

Jackie Henderson

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Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 8:48 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: School budget cuts
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Mon May 07, 2012 08:48:15] Message ID: [39164]

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Subject: School budget cuts

I have two and soon to be three kids at George Mason Elementary school.
I
pay taxes. Do not cut the school budget
again this year or next. Do
hurt the kids because of unmet pension liabilities. Adults negotiated the
Comments: pension deal let
adults deal with the consequences, not kids. Some day
they be funding your retirement, social security, and Medicare.
Let them
grow up smart and motivated.
Thank you

Jackie Henderson

From: Ramee Gentry <rameegentry@gmail.com>
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To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: proposed reduction to ACPS allocation
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Mon May 07, 2012 08:37:50] Message ID: [39163]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: proposed reduction to ACPS allocation
I find it bitterly ironic that as our schools kick off Teacher Appreciation Week, the City Council is preparing to vote on a reduction of \$1.23 million to our schools next year. You understand that the additional 1.23 million from the State does NOT replace this. This proposed change to the budget, with its salary and retirement requirements is a CUT, and a very significant one at that. I understand that you must represent the needs of the entire City, but there can be no better investment in City funds than investing in our schools. School quality will always be a major driver of property values, and good property values is good for everyone in the City, not just those with children currently in public school. I recognize and share your frustrations with the recent issues with CIP budget management, but the persons involved have all been fired or

resigned. If this reduction in ACPS is meant to send a "message"

it
will only affect those of us who are left, who have done nothing wrong

and only want to keep up the
momentum we have created in improving our

schools.
ACPS must compete with other local jurisdictions for teachers,

and we need funds to keep our salaries
competitive. If school quality

starts to head in the wrong direction, the City of Alexandria will lose

money.
Please reconsider this devastating cut to our schools. Parents

with young children might not always have
the leisure time to write the

Council, but they are active members of the community, they are
energized

about this issue, and they do vote. Residents of Cameron Station, even

those without children, are pleased
with the good buzz about the middle

schools, knowing the increased value it gives to their homes, and they

vote, too.
Thank you for your time and consideration.
Ramee

Gentry
Samuel W. Tucker Elementary PTA President

Jackie Henderson

From: Monica Murphy <monicajmurphy@me.com>
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Subject: COA Contact Us: ACPS allocation
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 15:36:31] Message ID: [39099]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: ACPS allocation
Please do not cut the ACPS allocation by \$1.23 million. Funds are needed to
Comments: pay for taxes and benefits. It is important to calculate this amount and
reserve these funds to cover these expenses.

Jackie Henderson

From: Tammy Mann <tmann@campagnacenter.org>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 3:51 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Funding to Support Early Childhood Education
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 15:51:13] Message ID: [39100]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Funding to Support Early Childhood Education
Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

I write on behalf of The Campagna

Center to express our support for a request that has been made to set aside

\$500,000 for early childhood education as recommended by the newly formed

Collaborative Commission on Children Youth and Families. I am honored to

serve as Chair of this Commission, though today I speak on behalf of The

Comments: Campagna Center, another organization with a rich history and firm commitment to improving the lives of children, especially young children.

As you are all well aware, investments made in the earliest years of life, reap tremendous benefits now and in the future. With over 400 children on the city's waiting list for child care tuition assistance, it would be a tragedy to overlook this level of need as the FY13 budget is adopted. Alexandria is a city rich in resources and has been a leader in investing in the early years. I urge you to take advantage of this

opportunity to vote in favor of restoring funding to support vital needs in this area – especially given that the city has a \$9.2 million budget surplus.

Thank You,

Tammy L. Mann, PhD
President & CEO
The

Campagna Center

Jackie Henderson

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To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: ACPS
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 16:05:16] Message ID: [39101]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: ACPS

I understand that the City Council will consider on Monday whether to reduce the ACPS budget. My wife and I have two children at Douglas MacArthur Elementary school, and we support the system strongly. We believe the Council should reject any cut, or at least minimize the
Comments: reduction. Our understanding is that the additional monies being received from the State do not actually offset the proposed cut.

Thank you for
your consideration.

Jeff Lane and Mary Beth Buchholz

Jackie Henderson

From: Stephen Lally <slally@argosy.edu>
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Subject: COA Contact Us: Proposed cuts ACPS
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 16:17:48] Message ID: [39103]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Proposed cuts ACPS

I am concerned about the proposed cuts in the ACPS budget, and upset that

Councilman Fannon partly believes that this is not an important issue since only "15%" of the families have children in schools. This is incredibly short sighted. The quality of a city's schools is an important variable for employers looking to locate in an area. Although my family is one of Mr. Fannon's "15%," and I see the quality of the school system as of primary importance in my decision to reside in the city, it should be noted that my "childless" neighbors also report that the adequacy (or lack of adequacy) in the school system is an important variable in considering whether a council member is deserving of re-election. Already in the wake of debacle of the Mark Center, there is real question about the decision making process of the council. A cut like this does nothing but demonstrate a short-sighted perspective of our representatives.

Comments:

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Subject: COA Contact Us: ACPS funding
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COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 16:10:30] Message ID: [39102]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: ACPS funding

Please do not cut ACPS Funding on Monday. As a parent of a kindergarten student in Room 16 at Douglas MacArthur Elementary, we have been directly affected and involved in bringing to attention the unhealthy state of the facilities. We are available to share our personal experience, since the room 16 class, teachers, and our allergy-prone daughter have been moved from room to room and exposed to a moist mold-prone environment throughout the school year. Please consider that cutting funding will potentially only increase the problems within the ACPS system. These and other well-known problems are causing intelligent, valuable, contributing, tax paying citizens to leave Alexandria when their children reach school age, as many, given the cost of living and the economy, are not able to afford private education. Instead, they choose to leave Alexandria and move to

Fairfax and other locations because of a poor school system. How would cutting funding affect this trend and the future of Alexandria? Lisa and Mark Pelosi

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From: Michelle Winston <winschelle@gmail.com>
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Subject: COA Contact Us: Budget cut proposed to ACPS
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 15:25:14] Message ID: [39098]

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Subject: Budget cut proposed to ACPS
Dear Sir(s) & Madam(s):

I have just received an e-mail from the
Douglas MacArthur Elementary PTA regarding the proposed budget cut to
ACPS.

Frankly, it is shocking to me that in a town such as Alexandria,
this is being proposed and that the members of the City Council did not
even debate the topic.

Comments: I understand that funds are short due to the
economic situation in this county. But I don't think we should
automatically short change our children because of it -- certainly not
without debate and public input.
In our household, because our son
needs extra attention in a certain subject, we have obtained the services
of a tutor. The teachers are not able to provide him the one on one
assistance that he needs and we understand that. We are lucky because
we
are in a position where we are able to obtain additional assistance, but we

cannot afford to sent him to a private institution. I can only imagine the frustration of parents who cannot afford to pay for extra assistance and then to suffer school budget cuts, cutting who knows what to our kids and the teachers who teach them. My son's teacher spends her own money to buy books to help her students learn to read.

I do not think Mr. Fannon's argument is valid when he says a cut is justified because only 15% of Alexandria families have children at ACPS . That is backward thinking at best and I am sure when people step to the ballot box next time, they will remember his stance on such an important issue as this.

I think that it must also be remembered that these children are going to be responsible for taking care of us in our old age. Let us set an example that we do not look for easy solutions, we do not call votes without debates on such significant issues and without public input. We work, dig, fight and do what we can before such detrimental actions are taken.

Children are our future, treat them as such.

Thank you,
Michelle Winston

Jackie Henderson

From: J CACHAN <asjassin@yahoo.com>
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Subject: COA Contact Us: City Council cuTS TO acps
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 14:59:21] Message ID: [39096]

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Subject: City Council cuTS TO acps
We'll see if you can get elected in the next round. It is outrageous that you are even considering approving a full budget cut to ACPS without even

Comments: debating the consequences it will have and impact on the quality of education to the children in this city.
Shame on you!!!!

Jackie Henderson

From: Mary Eileen Dixon <cmedixon8@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 3:15 PM
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Subject: COA Contact Us: cuts in early childhood programs
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 15:14:42] Message ID: [39097]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: cuts in early childhood programs

I am writing to express my dismay concerning proposed cuts to funds for early childhood programs in the City of Alexandria. I do not believe that there is any other spending area which produces a better return, both in the lives of the children affected and in the society in which they live.

Comments: As a volunteer at the ALIVE! Child Development Center, I see the difference which high quality early care and education can make in young children who come from low income families and whose home environments do not provide the stability and support they need and who otherwise will arrive at kindergarten unprepared to begin academic instruction.

I therefore urge that the Alexandria City Council allocate in its FY13 Budget, a set aside of \$500,000 to address unmet childcare needs in the City and that the Council charge the newly formed Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) with reporting back to Council before its June meeting, with recommendations for the effective use of

these funds.

Thank you for your attention.

Mary Eileen Dixon
5052

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Jackie Henderson

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To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Support Review of current ACPS operations over Budget Cuts that hit our Children
Attachments: ATT00002.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 14:10:21] Message ID: [39091]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Support Review of current ACPS operations over Budget Cuts that hit our Children
To Alexandria City Council,
I strongly support calls for greater City supervision of ACPS finances and priorities, but not at the expense of drastic budget cuts that will have an adverse impact on teachers and educational programs that are working well. The City Manager's proposal is unwarranted—as it amounts to a “seizing” of public funds offered by the State.
Comments: The problem with ACPS is not chiefly at the level of local teachers and educational delivery—but at levels of Central Office leadership. I strongly support a careful review process of their work and financial practices instead of budget cuts this year. To take from the schools what the State has awarded them is nothing short of robbing Peter to pay Paul—and completely counterproductive.
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remarks—that the public schools serve only 15% of families is first wrong for families with school-age children, and secondly suggests that other adults should not support the education of children in the city. Contrary to his remarks, the city must support strong public schools in, if not out of civic commitment, then at least as a draw for businesses, government employees, and military families to live and work here.

Don't take

such drastic action that impacts thousands in the city. Instead, go after the problem where it lies—with a handful or so at the top.

Larry

Golemon
Father of 2 in ACPS schools

Jackie Henderson

From: Sarah Constant <sarahconstant@me.com>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 2:59 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: School Budget - State Funding
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 14:58:32] Message ID: [39095]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: School Budget - State Funding

I strongly ask you to reconsider the \$1.23 million plus in proposed cuts to the Alexandria City School budget. The state has provided the city with an opportunity to support its teachers, with step increases. Our teachers are critical to our children's development.

While I understand frustration

around the mismanagement of the capital needs budget -- I also believe this

is an opportunity to establish new levels of accountability through the

Comments: development of a working partnership between Alexandria City Council and

ACPS.

Refusing the state funds seems to me to indicate the bitterness

between council and ACPS lingers -- and the opportunity for Alexandria City

Schools to continue to grow and develop.

I encourage council to look

at this as an opportunity to move forward with ACPS and with the families and children of Alexandria city public schools.

Thank you.

Jackie Henderson

From: Beth Caseman <b.caseman@gmail.com>
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To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget
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COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 14:36:03] Message ID: [39094]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: ACPS Budget

Dear Council Members,

I am the concerned parent of a student at Samuel Tucker Elementary. I have learned in recent days that the budget passed by the State of Virginia included 1.23 million more than expected toward next year's school budget, and that the City of Alexandria now proposes to reduce their allocation to ACPS by the same amount. Unfortunately, the state money comes with mandated step salary increases, but the state is only funding the salaries, not the attendant increase in costs for payroll taxes and benefits that are tied to the salaries. As a result, ACPS must either reduce its proposed budget and/or take from reserve accounts to implement even the minimum required additional 1% salary and 1% employee VRS contribution required by the state to get to 5% by 2016. I have also heard that Alexandria is the only local jurisdiction in the Commonwealth to take this step. We cannot afford additional reductions. We need to stay competitive on salaries for our teachers.

Although households with school-age children make up only 15% of the city's population, the quality of Alexandria city public schools directly affects the entire community.

At minimum, better schools mean higher property values. The perception of

better quality schools in Arlington and Fairfax plays a major part in the decision by many of my friends and neighbors to move away from Alexandria.

We do not want Alexandria to be comprised only of the very poor, and the very rich. That helps no one. Moreover, we all benefit from an educated citizenry. I believe strongly in public schools, and though my husband and I could likely afford to send our daughter to private school, I want her to experience the diversity and gain a world view that can only be gained at this young age by attending class with students from all economic

backgrounds. And frankly, for the past 2 years, she's gotten an excellent education at Sam Tucker. Her kindergarten and first grade teachers have been wonderful. I fear, however, that if the Council cannot work effectively with the School Board to ensure teacher salaries stay competitive with our neighboring jurisdictions, great teachers will no longer want to teach in Alexandria. We ask so much of our teachers in this school district -- we ask them to teach classes comprised of children who do not speak English, children who have never attended preschool, those

who may have no access to books at home, and whose parents may never have

finished high school, alongside the children of doctors and lawyers like myself whose children have 3 years of preschool under their belt and may be

reading before they ever enter public school. Somehow, these teachers are

managing to level the playing field -- to educate children from all walks of life, to inspire and motivate them to learn more, to challenge all of the children in the classroom and to teach them to become great citizens.

Please support our teachers in this Herculean task, and recognize the value

of the work they do -- not only to the children they are teaching, but to the community at large in which many of those children will ultimately

live.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Beth Caseman, mother of

Elise Bowen, in Ms. Kujala's First Grade Class

Jackie Henderson

From: Janese Bechtol <janesebechtol@hotmail.com>
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Subject: COA Contact Us: School funding
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 13:59:18] Message ID: [39089]

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Subject: School funding
Funny how the state providing Alexandria an additional \$1.23 million for schools has the effect of costing the schools money! If our city leaders are adamant that the schools should not get any more money (contrary to the State's position) the least you could do is not penalize the schools by leaving enough to cover the increase in costs for payroll taxes and
Comments: benefits that will be required to meet the state requirement for step increases. Instead, it sounds like the city is choosing to make a point about the capital improvement funds by eating into the schools' operational funds -- all that does is punish our kids for something they had nothing to do with and were already hurt by.

Jackie Henderson

From: Stephanie Waldhoff <stwaldhoff@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 2:14 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: ACPS Funding
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 14:14:24] Message ID: [39092]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: ACPS Funding

Dear City Council Officials,

I am concerned about the proposed cuts to

the ACPS budget. While I do understand that there has been an increase in

state funding for teacher salaries, those funds do not cover the additional

taxes and benefits, for which City funds will still be needed. I strongly

oppose these cuts as they seem quite arbitrary. I am certainly in favor of

fiscal responsibility and making the best use of funds available, the

decrease of City funding is not offset by the state funding increase.

Comments:

These cuts will result in ACPS using pension reserves to cover this

deficit. Given the large number of pension plans that have failed over the

past several years, it would seem unwise for the Council to force ACPS into

a situation in which they will have to borrow from the pension

reserves.

In addition, I have a significant issue with remarks made by

Councilman Fannon regarding his additional proposed cuts to ACPS. His

justification for these cuts is that, "want to be fair to all

taxpayers in addition to the school community. Over 85 percent of Alexandria households do not have children in the school system." The implication is that only 15% of tax payers benefit from the ACPS system. Primary and secondary education is a public good. The benefits reaped by the community from having an educated populace far outweigh costs associated with paying for their education. Better educated children grow into better educated adults and that is a benefit to all of us.

Not only

is education a public good through the reducing future expenditures on social service programs, it also benefits property values. Although many people do not currently have children in the ACPS system (though many of them did in the past or will in the future), the value of their houses is closely tied with the quality of the school system. This is an issue I'm sure everyone living in Alexandria cares about.

I urge you to please

reconsider any decision to cut ACPS funding.

Regards,
Stephanie

Waldhoff

Jackie Henderson

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To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Support Review of current ACPS operations over Budget Cuts that hit our Children
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 14:02:46] Message ID: [39090]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Support Review of current ACPS operations over Budget Cuts that hit our

Subject:

Children

To Alexandria City Council,

I strongly support calls for greater City

supervision of ACPS finances and priorities, but not at the expense of

drastic budget cuts that will have an adverse impact teachers and

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Comments:

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financial practices instead of budget cuts this year. To take from the

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to pay Paul—and completely counterproductive.

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Jackie Henderson

From: Marian Pegram <marianpeg@eathlink.net>
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Subject: COA Contact Us: Approve Budget for CCNA
Attachments: ATT00002.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 13:29:20] Message ID: [39087]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Approve Budget for CCNA

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of th City Council,

I am writing to

request that you approve the \$20,000.00 budget requested by the Concerned

Citizen Network of Alexandria (CCNA) to support the RARE after school program. It is very important to continue this program that is vital in reducing the achievement gap for minority students in the City of Alexandria. It is quite shameful that in a city that prides itself on building one of the most technologically advanced schools in the

Comments: Commonwealth of Virginia, it is unable to identify \$20,000 in the budget to support a program to help our minority students. We are currently spending more than \$20,000 to extend the trolley system in the city in order to support the tourism industry. Certainly you can identify CCNA's request for \$20,000.00.

I hope that you will do the right thing for our kids.

Regards,

Marian Pegrum

Jackie Henderson

From: Yolanda Bailey-Stockton <ystockton@acps.k12.va.us>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 10:13 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: ACPS Allocation
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 10:12:43] Message ID: [39076]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: ACPS Allocation

I am not in support of the 1.23 million reduction of the ACPS

allocation.

This has a direct effect on salaries.

State funds come with

mandated step salary increases, but the state is only funding the salaries,

Comments: not the attendant increase in costs for payroll taxes and benefits that are tied to the salaries.

ACPS will absorb the cost of the increased

payroll taxes and benefits by dipping into pension reserves .

If the

city were not taking back the \$1.23, there would be no problem.

Jackie Henderson

From: Christina Polosky <mommpolosky@live.com>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 10:20 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: 10 May council meeting regarding upcoming. budget
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 10:20:00] Message ID: [39077]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Polosky
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State: VA
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Subject: 10 May council meeting regarding upcoming. budget
I just wanted to say as a constituent of Alexandria and parent of four
ACPS children, who pays full taxes, I was very very disturbed when I
heard about your "1 for 1" swap with our school system's
budget. I understand that APCS is getting extra money from the state
next year. I also understand this is a complex issue. But to me, a
Comments: simple mother who wants desperately wants my children to go to public
schools, good public Schools, I just dont understand why you would take
money from ACPS.
Finally, it seems the state has deemed our school
system
worthy of extra monies to get our teacher's salaries up to a
level they are more than worthy of, and you want to take your money in
return? This doesn't make sense to

me. Again, I am not a teacher or
affiliated in any
capacity other than my children who go to Tucker,

Hammond, and TC Williams, but it just seems to me that
you as a council

are sending the message that raises for
city workers is more important

than our teachers!
Nothing is more important to me as a voter than our

teachers. At a time when Arlington's and Fairfax's school
systems are

upping their salaries by the full amount
mandated by 2016 next year, your

proposed cuts limits
our teachers to only 1% and that is with them

dipping
into their pension fund! No wonder people hold
Arlington and

Fairfax schools in such higher regard than
APCS! Our own city council

seeks to take money away
from the schools. I truly hope you all realize

that come
election time this year I will be voting AGAINST any
member

who votes to take this funding away. I will also
be actively speaking out

to my friends and neighbors in
the Cameron Station and APCS communities

to vote
against you as well. Please don't mark this unexpected
windfall

for our schools from the state taint your tenure
as public servants by

going right back and taking your
money (money = your supporting

commitment to our
schools) away. Let's get together and make our school

system better than our neighboring countieslet THEM
be envious of

US for once...and not the laughingstocks we
will be if our own city

council doesn't think enough of
our schools and teachers to give them the

funds they so
rightly deserve. Vote against taking this money, please.

Thank you for your time.

Jackie Henderson

From: John Medina <cjmed310@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 11:03 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Budget allocation for ACPS
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 11:02:47] Message ID: [39079]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Medina
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State: Virginia
Zip: 22304
Phone: 646 620-5450
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Subject: Budget allocation for ACPS
I was disappointed to read that the Alexandria City Public School System is due to lose 1.3 million dollars that it desperately needs. I have two children who attend school here and I am saddened when I hear neighbor after neighbor tell me they are moving to Fairfax county because they do not have faith in the Alexandria public schools. These are parents (taxpaying parents) of talented kids who will only make a school program shine. I regret that I may have to tell my two young boys that due to the disintegrating quality of education offered by the ACPS they may also have to attend school elsewhere.

Jackie Henderson

From: Margo Williams <mjw1021@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 11:58 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: ACPS budget
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 11:57:32] Message ID: [39081]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: ACPS budget

Please please please don't cut off your nose to spite your face. Please don't cut the ACPS budget. It seems almost punitive that you would cut so much. How can we have good schools without great teachers? Who will go to the schools without great teachers? How can we have great teachers without

decent pay? Taxpayers like me demand good schools. It's good for my property value. The school system can't do a good job without money. We

Comments: have a tough but diverse school population - that's our strength. I am disappointed that the City Council, by cutting so much from the budget, doesn't see it that way. I support the superintendent in what he is doing. He moved quickly to get rid of the people who messed up on the CIP. He may not be liked by all, but the schools needed change in order to approve. No one is perfect but he and the school board are doing the best they can - please give them the tools to do so - and that is money. Thank you.

Jackie Henderson

From: Jeffery Kline <klineje@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 9:15 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Fully fund early childhood education
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 09:14:37] Message ID: [39070]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Fully fund early childhood education

Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

Every year at Hopkins House we

privately raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to help needy children

get a strong foundation in education. But these private funds are not

enough to cover the costs of educating all children that are in need.

That means, without assistance from the Commonwealth and the City,

Comments: children do not receive the education they need and, often, parents are

kept from the workforce as they cannot afford childcare.

The City

Manager has recommended in this FY13 Proposed Budget, elimination of

\$519,680 in funding for early childhood programs in the City. I write to

urge you to set aside \$500,000 in funding to address the unmet childcare

needs in the City.

There are over 400 children currently on the City's

waiting for childcare tuition assistance. These are the children of

low-income, working parents – our City's most vulnerable families. Without

the City's help, they will not have access to childcare and will likely

enter kindergarten under-prepared for achievement in school and success

beyond.

Alexandria has had a longtime and strong commitment to the early

care of the City's children, particularly those of our low-income,

working families. It is incomprehensible to me that as the demographics of

our city change (toward more market based housing, for example, leading

to a broader tax base) that we would become less supportive of low income

families.

I urge you not to abandon our children and to support the

recommendations of the City's newly formed Children, Youth and Families

Collaborative Commission to set aside \$500,000 in the FY13 Budget for

childcare in the City.

Thank you,

Jeff Kline

Jackie Henderson

From: Devin Reese <devinreese@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 9:27 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: reduced ACPS budget
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 09:26:50] Message ID: [39071]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: reduced ACPS budget

Dear City Council,

I understand that the Alexandria City Manager has proposed reducing the city's allocation to ACPS by \$1.23 million. I am writing to express my dismay over this idea. One cannot argue that the state's money makes up for this since is funding salary step increases, but not the payroll taxes and benefits that will increase as well.

At a time

when ACPS is working so hard to meet the needs of Alexandria's unusually

Comments:

diverse population, this seems like a poor choice. One of the challenges of ACPS is to recruit and maintain the high-quality teachers needed to provide differentiation for this broad spectrum of students. It is especially critical that we keep our teachers now, as the new curriculum comes on board and investments are being made in professional development to ensure fidelity of implementation. If ACPS decides to make up the shortfall by reducing the pension reserves, it is the teachers that will eventually feel the squeeze.

As a parent of three children in ACPS and

member of the TAG Advisory Committee, I strongly urge you to consider
this

cut in allocation.

thanks,
Devin Reese

Jackie Henderson

From: Dung Nguyen <dnguyen_eldert@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 10:10 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: City Allocation of Funds to ACPS
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 10:09:38] Message ID: [39075]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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State: VA
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Phone:
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Subject: City Allocation of Funds to ACPS

I am extremely disappointed in the Council's decision to take back from ACPS formerly allocated funding. I find this decision to be extremely short-sighted, as I have seen first-hand that the quality of the schools in Alexandria is a priority for families who are deciding whether or not to call the city home. Last year, over 6 families moved from our neighborhood in Alexandria to Fairfax, Arlington, Falls Church, and McLean. All cited the desire for a better public school system. This year, I know of at least 5 families who are either moving to nearby cities, sending their children to private school, or home-schooling--again, they point to their concern about the quality of the public schools in Alexandria. We, ourselves, are also considering a move within the next year. Though we love our elementary school and greatly value and admire the teachers and staff there, we do question the City's commitment to education. This decision certainly colors our view of this.

Jackie Henderson

From: Joyce Ann Mercer <jmercer@vts.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 8:43 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: proposed cuts to ACSP budget
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Fri May 04, 2012 08:42:45] **Message ID:** [39069]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: proposed cuts to ACSP budget

As a parent and as a citizen concerned with the public good in our city, I am against the plan to cut \$123 million or more from the ACPS budget. But I am especially appalled by the recent comments by Councilmember Fannon concerning those cuts, in which he suggests that such a move is warranted because "only 15% of Alexandria families have children in schools." Basic services that are essential to a strong, vibrant and well-ordered society--such as education, public safety and utilities, emergency response--can never be treated on a "fee for service" basis, because they undergird the welfare of the whole. Educating children is an action a community undertakes on behalf of the common good. It cannot be treated as a consumer transaction in which those who "use" the services pay. This attitude of rampant consumerism

appears to have infected the Council's logic, as reflected in Councilmember

Fannon's comment. We do not need that here in Alexandria. We need public

officials who understand the wide reach of strong education in promoting

the wellbeing of all citizens regardless of whether they are "direct

consumers" of the "product" of schooling. I urge you not

to make these cuts in the city's education commitment. Sincerely,
The

Rev. Dr. Joyce Ann Mercer, Ph.D., LCSW

Jackie Henderson

From: Glenn Hopkins <Hopkins@HopkinsHouse.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 5:37 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Childcare Funding Request
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu May 03, 2012 17:36:48] Message ID: [39066]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Childcare Funding Request
Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council - I have heard from a number of you
today regarding my earlier email. Thank you. If I may, I want to clarify
what we are proposing regarding the set aside of \$500,000 for childcare
funding in the City:
1. The \$500,000 would be set aside by Council in
anticipation of recommendations for final use of these funds that
addresses
the specific issue of the 400 children on the City's childcare subsidy
Comments: waiting list. This is NOT a request for a City administered childcare
subsidy program.
the proposed \$500,000 could be used to leverage new
childcare resources into the City. For example, a provider might have
space and money to serve 25 children from the City's waiting list but may
not have money for to purchase classroom furniture and instructional
equipment for these children. Money from the \$500,000 could be awarded to
the provider to purchase this furniture and instructional equipment. As a

result, 25 children will immediately come off the list of 400 children on the City's waiting list, and modest cost to the City. This is but one example of the possible uses of such a fund. It is based on a very effective program in the District of Columbia.

2. No new (\$72,000) City

staff would not be needed. Administration of these funds would be through the RFP process and handled by existing staff in the City's contracting office.

3. A condition of these funds would require applicants to

substantially match granted funds -- through resources other than from the City. The use of the funding would be restricted to reducing the City childcare subsidy waiting list.

4. I am proposing that Council task

the newly formed Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) with recommending ways this money could be used, and reporting back

to City Council for final action in June. The City's contracting office would be responsible for accepting and reviewing responses, and recommending grants.

Such a program would not only foster an effective partnership between private providers and the City, but at the very least, leverage \$500,000 or more in additional childcare funding to match the City's investment of \$500,000. Put another way, for every \$1 invested by Alexandria tax-payers, this program could generate an additional \$1 in childcare services for Alexandria's children.

I should mention, this is

not an original idea. It is modeled on a proven and very effective program in the District of Columbia. It has proven to be a win-win for the District and its children, and it could be a win-win for Alexandria.

Jackie Henderson

From: Kathryn Papp <kpappva@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 4:22 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Year round Lights
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu May 03, 2012 16:22:15] Message ID: [39059]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Year round Lights
\$96,000 to expand the holiday lights along King Street
year-round

This is a totally unnecessary expense. It makes King Street look like a carnival. Yesterday, I spoke with two out of town business travelers: St. Louis and Toronto ... they both were enjoying their time here because of the city's "relaxed atmosphere".
It also

Comments: makes Alexandria look very very Eco-Unfriendly!
Put the money into giving the library a Wi-fi link. Right now they're on DSL and when school is out - the system is very slow and drops users constantly. Taking an online test, or trying to do research for homework is practically impossible. And this is really bad for people doing online job applications!
Let's get our priorities in order - kids and environment,

before a glitzy King street "look".

Jackie Henderson

From: Susan Akman <akman@rcn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 1:32 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Funding for Community Lodgings
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu May 03, 2012 13:31:51] Message ID: [39053]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Funding for Community Lodgings

Dear City Officials,

I am resending this because I am not certain the one I sent yesterday went through.

I am urging you to please reinstate

the funding for Community Lodgings for the next budget year. This \$63,000

item is so important to your neediest citizens and to the wonderful young

future citizens of Alexandria.

Comments: For the past 5 years I have driven to

Alexandria twice a week to volunteer with Community Lodgings in their

after school program. The students who participate make wonderful gains

in school and are learning how to become responsible future citizens.

In addition to tutoring my husband and I have mentored a family for 10

years and we know the difference Community Lodgings makes in lives of

adults and children. I also drive a group of 13 yr old soccer boys to

practices and games. They became part of the team through mentors at

Community Lodgings.

They make a difference to the team and have been

exposed to a world outside their community.

They give back to the

community through volunteer work and through their being good team

members.

They are doing well in school because of the soccer, community

lodgings and the mentor program at

Community Lodgings.

I know how hard

it is to find affordable housing in Alexandria. One family I worked with

was facing

homelessness as a result of their apt. complex being taken over

by developers who wanted to change the

tenets. Housing is scarce and

Community Lodgings' transitional housing program is successful.

It is

short sighted to cut this \$63,000 when it reaps long term benefits for

Alexandria.

I urge you to please reinstate this line item for Community

Lodgings.

Thank you,

Susan Akman

Jackie Henderson

From: Purvi Irwin <artistchig@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 2:00 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Funding for early childhood programs
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu May 03, 2012 13:59:34] Message ID: [39055]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Funding for early childhood programs

Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

The City Manager has recommended in

this FY13 Proposed Budget, elimination of \$519,680 in funding for early childhood programs in the City. I write to urge you to set aside \$500,000 in funding to address the unmet childcare needs in the City.

There are

over 400 children currently on the City's waiting for childcare tuition assistance. These are the children of low-income, working parents – our

Comments: City's most vulnerable families. Without the City's help, they will not have access to childcare and will likely enter kindergarten under-prepared for achievement in school and success beyond.

Guided by you, as our

elected representatives, Alexandria has had a longtime and strong commitment to the early care of the City's children, particularly those of our low-income, working families. Abandoning this commitment to the State,

which has not evidenced the same commitment to our children, would be a

grievous error.

I understand the City has a \$9.2 million budget surplus. Certainly, some of this money could be used for the benefit of our City's future and most precious resource: our children.

I urge you

not to abandon our children and to support the recommendations of the

City's newly formed Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission

to set aside \$500,000 in the FY13 Budget for childcare in the

City.

Thank you,
Purvi Gandhi Irwin

Jackie Henderson

From: Aileo Weinmann <aileo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 1:26 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: FY13 early childhood programs
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu May 03, 2012 13:25:44] Message ID: [39051]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: FY13 early childhood programs

Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

The City Manager has recommended in

this FY13 Proposed Budget, elimination of \$519,680 in funding for early childhood programs in the City. I write to urge you to set aside \$500,000 in funding to address the unmet childcare needs in the City.

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Certainly, some of this money could be used for the benefit of our City's future and most precious resource: our children.

I urge you not to

abandon our children and to support the recommendations of the City's newly

formed Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission to set aside

\$500,000 in the FY13 Budget for childcare in the City.

Jackie Henderson

From: Pamela Blankenship <Rrbpdb@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 1:28 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Funding Cut For ECE Programs Budget Memo #58
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu May 03, 2012 13:28:27] **Message ID:** [39052]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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State: Virginia
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Subject: Funding Cut For ECE Programs Budget Memo #58
The City Manager's recommendation to eliminate \$519,680.00 from Alexandria's early childhood programs is not in the best interest of our children's future. Alexandria has a long and proud history of commitment to high quality care and education for our most vulnerable and youngest children. Currently, there are more than 400 children of low-income, working families waiting to receive the city's child care fee subsidy. Without this assistance, the parents of these children will not be able to afford to enroll their little ones in high quality programs. This in turn
Comments: will result in more children failing to be adequately prepared for success in kindergarten and life. As the director of the Alive! Child Development Center for more than four years, I can personally attest to the positive impact of high quality care on young children's readiness for school. Each year, our CDC "graduates" return to join us for our Family Christmas Party in December. Parents bring copies of their child's progress reports along with stories of how well their child has adjusted to the "big school" environment. It is gratifying to learn, again and

again, how Alive!'s committment to educating young children has made such a

positive difference in the lives of our children, and, of course, their families. Nothing is more important to the future of our community's quality of life. Without the financial support of the city, Alive! simply would not be able to do this! I understand that Alexandria has a \$9.2 million budget surplus. Surely, SOME of these funds could be used to help Alexandria continue it's committment to providing high quality education and care to low-income families. I urge the Council to set aside \$500,000 to address the city's unmet childcare needs.

Jackie Henderson

From: Richard Hershman <rhershma@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 12:34 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Budget and Real Estate Tax
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu May 03, 2012 12:33:41] Message ID: [39049]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Budget and Real Estate Tax

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to urge you to consider

Alexandria's homeowners and taxpayers when you deliberate on the budget on

Monday May 7th.

Even if the current 2011 real estate tax rate is

adopted, most home owners will see a significant increase in their tax

bills this year as real estate assessments are significantly up over last

Comments: year. In my case the city has increased my assessment by \$30,088 over last

year's assessment, without any improvements to the home. That will

translate to over a \$300 increase and represents \$1,753 more in property taxes this year than I paid in 2007.

Over the last several years

members of the Council approved tax rate increases arguing that they were

designed so that for the average homeowner they would pay nearly the same

as they did in the previous year. It would seem that logic should carry forward to today and the tax rate should be frozen or reduced accounting for the increased assessments and lack of an increase in area salaries. For example, salaries are frozen for federal employees for at least the next two years and non-profit associations are also facing difficult budgets.

Finally, I urge the city to look at further reductions in the city's budget by eliminating or reducing funding for initiatives, no matter how small they may be, or pleasing to certain constituencies, but are not critical to the efficient operating of high quality core city services such as education and safety.

Sincerely,

Richard Hershman

Jackie Henderson

From: Glenn Hopkins <hopkins@hopkinshouse.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 11:11 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Support for Early Childhood Funding
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu May 03, 2012 11:10:36] Message ID: [39038]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 571-480-4094
Email Address: hopkins@hopkinshouse.org

Subject: Support for Early Childhood Funding
Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

The City Manager has recommended in this FY13 Proposed Budget, elimination of \$519,680 in funding for early childhood programs in the City. On behalf of our City's most vulnerable children and their families, I write to urge you to set aside \$500,000 in funding to address the unmet childcare needs in the City.

As you know, there are over 400 children currently on the City's waiting for childcare

Comments: tuition assistance. These are the children of low-income, working parents. Without the City's help, these children will not have access to childcare and are certain to enter kindergarten under-prepared for achievement in school and success beyond.

I have worked with you personally over many years and I know that you are strongly committed to the children of this City and care greatly about those in greatest need. Through your guidance, Alexandria has led the way in its strong commitment to the early care and

education of children, particularly those of our low-income, working families. To abandon this leadership to the State, which has not evidenced the same commitment to our children, would be a grievous error and a sad reversal of years and years of work.

I understand the City has a \$9.2 million budget surplus. Certainly, some of these extra dollars can be used for the benefit of our City's future and most precious, natural resource: our children. Certainly, children remain a priority in this City. Certainly, I know you care deeply about our children.

I urge you not to abandon our children and to set aside \$500,000 in the FY13 Budget for childcare in the City. I also urge you to put the newly formed Child, Youth and Family Commission, of which I am a member, to good use by tasking it with recommending ways these funds might be effectively used to leverage new dollars into the City to open access to, and support quality standards of early care and education for all children, and particularly the children of our low- and middle-income, working families.

Thank you

Jackie Henderson

From: Bud Hart <budhart1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 11:56 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Funding for Early Childhood Programs
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu May 03, 2012 11:56:25] Message ID: [39045]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Hart

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22304

Phone: 703-370-3977

Email Address: budhart1@gmail.com

Subject: Funding for Early Childhood Programs

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Guided by you, as our

elected representatives, Alexandria has had a longtime and strong commitment to the early care of the City's children, particularly those of our low-income, working families. Abandoning this commitment to the State,

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abandon our children and to support the recommendations of the City's newly

formed Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission to set aside

\$500,000 in the FY13 Budget for childcare in the City.

Thank you,

Bud

Hart

Jackie Henderson

From: Joie Acosta <joieacosta@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 12:15 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Budget cuts to childcare programs
Attachments: ATT00002.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu May 03, 2012 12:15:13] Message ID: [39047]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Joie

Last Name: Acosta

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email Address: joieacosta@gmail.com

Subject: Budget cuts to childcare programs
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formed Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission to set aside

\$500,000 in the FY13 Budget for childcare in the City.

Thank you,
Jolie

Acosta

Jackie Henderson

From: Donna Davis <3d2002@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 12:27 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: FY13 Proposed Budget/Childcare elimination
Attachments: ATT00002.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu May 03, 2012 12:26:39] Message ID: [39048]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Davis
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State: VA
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Phone: 703-725-5508
Email Address: 3d2002@gmail.com
Subject: FY13 Proposed Budget/Childcare elimination
Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

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in this FY13 Proposed Budget, elimination of \$519,680 in funding for early
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City's newly formed Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission

to set aside \$500,000 in the FY13 Budget for childcare in the City.

Thank you,

Donna Davis

Jackie Henderson

From: Karen McManis <karenmcmanis@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 8:40 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Thu May 03, 2012 08:39:39] Message ID: [39032]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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State: VA

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Phone: 703-549-7770

Email Address: karenmcmanis@aol.com

Subject: ACPS Budget

Dear Councilman Fannon

Alexandria PTA Council President Linda Kelly

shared her response to your note on the ACPS budget with me and other PTA

leaders. I could not agree more with with Linda's comments. In fact,

reading her simple yet eloquent statement galvanized me to sit down this

morning to write you and the other members of Council.

You see, I fall

Comments: into that 15% of Alexandria residents with children in ACPS. I have my own

consulting business, I volunteer in our schools (past Charles Barrett PTA

president, past PTA Council President, tutor and now GWMS PTA

President-elect), and I am raising two daughters. I could send them to a

private school and wash my hands of the City vs. school budget politics --

I am fortunate that way. But, thus far, I have chosen to keep them in ACPS

and work from the inside to help improve it. Because the majority of those

15 percent of families with kids in ACPS aren't families like mine. The

majority of our students live in poverty (more than half qualify for free and reduced lunch), come from homes where English is not spoken or need special education services. I don't have the data at my fingertips -- and I hate to misuse statistics. But you have this information. It's been shared with Council time and time again because I've sat in those meetings and listened. You know why our per pupil cost is high, you know why ACPS asks for and needs additional budget each year. You know the requests ACPS makes are grounded in reality because the data is there.

Now, like

Linda, I take great objection to this statement that you made

"I

hope that our schools will continue to improve, and my fiduciary duty on the Council is to make sure that tax dollars are spent wisely. Other departments in the city have made cuts in this economy, and I want to be fair to all taxpayers in addition to the school community. Over 85 percent of Alexandria households do not have children in the school system. Thanks

again for your thoughts, and I look forward to budget approval on Monday."

Well, I "hope" so too. But hope isn't going to

get us there. And your 85% comment is something I simply can not understand. How many young couples who are considering raising children in

Alexandria would agree that because only 15% of families have children in our schools now, we should cut the school budget? How many older couples

whose children have received a good education at ACPS and have gone on to

be successful citizens would agree that future generations shouldn't have that same chance?

You don't design a budget by percentages. If you did,

we'd have 60% devoted to dog parks, because it seems to me like 60% of Alexandrian's have dogs. Now, I am exaggerating that statistic just to make a point. But consider this. I don't have a family member in jail,

yet my taxes pay for jails. I've never needed 911 or the fire department but I sure am glad my taxes pay for those services. I'm, not on welfare, but there are many who are. What percent? How much do they deserve? Do we really want to play this game with our neediest families and children?

I don't. And I don't think you do either. Yes, I am well aware there are issues with Dr. Sherman and concerns about how budget was managed. They've been addressed. He's been publicly embarrassed and held accountable. Council has put the School Board on notice that an elected-appointed model might be "better". Message delivered -- loud and clear.

But I haven't talked to a single ACPS parent who thinks that forcing the Superintendent to step down will make our school better. The changes he has pushed so hard to implement are just now gaining traction. We've all made a big investment in these initiatives. If we change leaders now, and listen to those within the system who are saying "too much work, too much change" we'll lose momentum. And the money and time we've invested to date will be lost.

If I sound frustrated, I am. I have remained silent on this because I appreciate that you and Council has a difficult job to do. And because I wanted to hear the full story about the ACPS budget issues. Now I've heard it. As Linda said. People lost their jobs, no money was taken for personal use, new control systems are in place. Let's move on.

Let's not punish the entire school system -- including Alexandria's poorest and most vulnerable children -- because of this one, isolated issue. Instead, let's proceed -- holding all parties responsible and accountable. And that includes Council. Because, with all due respect, it's not "generous" of you to fund the school system. It's your responsibility as my elected official.

Sincerely,
Karen McManis

308 Kentucky Ave
Alexandria VA

22305

-----Original Message-----

From: Cindy Martinez

<metzlinez@gmail.com>

To: Marianne Hetzer

<mwhetzer@comcast.net>

Cc: Linda Kelly <lekelly@juno.com>;

email <email@gmu.edu>; Kelly Dresen <kelly.dresen@verizon.net>;

George Mason PTA <georgemasonpta@gmail.com>; Hal Cardwell

<HalCardwell@yahoo.com>; Jeannie Barody White

<Jeannie.b.white@comcast.net>; PTA President

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Sent: Thu, May 3, 2012 7:58 am

Subject: Re:

COA Contact Us: Budget allocation for ACPS

Linda, you are such a

wonderful spokesperson for the PTAC, and I agree with your sentiments

entirely.

I want to update our PTA Listserv to all these developments

and encourage everyone to speak up to their city council members. What was

the final recommendation for cuts to the school system budget? Is it too

late to rally additional cry for keeping all funding

steady?

Thanks,
Cindy Martinez

On Thu, May 3, 2012 at 7:46 AM,

Marianne Hetzer <mwhetzer@comcast.net> wrote:

THANK YOU,

Linda! Beautifully crafted response.

**Marianne

From: Linda Kelly [mailto:lekelly@juno.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 03,

2012 1:21 AM

To: email@gmu.edu; Kelly Dresen; George Mason PTA; Hal

Cardwell; Jeannie Baroody White; PTA President; Priscilla Goodwin;
Susan

Keightley; RameeGentry Gentry; GWMS PTA; Hammond PTA; William
Ramsay PTA;

Cindy Martinez; juliecardamone@comcast.net Anthony; Julie Forsht;
Priscilla

Plishker; Priscilla Plishker; Melynda Wilcox; Linda Kelly; KarenMcManis

McManis; jaroda@comcast.net Roda; Ken Arnold; Stephanie Wright;
Marianne

Hetzer; jairsjairs jairs; Lisa Medley; BetsyWong Wong

Subject: Fwd:

COA Contact Us: Budget allocation for ACPS

FYI-my back and

forth with Councilman Fannon on the budget.

Begin forwarded

message:

From: Linda Kelly <LEKelly@Juno.com>

Date: May

3, 2012 1:19:47 AM EDT

To: Frank Fannon

<Frank.Fannon@alexandriava.gov>

Cc:

"frank.fannon@suntrust.com" <frank.fannon@suntrust.com>

Subject: < get allocation for ACPS

Frank-thank you for your

response, which I will share with my fellow ACPS parents. I do appreciate you stepping back on the additional cuts; however, it is bad enough that the City is taking back the \$1.23 m. I have heard that Alexandria is the only local jurisdiction in the Commonwealth to take this step. ACPS will now be scrambling to identify additional funding to cover the payroll taxes and benefit costs associated with the mandatory step salary increase. We certainly cannot afford additional reductions. We need to stay competitive on salaries for our teachers.

I get

that you are trying to send a message through the budget process and I understand that City Council and C over the mismanagement of the CIP funds.

My kids' school playground has been unusable all year because of it--I am upset, too. However, the school administration uncovered the CIP problem,

disclosed it, and fired nearly everyone in the whole department, from top to bottom. Seems like decisive corrective action to me. And at least all of this money was spent on ACPS projects, unlike the taxpayer money that

was stolen by city employees in the past year! I really feel that our community has spent an inordinate amount of time on this CIP matter, which

consisted of mismanagement and not malfeasance.

I am also aware

that households with school-age children make up only 15% of the city population. That does not mean that only 15% of residents benefit from educating Alexandria's children and I really take issue with this implication. All of us benefit from an educated citizenry. As a person who has dedicated so much pe vice, I am sure you must realize this, so please, reconsider the implication of this rhetorical point which you raise repeatedly.

While I'm at it, I also want to mention that, if

you think that we spend too large a percentage of our budget on the schools

relative to the population, we should compare our expenditures (33%?) to

those of our neighboring jurisdictions? Arlington, with a similar

percentage of families with kids, spends 45% of its budget on its schools.

Fairfax County--52.5% Prince William County 56.7%.

I

understand that you have heard from constituents upset with ACPS. I can

tell you that the voices that have been missing from the community

discussion are those of the vast majority of parents who are pleased with

the education their children are getting and too busy raising the future

doctors, lawyers, engineers and business people of this city to let you

know.

Respectfully yours,

Linda Kelly

On May 2, 2012, at 6:50 PM, Frank Fannon wrote:

Linda,

Thank you for your message and for your input on budget

allocation for ACPS. I have talked with many teachers over the past several

months and have received a great deal of feedback from other members of the

community. There has been a tremendous amount of concern about the

financial issues in the school system. The Council has received a lot of

pressure on the school budget issue. Council has the authority to delegate

money to the School Board. The only control we have over this is to

determine the amount of funding we provide to the board.

I

support the children in our community, and the Council has been very

generous over recent years by always funding requests made by the School

Board. However, my concern this year is that basic financial controls are not in place. There needs to be more oversight on how the schools are spending money.

After the budget meeting on Monday night, I lowered

my reduction to \$290,000 and not \$1.2 million. The Council funded the schools with \$200,000 more than the School Board requested, and I proposed

cutting this amount since the amount we allocated was already more than what they requested. The other \$90,000 that I proposed in cuts would go toward hiring an additional budget analyst for the city that could improve oversight and monitoring of spending in the future so we can avoid some of

the difficulties we have had over recent months with the schools' finances.

I hope that our schools will continue to improve, and my

fiduciary duty on the Council is to make sure that tax dollars are spent

wisely. Other departments in the city have made cuts in this economy, and I

want to be fair to all taxpayers in addition to the school community. Over 85 percent of Alexandria households do not have children in the school system. Thanks again for your thoughts, and I look forward to budget approval on Monday.

Frank Fannon

From: Linda Kelly

[LEKelly@Juno.com]

Monday, April 30, 2012 11:32 PM

To: Frank

Fannon

Subject: COA Contact Us: Budget allocation for ACPS

COA

Contact Us: Councilman Frank H. Fannon IV

Time: [Mon Apr 30,

2012 23:32:32] Message ID: [38967]

Issue Type:

Frank H. Fannon IV

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Linda

Last Name:

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Ave.

City:

Alexandria

State:

VA

Zip:

22305

Phone:

703-739-1546

Email Address:

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Subject:

Budget allocation for ACPS

Comments:

Dear Councilman Fannon:

On behalf of the PTA

organizations of

Alexandria, I would like to understand your

proposal to cut the funding

allocation for ACPS by by \$1.2 mi

million cut

already proposed by city staff. Is there a specific item

or category of

funding you are targeting?

I would like to

understand your reasoning
and share it with the ACPS parent
community.

Respectfully,

Linda

Kelly
President,

PTA Council of Alexandria

Jackie Henderson

From: Elisabeth Casey <ec@prkr.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 7:34 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: funding for Community Lodgings
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Wed May 02, 2012 19:34:15] Message ID: [39026]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Casey

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City: Arlington

State: VA

Zip: 22205

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Email Address: ec@prkr.net

Subject: funding for Community Lodgings

Dear Council Member:

I am writing on behalf of Community Lodgings to

request that it continue to be funded in the FY2013 budget and reallocated the \$63,883 that the City staff has eliminated in its proposed budget to the City Council.

For 25 years, Community Lodgings has been essential in breaking the cycle of homelessness in Alexandria through its mission of lifting families from homelessness and instability to independence and

Comments: self-sufficiency.

Did you know that Community Lodgings' Transitional

Housing Program:

- Serves only Alexandria's

Homeless

- Took 59 people from Alexandria's shelters last year; more than

any other transitional program serving the city

- Moves people from

homelessness to self-sufficiency --- living independently without rental

subsidies

- FY 2011 had a 92% success rate moving families to

independence

- Will no longer receive \$64,459 in grant monies due to HUD

policy changes - The Federal government has changed its emphasis to a "housing first" model. These "housing first" grants preclude organizations from receiving grants to house clients if they own the property in which the client will be housed. Community Lodgings owns the buildings in which it places its families. Therefore, Community Lodgings can no longer apply for housing assistance through the HUD "housing first" grants.

We do

recognize the state of our economy and the challenges we are currently facing. We know our government faces budget constraints as well as the tough decisions that you have to make to ensure the budget maximizes benefit for all Alexandrians. Cutting Community Lodgings' budget allocation of \$63,883 may appear to save our city money in the short term, but in reality it may not. Funding Community Lodgings' programs provides longer term benefits and savings because Community Lodgings empowers

homeless families to become productive and contributing members of our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to help

Community Lodgings continue its mission of lifting families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency.

Please fund Community Lodgings!

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Casey

Jackie Henderson

From: Gary Olejniczak <garyole@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 1:54 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Clover-College Park Traffic Calming
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Wed May 02, 2012 13:54:04] Message ID: [39017]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Olejniczak
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State: VA
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Phone: 703-933-0737
Email Address: garyole@comcast.net
Subject: Clover-College Park Traffic Calming

As you are aware, our neighborhood has had a steady increase in cut-through traffic as motorists decide to avoid the three major arterial streets that surround us: King Street, Duke Street and Quaker Lane. With the increase in traffic volume over the past decade, our residential streets during rush hour are often the path of least resistance to and from the Beltway.

Comments: The proposed Traffic Calming Program would provide us with a Traffic Calming Coordinator who would look at the entire neighborhood with the intention of reducing cut-through traffic on ALL of the Clover-College Park residential streets. This is a long-term solution to a problem that, left unresolved, will only intensify as the City of Alexandria continues to grow at a very rapid pace.

I strongly urge you to preserve our

neighborhood by including the Traffic Calming Program with in
the 2013

Budget.

Jackie Henderson

From: Milton Heller <mhellerbearz@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 6:58 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: neighborhood traffic
Attachments: ATT00002.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Wed May 02, 2012 18:57:42] Message ID: [39025]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Milton
Last Name: Heller
Street Address: 308 Vassar Rd.
City: Alexandria
State: Va
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-823-2128
Email Address: mhellerbearz@verizon.net
Subject: neighborhood traffic

Comments:

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members:
We urge you to include the

Traffic Calming Program in the 2013 budget. Dramatically increased

cut-through traffic through Clover- College Park should not be perceived

simply as an annoyance to us; it's dangerous. The increased traffic
volume

has been accompanied by speeding and lackluster observance of stop
signs.

Children walking to school and all pedestrians are at a heightened risk of

being hit.
Thank you,
Milton Heller and Patricia Fitzgibbons

Jackie Henderson

From: Bill Rivers <rivers15@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 9:33 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Miracle Field
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Wed May 02, 2012 09:32:32] Message ID: [39007]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Bill
Last Name: Rivers
Street Address: 15 West Mount Ida Avenue
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-683-6526
Email Address: rivers15@comcast.net
Subject: Miracle Field

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council Members:

On behalf of our

players and their families, thank you for attending the season opener of

the Miracle League on April 21st. At that game, we promised you an update as to our efforts to build the Field.

A year ago, you took the

risk of approving \$285,000 for a Miracle Field in 2013 based upon a promise

Comments:

made to you by a group of private citizens that they could raise \$135,000 to completely fund the Field.

The Miracle League of Alexandria (MLA) –

that group of citizens – is pleased to announce to you that your faith

has been rewarded. The MLA currently has \$92,703 in the bank, with firm

pledges for another \$48,500, totaling \$141,203. The pledges are

comprised of:

Kelley Cares Road Race \$30,000
Cafritz Foundation

\$12,500*
Safeway Foundation \$5,000
Kathy Wilson

Foundation \$1,000

• 2nd payment due in July of a grant of
\$25,000; initial payment received in April.

All pledges are expected

to be collected by June, with the exception of the Cafritz second payment.

While this total meets the obligation of the MLA, we have gone beyond

that as part of the public/private
partnership that we have with the

City. We will be responsible for a certain portion of the construction of

the Field (based upon an MOU being finalized with the City). Preliminary

negotiations of our portion of the
construction have resulted in

discounts totaling over \$100,000 being offered by our construction

partners:

Hercules Fencing
Virginia Paving
Musco

Lighting
RE Lee Lighting
Lane Construction*

*Donating

the entire cost of their participation in the project as the general
contractor.

The discounts are close to the funds raised. This will

allow the Field to be built with all the proposed
aspects requested by

our special needs population – covered dugouts; sensory and tactile

plantings for
our participants to experience while awaiting the start of

a game; accessible seating with both benches
and tables surrounding the

Field to allow for an enjoyable outing to the Field; trees planted around

the

Field for shade and visual enjoyment; safe paving for access to the Field; an expanded surface area for an "Angels' Alley" beyond Center Field that would allow more use of the special surface; etc. It will also allow for lights to be put in so that the Field can be used to the maximum extent for all activities – both for the special needs population and other sports teams. City staff had initially projected the lights as an additional \$135,000 that would be requested in a future capital budget. If costs hold to our projections, we will be able to save the City that expense and put the lights in during the Field construction.

We hope that you will feel comfortable approving the City's contribution of \$285,000 in the 2013 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Working with you and with City staff has been a most enjoyable experience.

The construction of this Miracle Field shows the best side of a public/private partnership. The close cooperation of all parties will mean that our special needs population will have a Miracle Field at least 7 years before it was even going to be considered, as we started out with the Field in the 2020 CIP just 18 months ago.

If you have any questions, please let us know and we would be happy to answer them.

Sincerely,
William Rivers

Chair, Miracle League of
Alexandria

Jackie Henderson

From: Margaret Cook <donandpeggycook@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 3:26 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Community Lodgings
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Wed May 02, 2012 03:25:40] Message ID: [39003]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Margaret
Last Name: Cook
Street Address: 2351 Eisenhower Ave
Apt 1212
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 206-445-2698
Email Address: donandpeggycook@yahoo.com

Subject: Community Lodgings

I would ask that you please not cut Community Lodgings from the budget.
I

have volunteered there since
we moved to Alexandria two years ago and

have also supported them financially. I have seen that this
organization

makes a permanent difference in the lives of homeless families in

Comments: Alexandria. Community
Lodgings helps them with housing and education with

the goal of having them become independent. It has
been very successful.

I believe that their will be a greater cost to Alexandria if Community

Lodgings cannot
continue in its mission as it has been doing. Please

reconsider.

Thank you,
Margaret Cook

Jackie Henderson

From: Susan Akman <Susanakman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 10:03 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Community Lodgings
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Tue May 01, 2012 22:02:48] Message ID: [39002]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Susan
Last Name: Akman
Street Address: 3209 Macomb St., NW
City: Washington
State: DC
Zip: 20008
Phone: 202-363-7010
Email Address: Susanakman@yahoo.com
Subject: Community Lodgings

Dear Officials,

I am writing as a volunteer for Community Lodgings. I

have driven to Alexandria twice a week for the past 5 years in order to

participate in tutoring elementary students in the Community Lodgings'

After School Program. In addition I drive several boys to soccer

practice and games and have done that for 6 years.

Community Lodgings

Comments: plays a major role in helping children who are your future succeed. Their

after school program provides a place to complete homework with tutors to

help. There are computers, snacks and materials for school projects.

Students depend on us to help them succeed in school.

Community

Lodgings housing program has saved many children from homeless shelters

and helped parents get their lives back together by helping families with

housing and training for jobs. Their success is part of Alexandria's

success.

I know how difficult it is to find affordable housing in

Alexandria. This organization helps your neediest citizens. They need

your help to continue helping your constituents.

I urge you to please

reinstate the line item in your budget for Community Lodgings. Your future

citizens

and their needy families need Community Lodgings.

Thank you

for your support.

Susan Akman

Jackie Henderson

From: Ann Tucker <iowagal@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 9:02 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Traffic Calming Fund for 2013 budget
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Tue May 01, 2012 21:01:59] **Message ID:** [39001]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Ann
Last Name: Tucker
Street Address: 400 Yale Drive
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 2022566898
Email Address: iowagal@gmail.com
Subject: Traffic Calming Fund for 2013 budget
Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,
The Clover-College Park
Citizens Association supports the inclusion of the Traffic Calming
Program
within the 2013 Budget.
As you are aware, our neighborhood has
had a steady increase in cut-through traffic as motorists decide
to avoid
the three major arterial streets that surround us: King Street, Duke Street
Comments: and Quaker Lane.
With the increase in traffic volume over the past decade,
our residential streets during rush hour are
often the path of least
resistance to and from the Beltway.
The proposed Traffic Calming Program
would provide us with a Traffic Calming Coordinator who
would look at the
entire neighborhood with the intention of reducing cut-through traffic on
ALL of the
Clover-College Park residential streets. This is a long-term

solution to a problem that, left unresolved,
will only intensify as the

City of Alexandria continues to grow at a very rapid pace.

We strongly

urge you to preserve our neighborhood by including the Traffic Calming

Program within
the 2013 Budget.

Sincerely,
Ann Tucker, CCPCA

President

Jackie Henderson

From: Ann Tucker <iowagal@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 9:01 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Traffic Calming Fund for 2013 budget
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Tue May 01, 2012 21:01:24] Message ID: [39000]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Ann
Last Name: Tucker
Street Address: 400 Yale Drive
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 2022566898
Email Address: iowagal@gmail.com
Subject: Traffic Calming Fund for 2013 budget

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the 2013 Budget.

Sincerely,
Ann Tucker, CCPCA

President

Jackie Henderson

From: Jesi Carlson <jesi3@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 8:22 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: TRCA Letter re: Traffic Calming Budget Restoration
Attachments: 6c89ec3f2e037efe985f4f2776e963a5.docx; ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Tue May 01, 2012 20:22:24] **Message ID:** [38999]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Jesi
Last Name: Carlson
Street Address: 140 Moncure Drive
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7036222810
Email Address: jesi3@hotmail.com
Subject: TRCA Letter re: Traffic Calming Budget Restoration
Please see the attached correspondence, sent on behalf of the Taylor Run
Citizens' Association. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Best
Comments: Regards,
Jesi J. Carlson
President
Taylor Run Citizens' Association
Attachment: 6c89ec3f2e037efe985f4f2776e963a5.docx



City of Alexandria
Mayor William Euille
Vice Mayor Kerry Donley
Alexandria City Council Members
301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

May 1, 2012

Dear Sir(s) and Madam(s),

I am writing on behalf of the Taylor Run Citizens' Association ("TRCA") and neighborhood residents to formally request that the Traffic Calming Program (IN-STEP) be included in the 2013 Budget. As TRCA indicated in a letter sent in February 2012, our residents have a number of traffic and pedestrian safety concerns.

On March 21, 2012, TRCA (along with a representative from the Clover College Park Neighborhood Association) met with Richard Baier, Director of the Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services and Donna Fossum, Alexandria Transportation Committee Member, to discuss a number of these issues. At that time, we were informed that many of the issues we identified can only be addressed if there is a restoration of the traffic calming budget. It is our understanding that this funding was discontinued a few years ago.

One area of concern pertains to the crosswalk on King Street at the intersection of Upland and King Street. In light of the increasing traffic volume on King Street, pedestrians continue to experience difficulty crossing King Street. While there is designated crosswalk, there are no signs or lights alerting drivers when pedestrians are present or requiring drivers to stop so pedestrians can safely cross the street. TRCA strongly urges the City of Alexandria to address this safety issue by installing a flashing cross-walk system at this intersection in the interest of resident safety (similar to the system being used near the Braddock metro station and on Duke Street near the Telegraph Road off-ramp). This route is frequently used by residents accessing Beach Park, Maury Elementary School and Del Ray, as well as residents using the bus stop for buses going West on King Street. TRCA has been apprised that such a solution is unlikely to materialize unless and until the traffic calming budget is restored.

In addition, there are a number of neighborhood streets in the Taylor Run area experiencing an increase in traffic, including (but certainly not limited to) my street,

Moncure Drive, where motorists drive down the street at excessive speeds. With the increasing number of small children living in our neighborhood, some kind of traffic calming measure must be implemented to ensure the safety of our residents.

Lastly, our neighborhood is lacking adequate and connecting sidewalks for pedestrians in all areas. We have several locations in our neighborhood where children walking to and from school bus stops are forced to walk in busy streets because of gaps in the sidewalk at locations such as Hilltop Terrace. Installing additional sidewalks would also greatly enhance the ability of neighborhood residents to safely access DASH and Metro.

These are just a few examples of traffic calming needs for the Taylor Run neighborhood specifically. We intend to continue our coordination with other neighborhood associations in our area, who like TRCA, have a number of traffic and pedestrian safety issues that may be solved by the restoration of the traffic calming budget, and could benefit all area residents.

Taylor Run Citizens' Association urges you to ensure that appropriate funding for traffic calming programs, including a paid staff position, are included in the 2013 budget. Until this occurs, our neighborhood will have no access to resources necessary to address these traffic and pedestrian safety concerns. We look forward to a continued and productive dialogue on these issues.

Best Regards,

Jesi J. Carlson
President, Taylor Run Citizens' Association

Jackie Henderson

From: Mia Jones <Mamamiajones@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:21 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Add/delete vote today
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Mon May 07, 2012 07:21:13] Message ID: [39159]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Mia

Last Name: Jones

Street Address: 959 N. Pegram St.

City: Alexandria

State: Va

Zip: 22304

Phone: 703-823-5261

Email Address: Mamamiajones@gmail.com

Subject: Add/delete vote today

I strongly echo Alison Valtin's letter to you as published in today's PTSA
Town Crier.

Sending a message about your displeasure with Dr. Sherman

via budget process will not impact him in the least. His
contract, as I

understand it, is iron-clad and the School Board has given him a vote of
confidence.

The only persons affected by deleting \$1.23 million from the

Comments: ACPS budget...which was apparently acceptable a few
months ago after many

months of negotiations...are the students and teachers. Tangentially, all

Alexandrians are affected
when our schools are underfunded. ACPS will

have to fund the mandated step increases somehow, and you can be sure

that additional programs and staff will be eliminated above what has
already been incorporated into the budget.

An election is coming up in a

few months. You can be sure that ACPS parents are watching your

actions

closely. Please
rise above your issues with Dr. Sherman and fully fund

the schools.

There is no need to personally respond to this email.

Thank you for your service to Alexandria and for taking the time to
read

these comments.

Jackie Henderson

From: Tracy Stone <ttstone@kpmg.com>
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 8:02 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Mon May 07, 2012 08:01:30] **Message ID:** [39161]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Tracy

Last Name: Stone

Street Address: 413 Fontaine Street

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22302

Phone: 703-683-1456

Email Address: ttstone@kpmg.com

Subject: ACPS Budget

Comments: Dear City Council - I understand that you are voting tonight on the ACPS budget and are considering reducing it by \$1.2 million as a result of the Commonwealth's allocation of that same amount to ACPS. Is it true that this \$1.2 million coming from the state is required to be utilized for a new pension program for teachers? If so, then it doesn't seem to make sense to reduce the City's allocation of funds to normal ACPS expenses and

needs at all. As I'm sure you know, continued improvement of the City's schools is incredibly important to the City's children, families, and citizenry as a whole. I respectfully request that you leave the ACPS budget intact so all of us can benefit from quality schools for our City's children. Best regards, Tracy Stone

Jackie Henderson

From: Wendi Kaplan <wendi.kaplan@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 6:57 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: School funding
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Mon May 07, 2012 06:57:17] Message ID: [39158]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Wendi
Last Name: Kaplan
Street Address: 21 W. Caton Avenue
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-739-9763
Email Address: wendi.kaplan@verizon.net
Subject: School funding

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council,

I have lived and worked

in Alexandria for 30 years!
I worked for the City for about 4 years and

have had a business here for about 22 years.
I served on the

Landlord-Tenant Board for 5 years.
I have volunteered with so many

agencies and programs and festivals and projects and PTA's that I cant

Comments: even list them all.

And I am proud to be a part of this

community...Alexandria has been a beacon of support to those in need,

those oppressed in so many ways.

And now I ask you to remember the

children. Remember them, our future, by continuing to support the
ACPS

system. By paying our dedicated teachers, by trusting our school board

members, by continuing

funding to the schools in these difficult times.

The people who are angry about spending money on schools are the same

people who do not want to fund
all of the things that make us a model

community in the country. And we are a model. Remember who we

are...please remember our good, solid moral compass.
Keep the schools

well funded.

Thank you for all you do for this community.

Most

sincerely,
Wendi R. Kaplan

Jackie Henderson

From: Christine Stoneman <Anderstone0900@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 6:23 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Mon May 07, 2012 06:23:09] Message ID: [39157]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Christine
Last Name: Stoneman
Street Address: 2706 Farm Road
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703 548 5023
Email Address: Anderstone0900@msn.com

Subject: ACPS Budget

I write to ask that you support fully a high quality public education for Alexandria children and youth. Strong public schools are the foundation for true democracy and for our economic and social future. The schools have already seen resources taken away from children; the pressure on the schools is enormous as the school population continues to grow.

Comments:

Essentially taking 1.2 million away during such a time of potential opportunity and real challenge for the schools makes no sense. If we want people to stay in the public schools; to stay in Alexandria; to move here and raise their families and pay taxes and support our city, we must show that it is a city that values education. I am the 15% and I vote.

Jackie Henderson

From: scot arnold <glort@alum.mit.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 1:34 AM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: School funding
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Mon May 07, 2012 01:33:50] Message ID: [39156]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: scot
Last Name: arnold
Street Address: 440 Argyle Drive
City: Alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703 2990170
Email Address: glort@alum.mit.edu
Subject: School funding

I understand from the PTA that the council is looking to cut the ACPS by \$1.2 million. The reason for this cut should probably be better articulated because it sounds like the city is using state allocations intended to augment teacher pension plan funding to cut the ACPS budget.

Has the council compared the quality and performance of the ACPS to surrounding cities like Arlington, Falls Church, or McClean? I believe that

Comments: many users of the school system do not feel that it is performing to the same level as nearby cities. Places that are desirable to live in usually have high performing school systems even if only a small fraction of the residents use them...they all benefit from the boost in property values that good schools bring. I hope you will not cut the funding of the ACPS budget.

Jackie Henderson

From: Judy Lyons <georgemasonpta@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 11:57 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget Cuts
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Sun May 06, 2012 23:56:36] Message ID: [39155]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Judy
Last Name: Lyons
Street Address: 105 Adams Ave

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22301

Phone:

Email Address: georgemasonpta@gmail.com

Subject: ACPS Budget Cuts

Dear Mayor Euille and members of the Alexandria City Council,

On behalf

of the parents at George Mason Elementary School, I ask that you scrap

plans to cut the ACPS budget by \$1.2 million, the amount the Commonwealth

is giving ACPS to deal with teacher retirements.

Because the state

money comes with a mandate, the \$1.2 million will need to come from other

Comments: ACPS programs and our city's children will bear the cost.

Over the past

few years ACPS has managed to cut per pupil spending while increasing test

scores. There is a new, forward-looking, curriculum and sense that things

are heading in the right direction. But enrollment is continuing to grow

and our system is stretched to its limits already. Do not make it worse.

I know that parents of ACPS students make up a small percent of

residents and, sadly, an even smaller percent of City Council members,
but

we do vote. And we care deeply about our children's education.

I trust

that you will keep the best interest of our youngest citizens at heart this
evening and restore the \$1.2 million to the ACPS budget.

Sincerely,

Judy Lyons
President, George Mason PTA

Jackie Henderson

From: Sherry Reilly <Sherryreillyva@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 11:21 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Budget - don't cut \$1.2 million from schools
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Sun May 06, 2012 23:21:16] **Message ID:** [39154]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Sherry
Last Name: Reilly
Street Address: 405 W. Windsor Ave.
City: Alexandria
State: Va
Zip: 22302
Phone: 7036830611
Email Address: Sherryreillyva@gmail.com
Subject: Budget - don't cut \$1.2 million from schools
I know the state gave us a similar amount but that's mandated for a
Comments: specific program. Our schools are our most important
asset. I ask you not
to cut these funds from the ACPS budget. Thank you.

Jackie Henderson

From: Kim Frey <sfrey20@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 11:12 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: ACPS budget/add-delete work session 5/7/12
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Sun May 06, 2012 23:12:13] Message ID: [39153]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Kim
Last Name: Frey
Street Address: 618 S Payne St
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-548-9559
Email Address: sfrey20@comcast.net
Subject: ACPS budget/add-delete work session 5/7/12
Concerned of news that you are considering cutting the previously agreed
Comments: upon budget for our city schools. Support for the ACPS should be a top
priority. Kim Frey

Jackie Henderson

From: Leigh La Barbera <labarbera5@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 10:38 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Add/delete decisions at upcoming board meeting
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Sun May 06, 2012 22:37:41] Message ID: [39152]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Leigh
Last Name: La Barbera
Street Address: 105 N. Alfred Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703.399.1558
Email Address: labarbera5@hotmail.com
Subject: Add/delete decisions at upcoming board meeting
I am writing to implore you all NOT to cut any funding for TC Williams high school in the coming months. We have recently moved into the area from Ohio and have been so pleasantly surprised by the ACPS system. TC Williams has a beautiful facility, impressive faculty and has been very good for our Freshman daughter. Funding is vitally important to the continued success of the school, so I would ask you to consider the impact budget cuts would have on the quality of education and hope that you will continue to side with our kids. THANK YOU.

Jackie Henderson

From: Rosemarie Wiedemer <rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 10:20 PM
To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Do NOT cut our school budget by \$1.2 million!!!
Attachments: ATT00002.txt

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Sun May 06, 2012 22:19:33] Message ID: [39151]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Rosemarie
Last Name: Wiedemer
Street Address: 510 Fontaine Street
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22302
Phone: 7035492551
Email Address: rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com
Subject: Do NOT cut our school budget by \$1.2 million!!!
The 1.2 million dollars that is coming in to our school system from the State is to help defray the cost of the change in the pension plan... it will NOT go towards the operating expenses of our schools. To add to that, we have more children enrolled in our schools each year, with already over crowded schools and too many children falling through the cracks.

Comments: How can you expect this city to excel if we don't properly educate our children? PLEASE DO NOT make the mistake of cutting funding to our schools... Instead, increase our schools' funding so that we can meet our children's needs. With the increase in our enrollment across our city's public schools, in effect our funding has already been cut because we have fewer dollars/child.