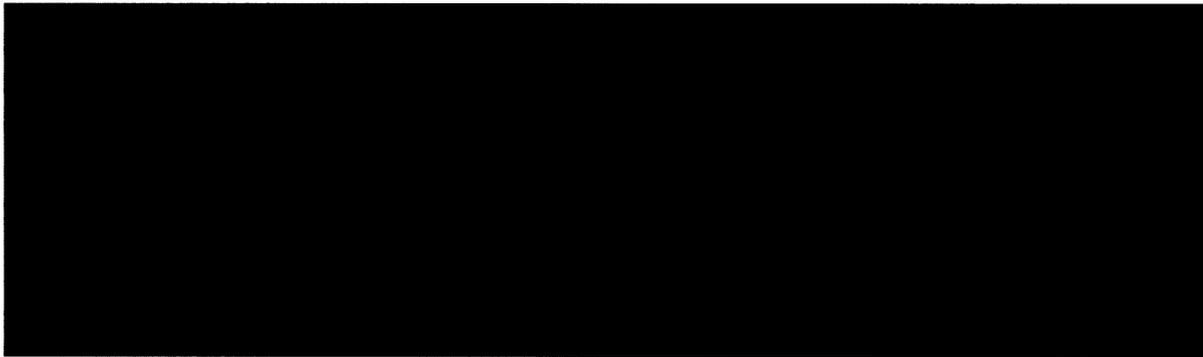
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**Response requested: [ ]**

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** Virginia

**Zip:** 22304

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**Email Address:** anmlntwk@erols.com

**Comments:** Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

Next year's City budget will be adopted on Monday, May 3. We ask that you support two changes to the budget. We strongly support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's proposal to fund \$25 million dollars worth of bonds to purchase open space in the City of Alexandria. For too many years, open space has been given very little attention while development has flourished. Alexandria still has some open space, and we wish to see it retained.

After having co-ordinated the Spring Holmes Run Park Clean Up today, I can attest to how precious Holmes Run Park is to many Alexandria residents. We had a large turnout of volunteers who value this precious area of green (park, not money).

We also ask that you provide funding for an open space coordinator, which, we understand, would be a three-year position.

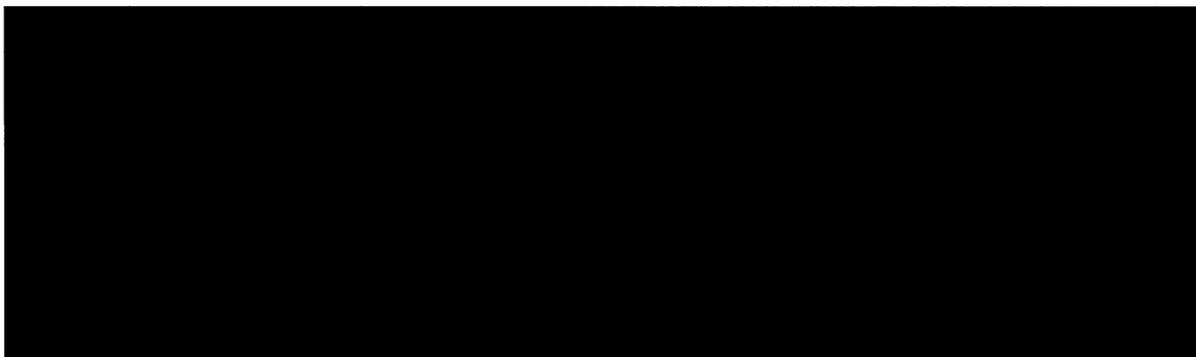


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**Response requested:**

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**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 370.1959

**Email Address:** evcv@erols.com

**Comments:** Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council, I urge you to allocate funds for the purchase of green space within Alexandria. This also means you ought not to allow any further "development," when such development ends up destroying trees and land.  
I would also request that you ban leaf-blowers. They cause inordinate pollution, and, just as hazardous, the noise they cause is an offense to human hearing and dignity. Those who use leaf-blowers show little if any respect for their neighbors. Los Angeles does not allow

leaf-blowers in its borders.  
Sincerely,  
Evaggelos Vallianatos

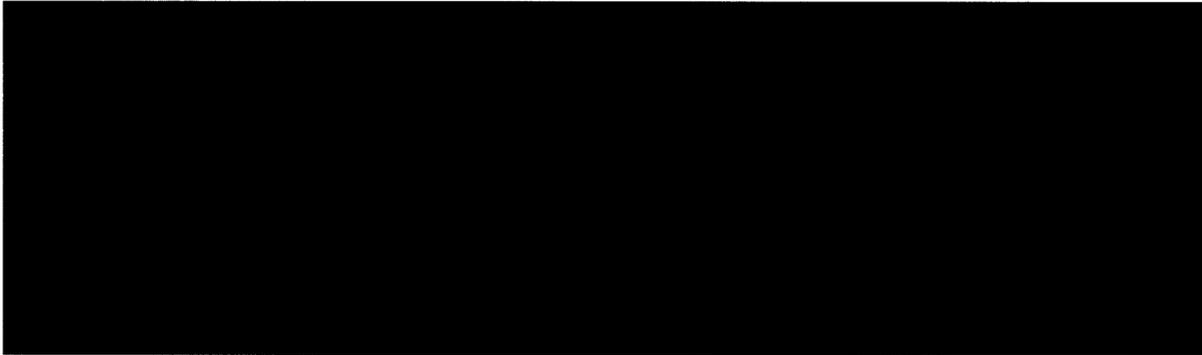


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**Last Name:** Neville

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**Comments:** I support Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. Please approve the issuance of these bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3rd rather than waiting until the fall. Alexandria is in an open space crisis and Second Presbyterian Church, several sites on the waterfront and other opportunities must be acquired as soon as possible. I also support Councilman Macdonald's request to I fund an Open Space Coordinator staff

position.

I applaud Andrew Macdonald's efforts to step out in front of the group to take a stand that might not be popular with some, but is clearly for the benefit of the community at large. Kudos to Andrew!! Thank for holding firm to your convictions!

Francine Neville, Rosemont resident



**MargeThiel@aol.com**

05/01/2004 10:50 AM

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Rob@krupicka.com  
cc: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us, ghparry@fortebrio.com.  
Subject: Park Land

Please vote for the acquisition of new park land and for an open space coordinator. Protecting available space along the waterfront is a major concern. If we don't do it now, it will be too late.

Margaret Thiel

5300 Holmes Run Parkway, PH 6

Alexandria, VA 22304



**Jeff Bernholz**  
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Subject: Please support Council member Andrew Macdonald's Open Space Proposal

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Please support Council member Andrew Macdonald's Open Space Proposal for a \$25 million bond issue. Take advantage of today's historic low interest rates to plan for the future. The \$25 million amount in the open space fund now gives the City the ability to respond to opportunities as they arise rather than having to always defer due to insufficient funds. Open space is rapidly disappearing in Alexandria. Being short-sighted now means remaining opportunities will be lost forever.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Bernholz  
Brookville-Seminary Valley  
Chair, Holmes Run Park Committee



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cc: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: Voter demands protection of Green Space and Parklands in Alexandria

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

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Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Mihal Gross  
1204 S. Washington St.  
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cc: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, "Ginny Hines Parry" <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: Bonds to buy parkland

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

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Frederic Leiner

3900 Terry Place Alexandria, VA 22304



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**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** Palmer

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** 703-683-1884

**Email Address:** mpalm@aol.com

**Comments:** Please support \$25 million dollars worth of bonds to purchase open space in the City of Alexandria.

Sincerely yours,

Mary E. Palmer



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cc: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
Subject: URGE YOU TO APPROVE THE PARKLAND BONDING PROPOSAL

Dear Mayor and Councilpersons:

When you adopt the City's budget on 3 May 2004, I urge you to approve Councilperson Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. Please don't delay this decision until the fall. I also urge you to support Councilman Macdonald's request to fund an Open Space Coordinator staff position.

Alexandria is a City that desperately needs more open space. In particular, several sites on the waterfront and in other areas must be acquired before they are forever lost. As open space, these areas provide great utilitarian benefits, such as runoff and flood control, groundwater recharge and as air pollution sinks, that are far cheaper in terms of construction and/or O&M than many alternatives. And, as everyone knows, preserving these areas is of tremendous value because they offer needed recreation opportunities to our citizens.

Since interest rates are near record lows, bonding is the best financial strategy for increasing open space at this time. Waiting until the fall means that land prices are likely to escalate even further while at the same time potential open space is lost to other uses. Financially prudent communities throughout the country are routinely issuing bonds to purchase open space, and Alexandria should do the same. It's a sound investment in our City!

Once again, I urge you approve the parkland bonding proposal now! Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Cunningham  
808 Janneys Lane  
Alexandria, VA 22302



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Subject: FUNDING FOR OPEN SPACE

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

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Dianne Eppler Adams  
501 Slaters Lane #422  
Alexandria, VA 22314



<Rltrimiller@aol.com>

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cc:

Subject: Open Space Funding

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

I support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to provide a funding for acquisition of open space/parkland within the City.

His proposal to fund a staff position with this same objective should also be considered.

Since land is not a self-renewing resource, it is imperative that we have a source of funding as parcels become available. If not, competing interests of other private sources will continue to gobble up small infill lots as well as large parcels in a relentless pursuit of development, thus spiraling up the land costs: that which is left becomes more and more dear. Should we not have a source of funding, the ability to procure anything cannot be recaptured!

Sincerely,

Judy Miller, Rosemont Resident of N. View Terrace



<ckoppen@nachc.com>

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**Response requested: [ ]**

**First Name:** Chris

**Last Name:** Koppen

**Street Address:** 3709 Lyons Lane

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** 703 931-1988

**Email Address:** ckoppen@nachc.com

**Comments:** Dear Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor and  
Members of the City Council:

I am writing to express my support for  
Councilman MacDonald's efforts to provide \$25  
million in bonds in the Alexandria budget for  
efforts to purchase and protect open space in our  
city.

Unlike other jurisdictions in Northern Virginia,  
Alexandria can be proud of the commitment it has  
made to protecting the quality of life of its

residents by controlling sprawl and development. Part of that quality of life is the presence of local public spaces that haven't been clogged with new residential or commercial developments and that give residents a quiet place and breaks from the urban hustle and bustle. As modern life gets more hectic, open spaces are invaluable.

As an Alexandrian, I support these efforts and urge you to support this initiative to maintain and protect the quality of life for our beautiful city.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Chris



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04/30/2004 10:30 AM

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cc: "Jackie Henderson, City Clerk," <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, "Ginny Hines Parry, President, ASG," <ghparry@fortebrio.com.>  
Subject: Open Space/Second Presbyterian Church

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council:

I strongly support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million

in bonds to buy parkland. Please approve NOW the issuance of these bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3rd rather than waiting until the fall.

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Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Very truly yours,

Jean V. MacHarg

520 Ft. Williams Parkway

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**Last Name:** Enger

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**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22305

**Phone:** 703-739-6289

**Email Address:** delacy@rocketmail.com

**Comments:** Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

I am writing this note to express my strong support for the "open space" budget plan proposed by Councilmember MacDonald.

I have been a resident of Alexandria for the past 15 years and have watched as this city has passed up various opportunities for creating significant open spaces in the city (most notably the Potomac Yards area). We lag significantly

behind Arlington and Fairfax in the amount and quality of open spaces within our boundaries, to the extent that many cyclists, birding enthusiasts and like-minded individuals no longer look to Alexandria for these activities. This results in lost income for our local businesses, increased noise and traffic caused by people driving to more enjoyable locations, as well as serious impacts to our "quality of life" - measured in terms of added pollution and stress.

Increased development in the southern and eastern sections of town have also significantly reduced the opportunities for open space available to Alexandrians.

I would understand the drive to develop if Alexandria was experiencing significant funding shortfalls, but the fact that property tax rates were recently reduced, coupled with a robust local economy, indicates that this is a golden opportunity to improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Promoting open space will ensure that Alexandria remains unique among the cities of this region and continues to flourish as a premiere tourist and family-centered community, rather than simply as a haven for commuters.

Sincerely,

Colin R. Enger



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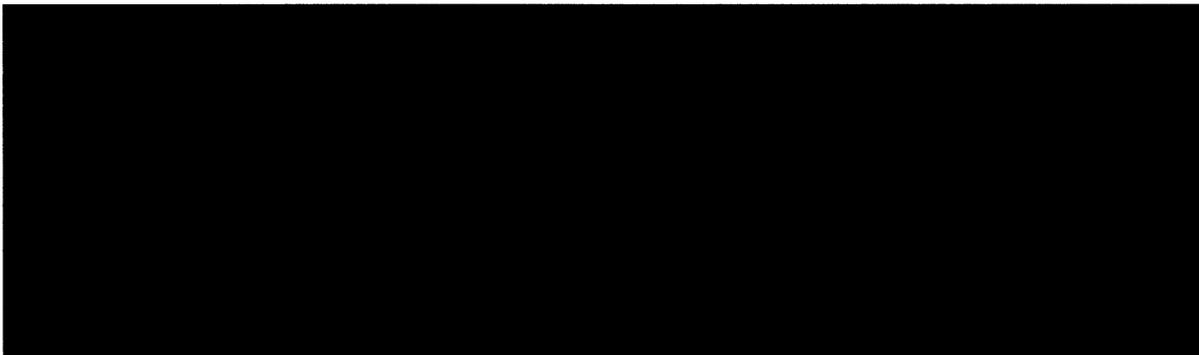
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**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** Youngflesh

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**Comments:** We urge you to support Andrew MacDonald's  
request for \$25 million for open space. With  
interest  
rates low, it is a good time to do this. We need to  
keep Alexandria as livable as possible, and we  
should  
not lose any chance to protect large parcels of  
land to more dense development. Kay and Dick  
Youngflesh.



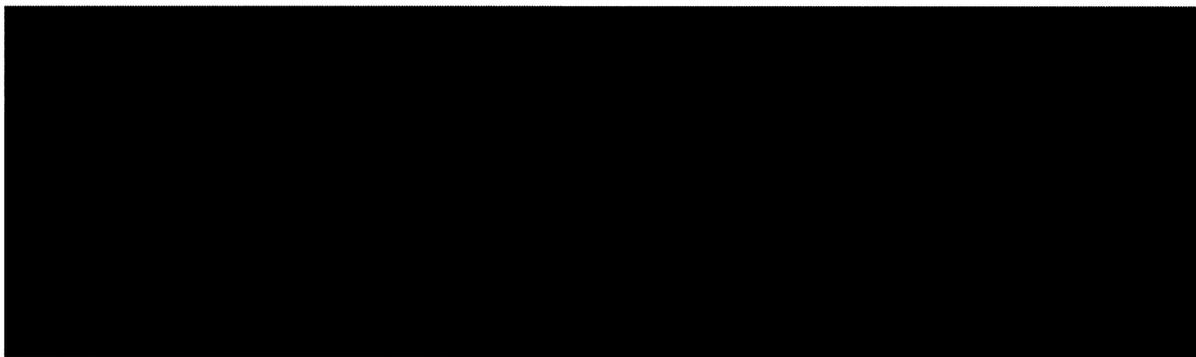
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**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** O'Brien

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** 703/548-7182

**Email Address:** eileenob@usa.net

**Comments:** Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

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Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Eileen O'Brien



**Ginny Hines Parry**  
<ghparry@fortebrio.com>

04/30/2004 07:10 AM

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Subject: Purchase of Second Presbyterian Church

April 29, 2004

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

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

The Board of Directors of the Clover-College Park Civic Association recently voted to request that the City purchase the entire Second Presbyterian Church property and to retain it as open space.

The city has a rare opportunity to acquire a park-like property that already has an expansive structure on it serving as a community center and polling station. Open space of this size with an existing structure ideal for public uses is seldom available. Since none is foreseen for purchase of this size and with its extraordinary features, the city should purchase this property so it may serve current but most importantly future generations of an evermore congested city.

The 6.07 acre Second Presbyterian is already part of the Open Space Master Plan (OSMP) adopted last year. It was incorporated into the city's master land use plan. The purchase of this entire site should begin now with a letter of intent to the owner. Its purchase should be included in the city's FY2005 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget.

The city staff should be directed to find a fiscally responsible means to purchase the site. The owners have never paid any taxes on this property. They are in a position to make it available to the city at a reasonable price.

The city should consider using general obligation bonds as a cost-effective means of purchasing the property. Hundreds of communities across the country routinely use bonds to quickly purchase open space. Current open space funds can be used to offset the costs associated with the sale of the bonds so that more open space can be purchased when it becomes available, as is done in numerous other communities. Non-critical CIP projects could be delayed and those funds could also be used now to offset the costs of a bond sale.

The former church building at Second Presbyterian already produces income from the day care and church tenants. Continuing revenues from these tenants could also be used to offset maintenance costs.

The city's AAA/Aaa bond rating, the very highest awarded by Moody's and Standard and Poor's, is a testimony to the city's excellent financial position. This highly regarded rating allows the city to borrow bonds at low rates. The city should be taking advantage of its hard-earned credit rating to borrow funds now while low interest rates are available and before the cost of Second Presbyterian increases even further.

If the city does purchase the Second Presbyterian site, future uses there should be decided with extensive community input. Consideration should be given to including neighborhood activities and recreational programs, such as special programs for the elderly and disabled, youth groups, and similiar worthy programs.

Finally, the house at Second Presbyterian is over 50 years old and may be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places on the Virginia Landmarks Register. The nomination process for these designations should begin immediately to ensure its preservation.

Your consideration of this request to purchase 2nd Presbyterian is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ginny Hines Parry, Vice President  
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Clover-College Park Civic Association  
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Response requested:

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**Last Name:** Olinger

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**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

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**Email Address:** dsolinger@erols.com

**Comments:** Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper and City Council Members;

The topic which concerns me today is funding to acquire open space.

The City has a serious shortage of open space which will only be exacerbated as our population continues to grow. Land is a finite commodity and as additional development projects go forward, opportunities to buy land for open space purposes will become

scarcer and more costly.

As Alexandria considers its future, it would be wise to make a major financial committment now to correct this open space deficiency. I heartily support the proposal to float a \$25 million bond issue for the purchase of open space. We need it and we need it now!

While more open space is needed throughout the City, highest priority, in my opinion, should be given to purchasing properties along Alexandria's waterfront. The waterfront is an irreplaceable resource that can add immeasurably to the City's charm and unique character. Its importance and its future development as a tourism resource has been emphasized at the meetings of the King Street Retail Study Advisory Committee. Opening up the waterfront will help to support the business community and benefit all of Alexandria's citizens.

While the waterfront is my priority, the need is to acquire land for open space throughout the City before it's too late.

Sincerely,

David Olinger  
100 Prince Street



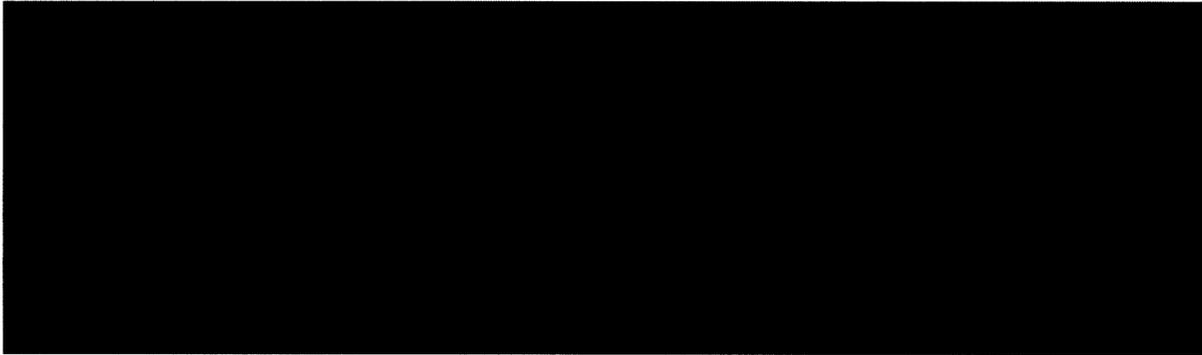
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**Time:** [Thu Apr 29, 2004 18:34:41] **IP Address:** [64.12.116.135]

**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** Bruner

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** 703-549-0364

**Email Address:** Jabruner@aol.com

**Comments:** I support Mr. Macdonald's proposed budget changes with regard to open space in the city.



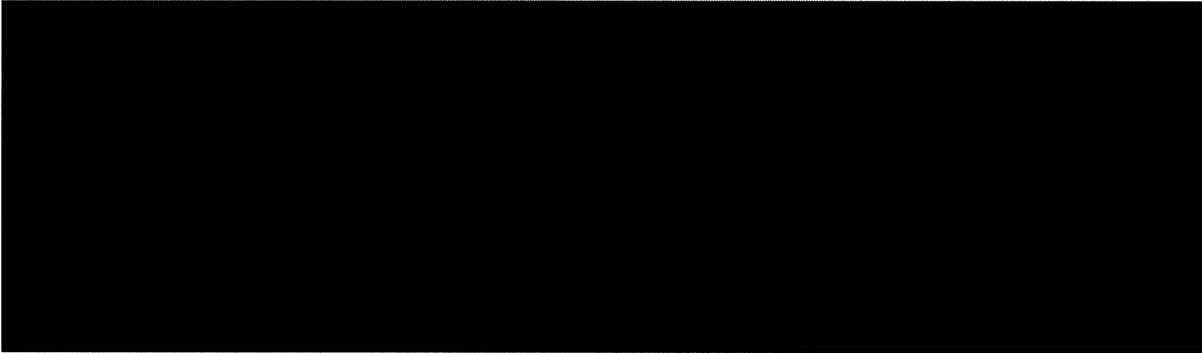
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Response requested:

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**Last Name:** Greer

**Street Address:** 1168 North Pitt Street

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** 703-549-5849

**Email Address:** sallyanngreer@msn.com

**Comments:** Dear Mayor Euille and CityCouncil Members: I am writing in support of Councilman Macdonald's recommendation that the City borrow \$25,000. for the Open Space Fund. It is the most logical and workable approach to establishing a viable fund at this time. Thank you for your consideration. Sally Ann Greer, Board Member NOTICE



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**Email Address:** ekbl@erols.com

**Comments:** I would like to add my name to the list of supporters for any Council efforts to increase the amount and quality of open space in the City of Alexandria. I understand that Council Member Macdonald is currently active on this issue.  
Sincerely,  
Ellen Kay Lamont



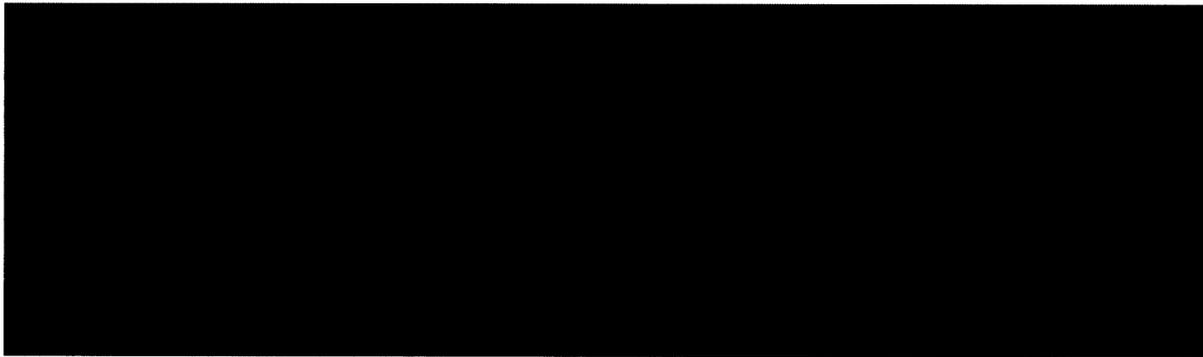
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**Last Name:** Scoville

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**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703 370 1002

**Email Address:** lacomtesse@verizon.net

**Comments:** I support councilman Macdonald's proposal to acquire · \$25 million dollars worth of bonds to purchase open space -- properties like the old Second Presbyterian Church and other sites located throughout Alexandria.  
Suzanne Scoville  
President Quaker Village HOA



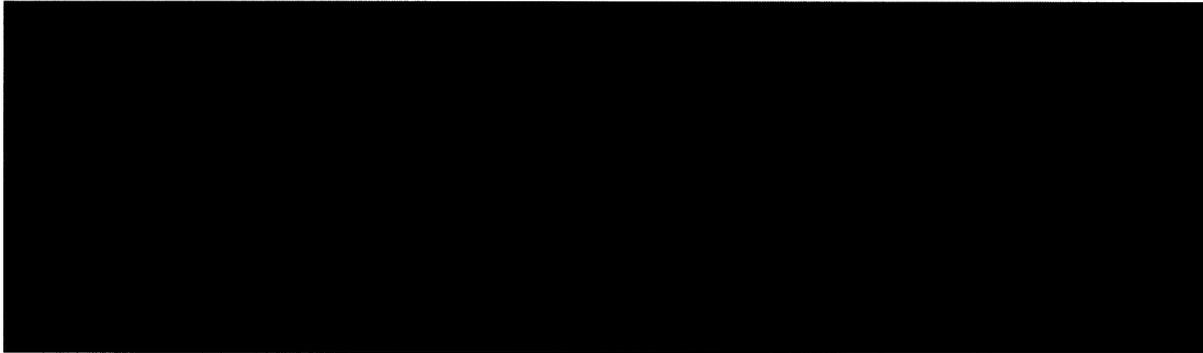
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**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** Brooks

**Street Address:** 3908 Col. Ellis Avenue

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** Virginia

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703-370-4929

**Email Address:** philip.brooks@wap.org

**Comments:** To the Honorable Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Members of Council:

I am writing in support of Andrew Macdonald's proposal to fund \$25 million in bonds for the purchase of open space, including the Second Presbyterian Church site, and to establish an open space coordinator's position. I think this is the only right and sensible thing to do if we are to retain the liveability of Alexandria. Were I on Council -- and as many of you know, I was urged

to and very nearly ran for Council in the last election -- I would certainly support Councilman Macdonald's proposal.

I wrote to Councilman Gaines recently about the Second Presbyterian site, and I would like to share what I wrote him with all of you:

From: Philip Brooks  
Date: Tue Apr 20, 2004 4:29:41 PM US/Eastern  
To: Ludwig Gaines  
Subject: Second Presbyterian Site

April 20, 1004

Dear Ludwig:

I understand that Council is having a work session tonight on the Second Presbyterian site. I hope that the historic information I sent you on March 19 was useful and will continue to be so.

You may recall that I said the Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission (AHRPC) had written a letter to the Mayor and Council regarding the City's purchase of the Second Presbyterian site. In response to a request from Councilman Macdonald, at the AHRPC's meeting on April 14, last week, we re-endorsed our position as expressed in that letter and sent it on again. I trust that all members of Council have a copy of that letter, which was originally sent over 18 months ago on September 20, 2002. In that letter, we said, "...This extensive property includes a substantial amount of open space as well as a significant historic building, The Manse, dating perhaps from the turn of the 20th century....Our Commission urges you to consider the acquisition of this important open space and protecting it by scenic or conservation easements. We also hope that should the City acquire this property, that the City and our Commission engage in consultations leading to the protection of The Manse by a conservation easement...."

I have read the report of the Open Space Steering Committee and their recommendations, and I frankly do not agree with their conclusions. Their ranking system results are interesting and subjective,

since they set forth criteria of their own choosing and then made evaluations accordingly. I find it fascinating that the original study ranked this site as one that was vital to keep as open space, yet the new task force abrogates that position. That level of inconsistency does not impress me.

Now Council has two recommendations, one from the ad hoc Open Space Steering Committee, and the other from the AHRPC which is chartered by the Commonwealth and is a partnership between the Commonwealth and the City; the two recommendations are diametrically opposed to each other. I do not envy your task in choosing between these recommendations. I will point out again, however, that the City has a rare opportunity to acquire open space that has been designated as vital to keep, along with a house of considerable historic interest and some importance. The City is not faced with a choice between buying this site and supporting affordable housing or between buying this site or buying other sites. The City is only being faced with the question of this site now: a decision as to whether they want to buy the site for the citizens of Alexandria or not. It would be quite possible for the City to buy the property and develop it as a low-impact public park, saving The Manse and using it as part of the park's amenities. There are a great many examples of such parks all across the country; Green Spring Park in Fairfax County comes instantly to mind.

I strongly urge Council to consider this site separately from issues that are extraneous and from choices that are not necessary. I urge Council to buy the Second Presbyterian site, by eminent domain if necessary, utilize it as a low-impact public park, save The Manse as a park amenity, and work with AHRPC to protect the site with a scenic easement and The Manse with a preservation easement.

Sincerely,

Philip C. Brooks

My position remains as stated above. AHRPC has

recommended saving the Second Presbyterian site and The Manse, and I recommend -- as a member of AHRPC and as a private citizen in Planning District III -- not only doing that but using The Manse as a park amenity. Councilman Macdonald's proposal is an eminently practical way of not only securing the Second Presbyterian site but also the other sites that are or will be identified as vital open space areas to be preserved. For the sake of our beloved city's future, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to adopt Councilman Macdonald's proposal.

Sincerely,

Philip C. Brooks  
Member, Alexandria Historic Restoration and  
Preservation Commission  
Former Chairman, Alexandria 250th Anniversary  
Commission  
Former Chairman, Historic Alexandria Resources  
Commission



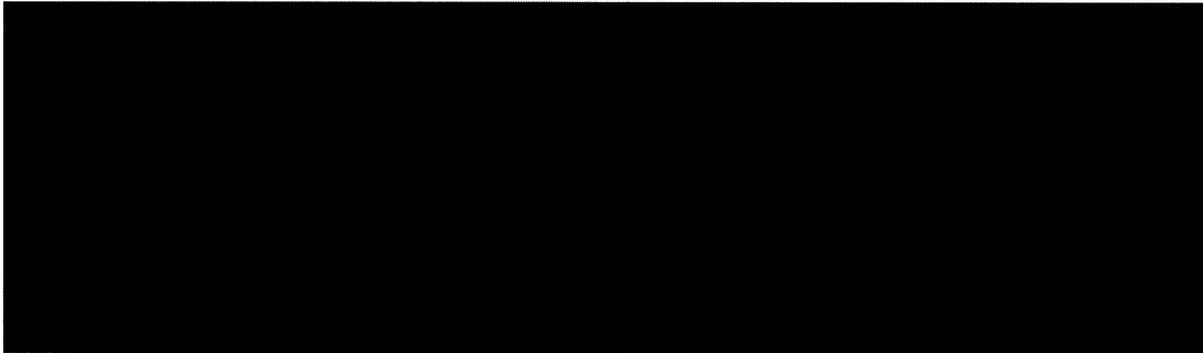
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**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** Paulk

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703/370-8487

**Email Address:** JPAULK6249@AOL.COM

**Comments:** I am sending this e-mail on behalf of the Wakefield-Tarleton Civic Association asking that City Council members and the Mayor adopt, as part of our City's Budget, \$25 million in bonds to purchase open space properties in the city; and to fill the position of an Open Space Coordinator.

James Paulk, President  
Wakefield-Tarleton Civic Association



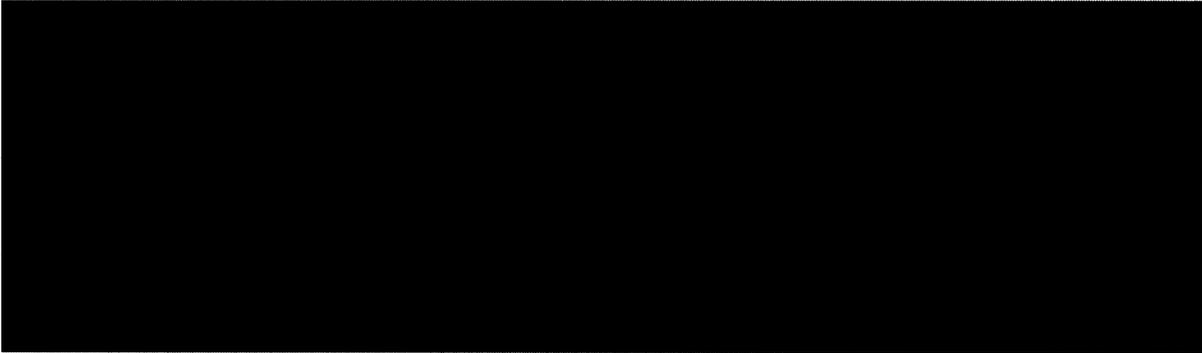
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**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** Kaupp

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** Virginia

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** 703-836-3779

**Email Address:** kaupp.ann@nmnh.si.edu

**Comments:** I would like to see next year's city budget include:

- a. \$25 million dollars worth of bonds to purchase open space.
- b. an open space coordinator (3 year position)

Appreciate your serious consideration of this matter of open space. Life is becoming more and more stressful in Alexandria as we see every bit of space being used for dense residences, which



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**Last Name:** LAFON

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**City:** ALEXANDRIA

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** (703)739-4959

**Email Address:** joann.lafon@longandfoster.com

**Comments:** I wish to support Andrew MacDonald's proposal to fund the purchase of Open Space within the City and to hire an Open Space Coordinator (if you feel that Staff is too over-burdened to handle this work.) Thank you for recognizing the importance of Open Space in our densely-populated urban community.

is increasing traffic congestion and subsequently pollution.

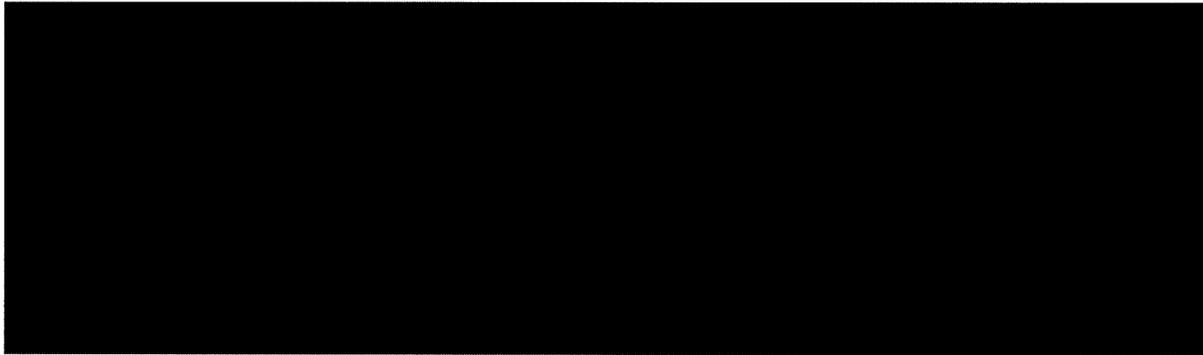


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**Last Name:** Hennesey

**Street Address:** 829 South Fairfax St.

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** 836 6977

**Email Address:** matthen@att.net

**Comments:** Thanks for working to provide a great city!

I hope that there is room in the budget to finance Andrew's initiatives on open space -- and while I don't like debt any more than you, this time I am happy to support the bond initiative.

best regards,  
Matt



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**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** Roberts

**Street Address:** 2916 DARTMOUTH ROAD

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** 703-370-0330

**Email Address:** robertsjim@aol.com

**Comments:** I urge you to support Andrew MacDonald's bond proposal for open space. Issuing \$25 million in bonds and utilizing the \$6 million already authorized for a police facility to acquire what little is left of open space in Alexandria is tactically sensible and fiscally responsible. Start with 2ed Presyberterian Chruch property. This site is already an established park with ancient trees, an existing community center and on site parking. No other piece of open space with its features will ever again be available in Alexandria. Sieze this rare opportunity for all current and for all future

citizens of Alexandria! Jim Roberts



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**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** Carman

**Street Address:** 1245 Madison Street

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22313

**Phone:** 202.707.8055

**Email Address:** stca@loc.gov

**Comments:** Dear City Councillors,  
I support the \$25M bond fund-raiser for open space. We have so little reserve funds to purchase land for green space, that we need to get serious about this NOW if any headway is to be made. While interest rates are low, the maximum amount needs to be sought. I think that \$25M is low if the waterfront is ever to be obtained and reserved for green space. Perhaps \$100M might have some impact.

Previous eras used eminent domain for public benefit projects to overcome excessive land costs. How about paying 50% value for these properties as the "carrot," and public domain interests as the "stick"?

The same is true for the condition of our streets. Route One one-way streets (Henry and Patrick streets) are a disgrace. The railroad grade-crossing on Slaters Lane has ruined several sets of shock absorbers. I resent the fact the roads in Baghdad will be in better condition, thanks to MY tax dollars, than the streets in my own hometown. The traffic signal system always falls out a synchronization causing congestion daily.

We need a bond-funding scenario for these projects that gets these jobs done.

I thought when we voted for Smedberg and Krupicka, they were in favor of getting some movement going on preserving green space. It turns out, they have been too timid..... Instead, it seems MacDonald remains a lone voice, crying in construction din against overcrowding. Quality of life issues are the main reason we put up with living in the city, as opposed to moving to Loudon county.



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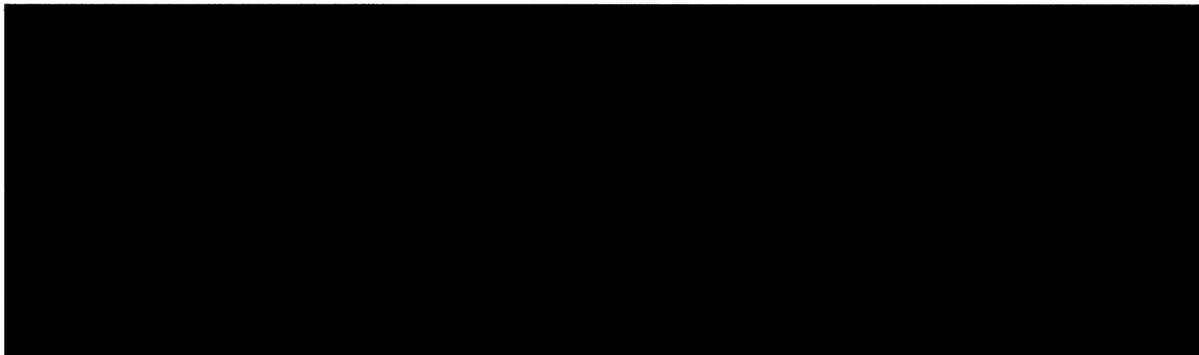
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**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** Umphrey

**Street Address:** 9 Arell Court

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 7034917299

**Email Address:** jkumphrey@comcast.net

**Comments:** Please support Councilmember Macdonald's proposals at the 3 May Budget vote:

\*1) for a \$25 million bond to purchase open space

\*\*2) for reallocating \$6 million in bonds (now set aside to purchase land for a new Public Safety Center) to purchase the Second Presbyterian site.

\*Because of the ever escalating price of land,

approving less would mean years before the fund could accumulate enough to buy more than scraps of land. And, because of current low interest rates, there is no better time to issue bonds.

\*\*No site has been chosen for the new Public Safety Center and plans for it are not very far along so it make sense to use the funds now.

Thank you for your support.

Jack Umphrey



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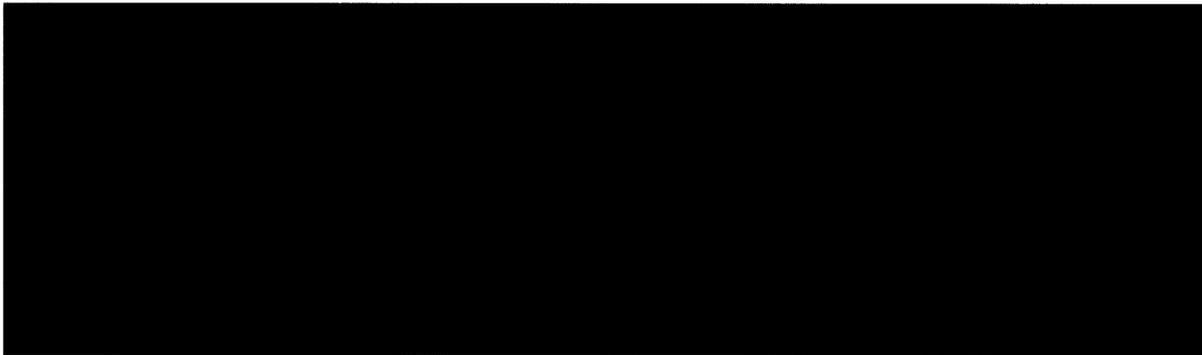
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Response requested:

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**Last Name:** Van Fleet

**Street Address:** 26 Wolfe Street

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** 548-7906

**Email Address:** vmgthehill@aol.com

**Comments:** Dear Mayor and Council:

I am sure that all of you read my comments regarding the 2d Pres land in the Gazette a week ago. Regardless of the current price of that land, the City needs to have enough money to not only procure 2d Pres land but also other targets of opportunity identified hopefully by the Open Space Task Force. What that means is that you are going to have to float \$25-35 million in bonds. I would encourage all of you to adopt Andrew Macdonald's recommendation to float \$25 million

in bonds. In this way you will have sufficient funds for any follow-up open space procurements.

"Van" Van Fleet



"Sharon Jourdan"  
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To: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
cc: ghparry@fortebrio.com  
Subject: Bonds to purchase parkland

05/03/2004 02:22 PM

Please forward to the Mayor and Members of the City Council our support of Councilman Macdonald's proposal to issue bonds in order to provide funds to preserve precious green space in Alexandria's increasingly urban environment. Other communities, including Arlington, do this; Alexandria should too.

Sharon & Phill Jourdan  
5665 Rayburn Ave.  
Alexandria VA 22311

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"Larry Mason"  
<LarryMason@comcast.net>

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc: <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: Open Space in Alexandria

05/03/2004 03:08 PM

To: The Mayor and City Council Members

With regard to this evening's budget deliberations, I would like to endorse the proposal by Councilman Macdonald to include \$25 million in bonds to purchase and preserve open space in the city. Given that open space is disappearing rapidly--and once gone, is gone forever, I urge action now to take advantage of current opportunities to preserve open space.

Larry Mason  
819 Green Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314



<kellyew@attglobal.net>

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>

cc:

05/03/2004 03:09 PM

Subject: Open Space Proposal

Please respond to kellyew

Please forward this message to the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

We are writing to express our support for Councilman Macdonald's proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to purchase parkland and to create a staff position for an Open Space Coordinator.

Thank you for considering our opinion.

Respectfully,

Gene and Joan Kelly  
5324 Thayer Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22304



"SarahHumphreys"  
<SarahHumphreys@co  
mcast.net>

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc: <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: Saving Open Space in Alexandria

05/03/2004 03:17 PM

Dear Ms. Henderson,

Please forward the message below to the Mayor and members of the City Council.  
Thank you.

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council,

As a resident of Old Town, I want to express my support for a proposal that I understand Councilman Macdonald plans to introduce this evening during the Council's budget deliberations to establish a 25 million dollar bond fund to purchase property in the city in order to maintain open space. I am quite willing to pay additional taxes for this purpose, and I consider the present moment to be of critical importance given that the Second Presbyterian church property is available. I believe that Alexandria can both afford to make this purchase and can afford to forego the property tax income that a few more Macmansions would provide.

Thank you.

Sarah A. L. Humphreys  
819 Green St  
Alexandria, VA 22314



<Dragan403@aol.com>

05/03/2004 03:18 PM

To: <Alexvamayor@aol.com>, <DELPepper@aol.com>, <council@joycewoodson.net>, <SmedbergPC@aol.com>, <MacdonaldCouncil@msn.com>, <Councilmangaines@aol.com>, <Rob@krupicka.com>  
cc: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>, <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: Open Space

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

I support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. Please approve **tonight May 3rd** the issuance of these bonds when you adopt the budget rather than waiting until the fall. Alexandria is in an open space crisis and Second Presbyterian Church, several sites on the waterfront and other opportunities must be acquired as soon as possible before these gems are lost forever. I also support Councilman Macdonald's request to fund an Open Space Coordinator staff position for three years.

Bonding now is the best strategy to increase parkland for citizens and neighborhoods throughout the city to enjoy. Interest rates are near record lows, waiting means that land prices will escalate even more, and each year more potential parkland is approved for development. Communities all over the country routinely issue bonds to purchase open space. Alexandria should do the same.

Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later,  
Marie and Tom O'Day  
403 Skyhill Road  
Alexandria, VA 22314-4919



<RockmanDan@aol.com  
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To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc: <ghparry@fortebrio.com>  
Subject: Message to Mayor and City Council

05/03/2004 03:49 PM

I support Councilman Macdonald's proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to purchase parkland and to establish an Open Space Coordinator staff person. Citizens and neighborhoods throughout the city will be able to enjoy open space, sooner rather than later, if the bonds are issued now.

I have been a resident of Alexandria since 1979, and have been a working, productive taxpayer since graduating from T.C. Williams in 1983. Since then, I have watched my beloved city become over-developed and over-crowded. The amount of people has grown but the roads have not, creating traffic nightmares. I have even considered moving out of Alexandria to escape the growth as many of my friends have done. However, I love this city and want my daughter to grow up here, and graduate from the same school (T.C.) that both her mother and I graduated from. I beg of you, please slow down development and preserve what little, precious open space that we have left.

Sincerely,  
Daniel A. Gibbs



<Anysiacat@netscape.net>

05/03/2004 04:06 PM

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>  
cc:  
Subject: A suggestion to help defray costs of saving open space

Please forward to the mayor and members of city council:

Regarding saving open space in Alexandria: has anyone in city government looked into enlisting the aid of a non-profit called The Trust for Public Land? They often help local citizens' groups and governments acquire undeveloped land to be preserved for future generations through conservation funding. The question is, is it a matter of a lack of money or a lack of will that is causing city government to hesitate on this very important issue?

My husband and I moved to Alexandria about a year and a half ago from Oakland, Ca. (across the bay from San Francisco). Although we are charmed by Alexandria, we have been very disappointed in the lack of open space and seemingly low level of concern for environmental issues. In Oakland we enjoyed thousands of acres of wild parkland just 5 - 10 minutes' drive from our house. And the only reason we were so blessed was because the citizens of Oakland and Berkeley in the 1920s approved a small tax increase to buy and preserve this land in the hills of their cities. Can't we show at least some of the same foresight and love of the natural world today in Alexandria? We urge you to do whatever is necessary to save the little open space left in this area NOW, not later when it may be too late. Please approve the \$25 million bond proposal by Councilman MacDonald immediately.

Respectfully,

Anysia Oswald & Thomas Singer  
606 W. Taylor Run Pkwy.  
Alexandria

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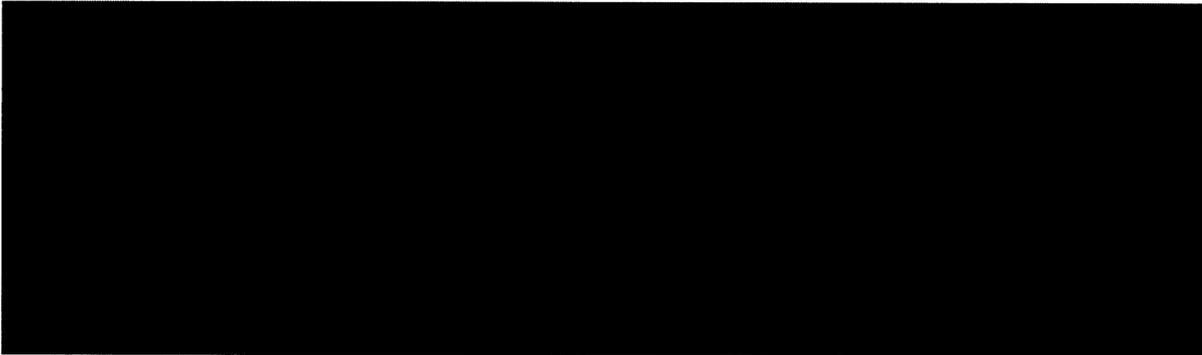
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cc:

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**Time: [Mon May 03, 2004 15:14:06] IP Address: [63.188.64.8]**

**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** Walczykowski

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** 703 461 9206

**Email Address:** twalczykowski@earthlink.net

**Comments:** I do not support the City buying the 2nd Presbyterian Church site simply to protect the green vista for one of the most well-healed communities in the City. If we are going to buy property for open space make sure it is space that benefits all of the City. I live close to the site and there is plenty of open space in that community.

The Recreation Department does not currently have the personnel and funding to care for the open space we already have. We should not embark on some wild spending spree acquiring

more property that we are unable to care for properly.

The City needs to follow a formal methodology in selecting sites for open space and the Recreation Department needs to provide input into the selection process to make the decision makers aware of development and recurring maintenance costs.

Thanks, Tom



<carol\_macha@yahoo.com>

05/03/2004 03:20 PM  
Please respond to  
carol\_macha

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**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** Macha

**Street Address:** 6010 Morgan Court

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22312

**Phone:** (703) 354-5152

**Email Address:** carol\_macha@yahoo.com

**Comments:** Dear City Council -

Please support the proposal to issue \$25M in bonds to purchase open space and land for the City. It is imperative that we preserve Alexandria's greenlands and open spaces--especially the Second Presbyterian Church site and locations along the waterfront--and engage in sensible growth. It is also critical to allow us, the citizens and your constituents, the opportunity to enjoy these open spaces sooner rather than later.

Respectfully -

Carol Macha  
President, Beauregard Manor Home Owner's  
Association



"Scott MacConomy"  
<macconomy@hotmail.com>

To: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
cc:  
Subject: please forward tothe Council.

05/03/2004 04:32 PM

My wife and I support the McDonald initiatives to preserve open space and the 2nd Pres. Church and waterfront properties now.

Scott MacConomy

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05/03/2004 04:34 PM

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cc: "Ginny Hines Parry" <ghparry@fortebrio.com>, "John & Betty Yeary" <ybjohn53@aol.com>  
Subject: Open Space Bond Issue

Jackie Henderson  
City Clerk

Please ensure that a copy of this e-mail, including the following letter, is provided to the Mayor & each member of the City Council prior to this evening's budget meeting. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

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5341 Truman Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia 22304

May 3, 2004

Dear Mayor Euille & Members of Alexandria City Council:

It is imperative that the proposed \$25,000,000 bond issue for open space acquisition be included in the budget you will be approving this evening. We also believe establishment of an open space coordinator for the City would be desirable.

We are 37-year residents of Alexandria and have come to care deeply about the City. Alexandria is a very livable city in large part because of the large amount of open space. However, we have become increasingly distressed in recent years as one parcel of open space after another has been developed at increasing densities.

As is all too apparent, Alexandria is no longer suburban in nature with large amounts of undeveloped natural areas and other open space. Not only is open space in the City being rapidly built out, existing development is being redeveloped to higher densities resulting in substantially more people living in the city and traffic frequently approaching gridlock. The planned conversion of Landmark Mall after 2006 to 1,000 condominiums plus office space is just the latest instance of this trend. We are increasingly more like a central city than a suburb.

Open space is very important to maintaining the livability of the City. The quality of life in any modern city is directly related to the amount of open space available. Given the rate of development of the limited amount of remaining open space, the City must act quickly to preserve as much of that open space as possible.

We applaud the decision to dedicate one cent of the property tax to open space purposes. While this will generate a funding stream into the future, the amounts available in the near term will not be sufficient to address pressing needs such as acquisition of the Second Presbyterian Church property. The proposed \$25,000,000 open space bond issue would provide

immediate funding for acquisition of properties that are likely to be developed without prompt action. Such action will insure maintenance of open space without effecting on the City's bond rating as the bonds can be repaid with the revenue stream already dedicated for open space

We look forward to inclusion of the open space bond issue in the City's 2004 budget. Your enthusiastic support for this prudent action will be remembered.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Peoples

Elaine M. Peoples



"Marguerite Lang"  
<margueritel@hotmail.com>

05/03/2004 04:43 PM

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Rob@krupicka.com  
cc: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
Subject: OPEN SPace

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council:

I believe that the City over many years did not realize how much open space it was losing and now we find ourselves in a critical situation. As recent studies reveal, and many of you alluded to during the campaign for Council, that open space contributes materially to the health of its citizens, the quality of life and even makes more valuable all property, be it developed or "open". Therefore I support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy land in the City for the benefit and well-being of its citizens.

Please approve the issuance of these bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3rd. I also support Councilman Macdonald's request to fund an Open Space Coordinator staff position for three years.

Thank you for making open space a budget priority now.

Marguerite L Lang  
14 West Rosemont Avenue

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rob@krupicka.com, macdonaldcouncil@mwn.com  
cc: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us, tuppenceblackwell@earthlink.ne  
Subject: OPEN SPACES

Please vote to support OPEN SPACES for ALEXANDRIA. We who live in Parkfairfax know what this is like as we have 20 acres of woodlands on our property which we covet. This is why residents like myself have continued to live in Alexandria in very small square footage so that we could enjoy city living in a PARK environment and its perks of birds, squirrels, foxes, hawks, mature trees with trails on which to enjoy them with others and their dogs as well as 160 acre , many of which are well maintained and enjoyed by residents and their families.

Thankyou,  
Chartley R. Ward  
1603 Mt Eagle Place  
Alexandria, VA 22302



<JCooper395@aol.com>

05/03/2004 05:09 PM

To: <jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us>

cc:

Subject: re:Open Space

Dear Ms. Henderson:

Please forward the following to the Mayor and City Council Members.

Thank you.

Judy Cooper

Mayor Euille and  
Members of the City Council

Dear Mayor Euille and Council Members,

This email is in support of Councilman MacDonald's proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to purchase the Second Presbyterian Church, several sites at the waterfront and others in the city as they are available, and to establish an Open Space Coordinator staff person.

It is crucial that with more building and office space we need to acquire and maintain open space for citizens to enjoy and to add to the quality of our surroundings. Therefore, please make this \$25 million a priority now while specific areas are available for purchase.

Thank you.

Judy Cooper ( a life long resident of Alexandria! )  
1007 N. Van Dorn St.  
Alexandria, Virginia



**Terry.Wells@Equant.com**  
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To: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
cc: ghparry@fortebrio.com  
Subject: Open Space Funding

05/03/2004 05:01 PM

Jackie, please forward this mail to the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

As a resident of Alexandria i would like to request that you please make funding for open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Terry Wells  
Head of Professional Services Finance  
2355 Dulles Corner Blvd  
2nd Floor #2801. Herndon, VA 20171  
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**Millerc90@aol.com**

05/03/2004 04:53 PM

To: jackie.henderson@ci.alexandria.va.us  
cc: ghparry@fortebrio.com  
Subject: Funding for open space

I support Councilman Macdonald's proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to purchase parkland and to establish an Open Space Coordinator staff person. Please make funding for open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Signed,

Carolyn A. Miller  
1001 N. Terrill Street  
Alexandria, VA 22304



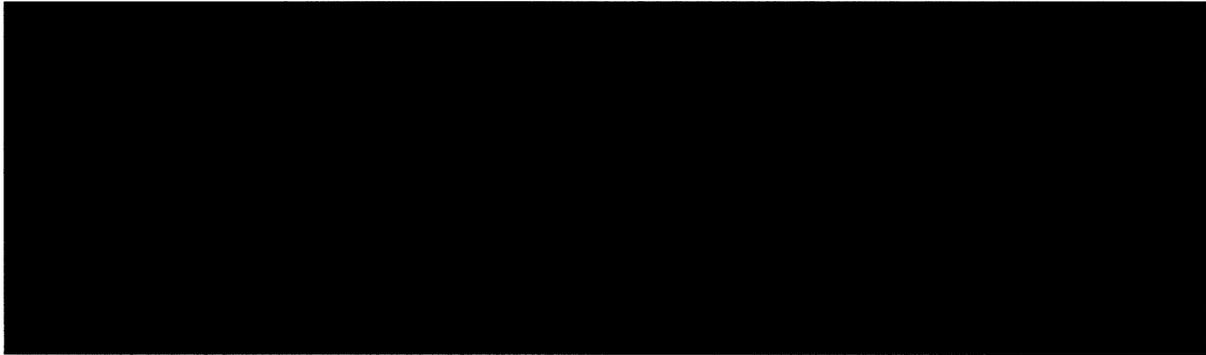
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**Time:** [Thu Apr 29, 2004 18:34:41] **IP Address:** [64.12.116.135]

**Response requested:**

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**Last Name:** Bruner

**Street Address:** 2713 Bryan Place

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** 703-549-0364

**Email Address:** Jabruner@aol.com

**Comments:** I support Mr. Macdonald's proposed budget changes with regard to open space in the city.



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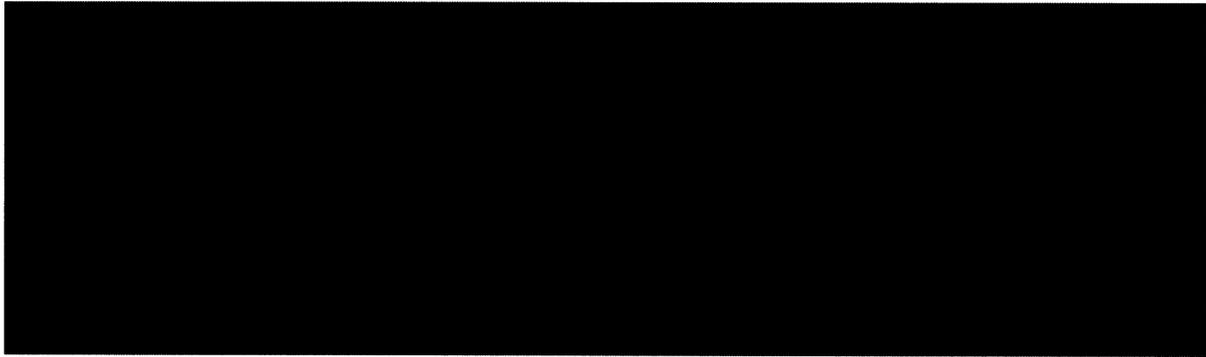
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Response requested:

**First Name:** David

**Last Name:** Olinger

**Street Address:** 100 Prince Street

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** (703) 535- 3150

**Email Address:** dsolinger@erols.com

**Comments:** Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper and City  
Council Members;

The topic which concerns me today is funding to  
acquire open space.

The City has a serious shortage of open space  
which will only be exacerbated as our population  
continues to grow. Land is a finite commodity and  
as additional development projects go forward,  
opportunities to buy land for open space purposes  
will become

scarcer and more costly.

As Alexandria considers its future, it would be wise to make a major financial committment now to correct this open space deficiency. I heartily support the proposal to float a \$25 million bond issue for the purchase of open space. We need it and we need it now!

While more open space is needed throughout the City, highest priority, in my opinion, should be given to purchasing properties along Alexandria's waterfront. The waterfront is an irreplaceable resource that can add immeasurably to the City's charm and unique character. Its importance and its future development as a tourism resource has been emphasized at the meetings of the King Street Retail Study Advisory Committee. Opening up the waterfront will help to support the business community and benefit all of Alexandria's citizens.

While the waterfront is my priority, the need is to acquire land for open space throughout the City before it's too late.

Sincerely,

David Olinger  
100 Prince Street



**Ginny Hines Parry**  
**<ghparry@fortebrio.com**  
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04/30/2004 07:10 AM

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Subject: Purchase of Second Presbyterian Church

April 29, 2004

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

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

The Board of Directors of the Clover-College Park Civic Association recently voted to request that the City purchase the entire Second Presbyterian Church property and to retain it as open space.

The city has a rare opportunity to acquire a park-like property that already has an expansive structure on it serving as a community center and polling station. Open space of this size with an existing structure ideal for public uses is seldom available. Since none is foreseen for purchase of this size and with its extraordinary features, the city should purchase this property so it may serve current but most importantly future generations of an evermore congested city.

The 6.07 acre Second Presbyterian is already part of the Open Space Master Plan (OSMP) adopted last year. It was incorporated into the city's master land use plan. The purchase of this entire site should begin now with a letter of intent to the owner. Its purchase should be included in the city's FY2005 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget.

The city staff should be directed to find a fiscally responsible means to purchase the site. The owners have never paid any taxes on this property. They are in a position to make it available to the city at a reasonable price.

The city should consider using general obligation bonds as a cost-effective means of purchasing the property. Hundreds of communities across the country routinely use bonds to quickly purchase open space. Current open space funds can be used to offset the costs associated with the sale of the bonds so that more open space can be purchased when it becomes available, as is done in numerous other communities. Non-critical CIP projects could be delayed and those funds could also be used now to offset the costs of a bond sale.

The former church building at Second Presbyterian already produces income from the day care and church tenants. Continuing revenues from these tenants could also be used to offset maintenance costs.

The city's AAA/Aaa bond rating, the very highest awarded by Moody's and Standard and Poor's, is a testimony to the city's excellent financial position. This highly regarded rating allows the city to borrow bonds at low rates. The city should be taking advantage of its hard-earned credit rating to borrow funds now while low interest rates are available and before the cost of Second Presbyterian increases even further.

If the city does purchase the Second Presbyterian site, future uses there should be decided with extensive community input. Consideration should be given to including neighborhood activities and recreational programs, such as special programs for the elderly and disabled, youth groups, and similiar worthy programs.

Finally, the house at Second Presbyterian is over 50 years old and may be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places on the Virginia Landmarks Register. The nomination process for these designations should begin immediately to ensure its preservation.

Your consideration of this request to purchase 2nd Presbyterian is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ginny Hines Parry, Vice President  
Board of Directors  
Clover-College Park Civic Association  
317 Skyhill Road  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-212-0982  
ghparry@fortebrio.com



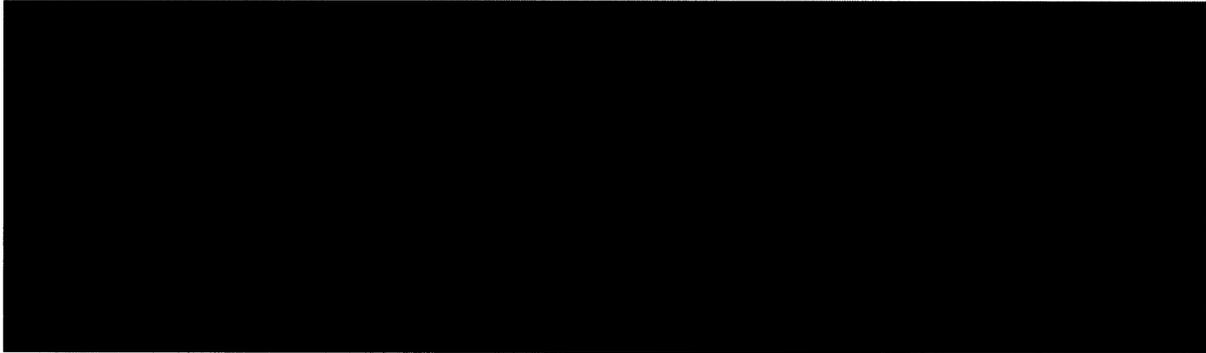
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**Comments:** Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

I support Councilman Andrew Macdonald's budget proposal to issue \$25 million in bonds to buy parkland. Please approve the issuance of these bonds when you adopt the budget on May 3rd, rather than waiting until the fall. Alexandria is in an open space crisis and it is key that Second Presbyterian Church be acquired as soon as possible through the use of such funds. I also support Councilman Macdonald's request to fund

an Open Space Coordinator staff position for three years.

Bonding now is the best strategy to increase parkland for citizens and neighborhoods throughout the city to enjoy. Interest rates are near record lows, and if the Council waits any longer, land prices will escalate even more. Communities all over the country routinely issue bonds to purchase open space. Alexandria should do the same.

Thank you for making open space a budget priority now, instead of later.

Eileen O'Brien