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Subject Testimony for March 13, 2006 Budget Hearing

Dear Jackie,

I am attaching copies of testimony by Ericka Scott and Janet von Sternberg, who were representing Northern Va. Family Service, and specifically the Healthy Families Alexandria program. I gave you copies at the public hearing but it wasn't on letterhead.

Carol

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Good afternoon Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council. My name is Ericka Scott and I live in the City of Alexandria. I want to thank you on behalf of my daughter Samirah and me for being able to be in the Healthy Families program of Northern Virginia Family Service.

I want to thank Ruth Freeman for being my family support worker. She started coming to my house when I was pregnant. She gave me handouts and information about my pregnancy, which was useful because this was my first child. After Samirah was born, she came to our house every week and we would do something different at each visit. Samirah is two years old and we are still active in the program.

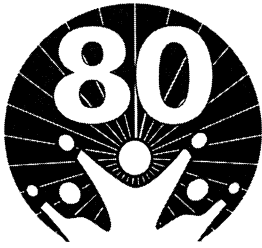
Samirah loves Ruth and looks forward to her coming to our house. She always brings interesting activities that I can do with my daughter to help her grow and develop. I especially look forward to the ASQs (these are questionnaires that ask about how Samirah is doing in areas of development such as language, social skills and motor skills). This shows me how much she has grown and learned and gives Ruth ideas for new activities to bring to future home visits. She has helped me to keep track of when to get Samirah's immunizations. Sometimes she brings her video camera and she taped Samirah when she began walking at the age of 9 months. And if we miss a visit, she calls me to see how we are doing.

Ruth has also helped me set goals and meet them. One of my goals was to find a job and begin working. She supported me in reaching this goal by helping me with my resume and encouraging me. I am now the receptionist and office manager at a dental office in Springfield.

In my closing remarks, I would like to say thank you for supporting the Healthy Families program and I hope you will continue to support it for new families so that they too can benefit from it.

Thank you.





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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BUDGET HEARING TESTIMONY MARCH 13, 2006

Good Afternoon Mayor Euille and Members of City Council. My name is Janet von Sternberg and I am a volunteer serving on the Healthy Families Alexandria Resource Development Committee. Healthy Families is a program of Northern Virginia Family Service. Its goal is to provide voluntary home visiting services to vulnerable first time parents in the City of Alexandria.

I am here today to thank you for your continued support of the Healthy Families Alexandria program through a grant from the Children's Fund. We also want to thank the Early Childhood Commission for their strong support of this program. **Healthy Families Alexandria** is an important part of the City's strategy of engaging families who are at risk of poor child outcomes.

Last year we served 245 families. To give you an idea of the risk factors, here is a profile of participants:

- 67% of adults reported a childhood history of abuse
- 40% had less than a high school education
- 22% were teens
- 89% had incomes of less than \$20,000

Healthy Families has a history of impressive outcomes: 98% of children have a primary health provider; 90% of children meet age appropriate developmental milestones; and most importantly through all of its years of operation, 99% of the 1,288 families enrolled in the program have had no substantiated case of child abuse or neglect.

Unfortunately, over the past few years we have had to reduce our services because of funding cuts at the city and federal level. This year, we are asking for an additional **\$60,000** that will allow us to restore the capacity of the program to the level it was in 2004.

And secondly, I want to ask for your help in finding a more stable funding source for the program. Because of our reliance on a city grant, which we apply for each year, we are unable to guarantee services to our families for more than one year at a time. We would like to work with the City to find another way to fund the program that would provide both stable funding and ensure sustainability.

Healthy Families Alexandria is a proven, effective program that maximizes positive outcomes for at-risk families. Compare the cost benefits of prevention versus treatment. The cost of providing one year of services to one family is \$3,200 compared with five times that amount for Comprehensive Services Act expenditures, or the \$8 million spent in the Commonwealth each year handling abuse reports. The investment we're asking you to make will produce returns not only for the families we serve, but for the City as a whole. Thank you.

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Subject COA Contact Us: extended school days

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Subject: extended school days

As you prepare to vote on the school budget, including extended school hours, I would like you to question the following:

Comments: First, if everything starts at the same time, do we have enough resources in school buses to manage this? I have trouble imagining this since buses provide transportation to all the lottery schools from all over the city. I also worry that middle school students and 9th grade students will be out waiting for buses at the same time. Students are not supervised by adults at bus stops, and proximity of students of different ages seems like a recipe for problems.

Also, I don't feel adding 20 minutes to k-5 is a good idea unless it is specifically for the purpose of creating a longer recess, lunch or other break. Both my kids were exhausted after a school day during those years. They never got more than 15 minutes recess, and that was if they were lucky enough to get anything at all. Plus, if the kids are unfortunate enough to eat in the 10:30-11:00 slot, they won't make it

until the close of school before they are hungry. If they get to this state, no learning will take place, no matter how long the day is extended.

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Subject: March 6th Work Session
The Honorable Mayor Euille and Members of Council.

On March 6th a work session is scheduled to discuss employee compensation with respect to the current budget process. This work session is of great interest to all City employees and on behalf of my colleagues Tim Dickinson, President of the Police Commanders Union and Sean McGowan, President of ACOP Local 5 there are several concerns we would like to share with each of you. The two main topics are COLA's and Health Care Cost.

COLA's

With respect to the current proposal by the City Manager, Mr. Hartmann proposes a 3% cost of living increase. Cost of living increases for City employees are a crucial component of employee pay to keep pace with inflation and to maintain competitive salaries with neighboring jurisdictions. I know each of you are keenly aware of the need to attract and retain qualified, productive and loyal employees. Each of you on more than one occasion has spoken to this issue. Failing to

implement an adequate COLA consistent with the rate of inflation puts us constantly behind the other jurisdictions that keep pace with the CPI-U. The standard in which our cost of living adjustments are based. The current budget refers to a 3.7% CPI-U. The 3% COLA suggested by the City Manager is still short of the actual rate of inflation. You should also note that the 3.7% is from November 2005 and more current numbers will be posted within the next few weeks. This will be January information. (The CPI-U is updated every two months) I urge each of you to review the general salary adjustment history chart located on page 5-69 of the current budget. If you simply compare the actual adjustment to the rate of inflation you can see where we are significantly behind. If you recall the City Staff acknowledged that failing to fund merits or COLA's in the past was the key reason that we fell so far behind the other jurisdictions. COLA's were not funded in 1993 and 1999. We encourage you to keep a COLA consistent with the rate of inflation and at the very least with the comparator jurisdictions.

Health Care Cost

We have known for some time that asking for City Employees to contribute more towards the cost of their health care was on the horizon. At the March 2 Labor Management meeting, City Manager Hartmann indicated that a decision on employees paying a greater portion of their health care could come within the next few weeks or months depending on the decisions made by Council. This information is very upsetting to us for several reasons. Making a change of this magnitude that affects all City employees is not one that can be taken lightly or be done at the stroke of a pen. Our past experiences with Pension and Pay issues has taught us that these issues are best resolved by a method of working together in a committee and it requires an extreme amount of patience and respect for the process. We immediately recognize and hope that you do too that it can't be done within two weeks or a month. In fact we believe in being as prepared as possible and we began gathering information and exploring options in August of 2005. Several of you will recall that the topic was brought up last year after it was mentioned in budget sessions. We have advocated for an employee committee to be formulated for the purposes of discussing this very topic.

Comments:

We were able to meet with members of council prior to the October 2005 Council Retreat. The Police Association had already formulated at that

time a willingness to bring forward our ideas on paying for health care, health care for retirees and how our ideas could benefit all City employees. We requested a committee be formed back then so that we could be prepared for this year's budget. In January (1/4/06) I sent a request to Mr. Hartmann formally requesting a committee or work group be put together to start working on these issues. I did not get a response from Mr. Hartmann.

I feel it is important to explain ourselves to demonstrate that we have a desire and willingness to participate in the process. It is important to everyone and affects us all. We would like to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. Making a uninformed and hasty decision on employees paying for health care could be more costly in the future.

Lastly, It is my opinion that the City Staff assigned to work on this issue at this time is not fully prepared nor has enough information to provide complete and adequate information on how this will impact the City or its employees now or in the future.

We again respectfully request that a committee be formed representing City employees for the purposes of discussing employees contributions health care cost. We further ask that you delay any decision regarding employee contributions in this budget cycle. Thank you for taking the time to review this information and we welcome your response and will make ourselves available to each of you at anytime for any questions. I can best be reached via email or my phone at 703-380-6187.

Sincerely,

Joe Seskey, President APA, Sean McGowan,
President ACOP Local 5, Tim Dickinson,
President Police Commanders Union

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BY FAX: 703-838-6433

The Honorable William D. Euille
City of Alexandria
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Alexandria, VA 22314

March 20, 2006

Dear Mayor Euille –

I am sorry that I was unable to attend the City Council Meeting last Saturday.

I am writing to ask that City Council increase my property tax by 10%. Last year I paid \$4,110 on my property at 5107 Donovan Drive. In 2005 that property was assessed at \$449,100.

To make my taxes 10% higher, I would need to pay \$4,521. Since my home is now valued at \$608,700, then the tax rate would need to be set at \$0.742 per \$100 of assessed value.

If my situation is unique (I find it very hard to believe that my property went up 35.5% in one year), then set the rate at \$0.774 per \$100 of assessed value. While that would increase my property taxes \$4,711 (14.6% higher), that is still much more manageable than the proposed rate of \$.0847. The proposed rate of \$.847 would send my tax bill to \$5,156 (or a whopping 25%!)

Back in 2001 my property tax was only \$1,815. It is hard to believe that my property taxes could go up 184% in five years, but that is what will happen if the Council does not lower the rate even further.

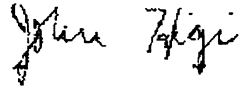
City employees should pay part of the health insurance. As a Federal employee, over 2% of my gross salary goes toward health insurance. If that policy is good enough for Uncle Sam, it should be good enough for Aunt Alexandria.

I also notice that school enrollment is declining. Perhaps the City could consolidate a school or two (like the District of Columbia is doing), and sell the underlying property for conversion to residential. This would lower maintenance costs (less square footage to maintain), increase tax revenue (expanded tax base), and would provide capital for other projects or long-term needs such as city pensions.

I am sure others have even better ideas to meet the city's goals while providing more equitable tax treatment of Alexandria's citizens.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Higi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "H".

John Higi

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Subject COA Contact Us: City Spending Budget

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Subject: City Spending Budget

Comments:

I have lived in Alexandria for the past 20 years. I have watched my real estate tax assessment increase by about 200% during just the past six years and my property tax bill increase by an equally significant amount during such period. Based on a recent letter to the editor in the Gazette Packet, it appears that the City Council is hiding the ball on taxpayers -- i.e., the total growth in City spending taking account of federal moneys is proposed to increase by over 10% not the advertised 7%. It's time for the City Council to stop the excessive growth in City spending. We need across the board cuts in all discretionary programs. We should not be adding any new capital expenditures. Stop all the special interest group handouts. Enough is enough.

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Subject COA Contact Us: master's salary raise

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Subject: master's salary raise

Good Afternoon,

I am an ACPS employee, I live in the City of Alexandria and I vote.

Comments: The school system needs to hire and retain the best teachers and staff for our students. It is very important that we offer competitive salaries.

Please fund the proposed ACPS budget in full so that the masters salary proposed raise occurs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Claudia Ruiz Fitzgerald

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Subject COA Contact Us: School budget

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Time: [Fri Mar 17, 2006 00:26:22] IP Address: [70.21.39.90]

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Subject: FY07 Budget

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper and Council Members,

I know that you must have hundreds of emails to read so I will try my best to be brief. As an Alexandria resident, home owner and father of three children who are/will attend our public schools I have been following the budget process with great interest. I want to thank you for making Council meetings available via the web as I was able to review most of the public meeting held on Monday.

If I asked each of you to name the single most important factor in raising the level of student achievement in our schools I hope you all would easily be able to answer: quality teachers. We live today in the "knowledge economy" and it is our intellectual skills and abilities that allow many of us to earn a living. Many of you are examples of this fact. Attracting, retaining AND improving the quality of teachers will, more than anything else, continue to allow Alexandria to educate our children so that they too will be able to prosper and become productive citizens. With all the emphasis that is being placed on testing and accreditation, we may lose sight of the fact that

investing in the human capital that we have in the form of our teachers, is a foolproof way of improving our students.

If you are interested in seeing some of the city's best teachers in action, please ask to visit the classroom of any of the Nationally Board Certified Teachers currently working for ACPS. You will be amazed.

On the issue of supporting ACPS and its teachers, I urge you to fully fund the school board budget. I want to challenge you to look at your vision for Alexandria and remove the word "among" from your vision of the public schools. The mission or vision statement should seek to make Alexandria Public Schools "the best" in the region.

Comments:

Moving to the issue of affordable housing for low and middle income residents of Alexandria, I support your efforts to significantly defray or eliminate the burden placed on those Alexandrians who can least afford large increases in their property taxes. I have to tell you that I find it odd that many of the advocates for capping tax rates at 3% or lower continuously invoke the plight of our low and middle income residents and then return to million dollar plus homes. Those residents of Alexandria don't need to worry about being pushed out. Pardon me for questioning their motives.

I would like to encourage you in your efforts to raise revenue in the most equitable way possible. That may not be what the Chamber of Commerce or Mr. Van Fleet or Alexandrians for a 3% Compromise (by the way how is that a compromise?) want, but it is the right thing to do.

Finally in the spirit of progressive politics and good government and directly relating to this issue, I would like to offer an idea concerning some ways that the City could help those in most need of tax relief for years to come. Please forgive me if the City already has a program like this. I suggest that Alexandria take steps to improve the energy efficiency of homes, apartments and condos of residents that qualify for relief under the programs you have begun. The benefits to doing this are clear. If you provide residents with funds and support in order to improve the energy efficiency of their homes, they will see reductions in their energy bills that will be realized for years.

What better way to promote the environmental and social ethos of this great city than to help those that need it the most in a creative, progressive and sustainable fashion? So much energy is wasted because of poor insulation in houses or leaks from old doors and windows. I think those citizens on fixed incomes would be well served if the City were to take an interest in helping them improve the efficiency of their homes

Thanks for taking the time to consider my thoughts.

With kind regards,

Dan Pattarini

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Subject COA Contact Us: The Budget and Early Childhood Education

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Comments: I'm sorry I was unable to deliver this message on behalf of the Early Childhood Commission; I was held up at work. Below is an interim report on where we are in our work on Universal Access to Preschool in response to your joint resolution. You may have received this report earlier from our Chair Susan Johnson.
I want to highlight the theme that is coming out strong in our work on this issue —sustainability of existing programs. No matter how successful early childhood programs might be, the foundations and contributors who supported them in the early years begin to pull back as they mature and look to the program to identify more stable, long term funding. In Alexandria, the Children's Fund, the Virginia Preschool Initiative and the federally funded Child Care and Development Fund have provided stable funding but not enough to sustain programs at current levels.
As the Commission pursues the request from you and the School Board to look at Universal Access to Preschool one of our concerns is the sustainability of current programs so that we can build on these programs

to increase access to preschool experiences for the approximately 30% of children entering Kindergarten without these experiences.

The priorities of the children's fund have been refocused next year on giving preschools and related services priority. We have no budget figure to present that is directly related to increasing access to all unserved children but we are requesting an increase in the Children's Fund that will help support existing programs to maintain the preschool services currently provided.

Recommendations:

- Add \$254,481 to address loss of foundation, state and federal dollars—this money can also be used to bring more dollars to Alexandria through the Virginia Preschool Initiative.
 - o \$800,280 in state VPI dollars is available to Alexandria and we currently draw down only \$208,000.
 - o A local match of \$2,368,000 would be needed to draw down the rest of the funds. Additional Children's Fund money can be used toward part of that match with the remainder coming from foundation dollars/contributions and fundraising.
 - o Children's Fund dollars can be used as a match to attract additional grants and contributions. This was a very successful strategy in the early years of the Children's Fund when funders such as Freddie Mac were attracted by the documented commitment of the community to early childhood programs.

We do have approximately 135 children identified for next year on waiting lists—who may go unserved .

- As you are able in this budget year--Add money to serve the children who are known to be on waiting lists at preschools located within the City. These children should not have to wait until a solution is found for all of the issues that need further study.
 - o To add a child to an existing program at Network or Headstart would cost \$9,800 (135 children x \$9,800 per year per child= \$1,323,000)
 - o One-fifth of the cost, or \$264,600, could be recovered through the Virginia Preschool Initiative, using dollars added to the Children's Fund, foundations, contributions and other fundraising as a match.

Thank you for your consideration and your interest in the education of Alexandria's youngest citizens--Alexandria's future work force.

Amy Donahue

In the fall of 2005 Alexandria City Council and the Alexandria City Public Schools passed a joint resolution which requested the Early Childhood Commission take certain actions in respect to increasing access to preschool opportunities within Alexandria. The following is a brief update on the actions and recommendations of the Early Childhood Commission in response to this resolution.

The resolution requests:

1. That the ECC, with input and guidance from City and School staff and stakeholders and interested persons within the community, is requested to develop a plan for increasing access to preschool opportunities within Alexandria;...

In response to the first part the Commission has taken the following actions:

DATA COLLECTION—before a plan can be developed we need to know who we are serving and what their needs are. The first questions we asked were who the children are and where are they?

- The school system has traditionally collected data that indicated that approximately 50% of the children entering Kindergarten had no preschool experience.
- This last year in an effort to refine that data the School System has refined their data collection techniques and now estimates that that number is closer to 30%.
- During the coming Kindergarten registration period which begins March 27, 2006 the school system will attempt to collect more precise data and watch for consistency in data collection across schools.
- Identification of children without a preschool experience continues to be a challenge. Collection of data by the school system can only indicate who has not had a preschool experience but comes to late to provide the year or more of experiences most valuable to children prior to their formal education.

- As the awareness of the importance of preschool increases in the community there is an effort to identify children not just for preschool but for early kindergarten registration. This early identification which will insure more children in need will be able to take advantage of the Kindergarten Prep program offered by the school system. Not a substitute for a full preschool experience it does give all children a positive introduction to school.
- Wait list do give us some information about underserved children. Currently there are approximately 35 children on the Head Start wait list and 100 children eligible for the Network Preschool 2006-07 school year for whom there are no slots. That still leaves a considerable number of unidentified children due to enter Kindergarten in 06 and 07. They may be with family, home day care providers or not yet residents of the City.
- In addition there are still unanswered questions about all the children entering Kindergarten including how parents define preschool experience and the quality of that experience.

Data collection is ongoing and must reach beyond the school system. The Commission is closely monitoring Governor Kaine's Executive Order establishing the Start Early Task Force. Our goal is to be ready to take advantage of any State initiative to support universal access and much of that will probably be the ability to understand the needs of the children in our community.

COMMUNITY INPUT—while trying to identify the children to be served we also need to identify those in the community willing to participate in the effort to develop an action plan. This first involved defining universal access, possible barriers and discussing the process we should follow in development of an action plan so that participants would have a starting point for their planning.

- On November 5, 2005 ##### community members came together at GWMS to discuss Universal Access to Pre-School. One of the results of their dialogue was a draft definition of Universal Access which reads:

All Children get the opportunity to be engaged in high quality, developmentally appropriate, accessible, affordable preschool offered through a variety of venues.

- The group also made suggestions on how this should happen. These included:
 - o Creation of public/private partnerships
 - o Development of a communications and outreach strategy to target groups
 - o Further investigate and conduct analysis of composition of those children not being served
 - o Define “quality” preschool experience

WORK GROUP—to further the work begun in the November Community Meeting the Commission has entered into a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce to convene a community work group which will be tasked with preparation of an action plan based on the dialogue of the original community discussion and subsequent analysis of the population that needs to be served. The work group is to take these ideas as not exclusive but as a starting point and develop an action plan to accomplish this purpose.

- Work Group will convene the week of March 27 and be composed of education, business and community leaders as well as representatives of interested Alexandria organizations.
- The group will be tasked with identifying necessary goals and actions needed to accomplish universal access to preschool for all Alexandria children. As well as identification of traditional and non-traditional funding sources.
- The initial work of the group is expected to be completed by September 2006.

The second part of the Joint resolution states:
2. That, in developing this plan, the ECC should explore ways to achieve the goals and objectives of this Joint Resolution with a minimum of expense to the taxpayers of this City, and to place initial emphasis on providing increased pre-school access to children within our City who are not receiving pre-school educational experience.

It is anticipated that the Work Group will consider all actions within the overall framework of the Joint Resolution including the following issues:

- How will be identifying the children lacking preschool experience?
- What model do we use? While it might be cost effective to add slots to existing programs rather than try to create a new or a one-size fits all model, there are many different models for pre-schools and many issues that impact future educational success that are traditionally dealt with at the preschool level.
- How do we ensure quality in the programs we offer? Quality of programs is a major concern as they are an indicator of success. Quality is an on-going issue. It is not just the increase in access but the surrounding issue of childcare, quality and comprehensive services which contribute to successful early childhood programs
- Do we want all our programs to be nationally accredited? And if so by what organization. Some of our preschools are questioning the value of NAEYC accreditation in light of new requirements by that organization. Do we look for other accrediting organizations or do we propose our own quality standards. Not all preschool experiences need be done in a formal preschool setting many preschool experiences are delivered through day-care providers. How do we assure quality in that setting?
- Where will these children receive quality, preschool experiences? Space is an issue even for existing programs. At least one Alexandria Preschool must vacate its building by the next school year and the lack of adequate space as well as the zoning process makes finding space in Alexandria a serious problem.
- How do we ensure that existing programs will be able to grow and sustain their current program level?

The call for minimum expense in the resolution is taken seriously but this has raised awareness of the issue of sustainability of existing programs. In order to begin the process of providing Universal Access to Preschool for Alexandria's children, there needs to be a consistent funding mechanism established for existing programs so that they are not subject to yearly fluctuations or necessary dependence on

competitive grants. Many of our existing programs are non-profit and have unpredictable funding sources. To ask these programs to accept more children when they may not be able to sustain their existing program numbers is unrealistic. For example adding slots to Network Preschool may seem like a logical move to quickly put about a third of our “no-preschool” children into a quality program. This however strains a program which regularly struggles, despite its success, to meet the needs of its current population. A stable funding source must be found before growth can be attempted successfully.

THE CHILDREN'S FUND—Funding Issues

The Children's Fund provides funding for many programs that the community considers vital. Many of these programs need a stable funding source and should not be dependent on yearly grant money. This issue is one that needs discussion on a larger budget level, particularly since the only funding immediately available to provide preschool for those children currently on waiting lists is the monies contained in the Children's Fund. The use of Children's Fund dollars to strengthen existing programs is a first step toward addressing the issue of sustainability. To ensure sustainability of existing programs and to expand the Commission has revised the priorities for Children's Fund Grants to focus on preschool experiences.

The Children's Fund however is not able to meet all of the current needs of existing programs.

We further recommend that the Children's Fund be increased to first ensure sustainability of existing programs and then to expand services to those children already identified in need of preschool experiences.

Recommendations:

- Add \$254,481 to address loss of foundation, state and federal dollars—this money can also be used to bring more dollars to Alexandria through the Virginia Preschool Initiative.
 - o \$800,280 in state VPI dollars is available to Alexandria and we currently draw down only \$208,000.
 - o A local match of \$2,368,000 would be need to

draw down the rest of the funds.
Additional Children's Fund money can be used toward part of that match with the remainder coming from foundation dollars/contributions and fundraising.
o Children's Fund dollars can be used as a match to attract grants and contributions.
This was a very successful strategy in the early years of the Children's Fund when funders such as Freddie Mac were attracted by the documented commitment of the community to early childhood programs.

- Add money to serve the children who are known to be on waiting lists at preschools located within the City. These children should not have to wait until a solution is found for all of the issues that need further study.
 - o To add a child to an existing program at Network or Headstart would cost \$9,800 (135 children x \$9,800 per year per child= \$1,323,000)
 - o One-fifth of the cost, or \$264,600, could be recovered through the Virginia Preschool Initiative, using dollars added to the Children's Fund, foundations, contributions and other fundraising as a match.

SUSTAINABILITY: No matter how successful early childhood programs might be, the foundations and contributors who supported them in the early years begin to pull back as they mature and look to the program to identify more stable, long term funding. In Alexandria, the Children's Fund, the Virginia Preschool Initiative and the federally funded Child Care and Development Fund have provided stable funding but not enough to sustain programs at current levels.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Funding For Schools

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Subject: Funding For Schools

Comments:

I would like to request that the City Council fully fund the budget requested by the school board. I have lived in Alexandria City for over 20 years, and now teach for ACPS, and it is essential that the city schools be able to attract excellent teachers. I was teaching in Fairfax County and moved to the Alexandria system because the pay for a teacher at the Master's level was much higher in Alexandria than in Fairfax.
Thank you,
Bonnie Cohen

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Time: [Thu Mar 16, 2006 09:56:44] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

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Subject: fully funding schools

Dear Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor Pepper, and Council Members,

Comments: As an employee of ACPS and a resident of Alexandria City, I encourage you to fully fund Superintendent Perry's budget for the 2006-07 school year. While I love living in this city, the cost of doing so has become difficult on a teacher's salary. By fully funding the budget, those of us who work well beyond our paid 8-3 hours, will not only be able to begin to afford the cost of living in Alexandria, but feel as if we are appreciated by the city government. I implore you to fully fund the budget for FY 2007.

Thank you, Wendy Schudmak



"Lou Cordia"
<Lou@Cordia.com>
03/15/2006 04:50 PM

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Subject RE: Total Cost of TCWilliams, Police HQ, Chinquapin &
All-Sports Facility

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Mark,

At the March 13 hearing, you said that the "total cost for TCWilliams is \$97.8 million;" and I presume that your figure includes everything as noted below. Please correct me if I am wrong.

As requested last Monday, would you please let us know for TCW (1) how much of the \$97.8 million has been spent to date, (2) how much is in the FY'07 Budget, and therefore (3) how much remains after this year?

Please answer the same questions for the Police Office Bldg., Chinquapin, and the All-Sports Facility, as requested below.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Lou Cordia
Alexandrians For A 3% Compromise

From: Lou Cordia [mailto:Lou@Cordia.com]
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Subject: Total Cost of TCWilliams, Police HQ, Chinquapin & All-Sports Facility
Importance: High

Dear City Council,

Would you please have the city staff provide the TOTAL COST of the major CIP projects associated with the current \$331.5 million CIP allocation? I am certain that it exists somewhere. Would you please have staff include every cost associated with the project, such as but not limited to design (architects, engineers, etc.), site preparation, construction, landscaping, field renovation/construction, parking facility, driveways, any underground work, furnishings, phone system, audio/visual equipment, and science & computer labs equipment and debt service?

Of obvious interest are big-ticket items like:

(1) TC Williams: Everyone I ask doesn't seem to know. I have literally heard that it started at \$44 million and is expected to cost a total of \$120 million. Then they qualify it by saying that they don't know if their guess includes everything to complete the job and

open the doors for the kids to actually use the school. I was hoping to get this information at last week's CIP Work Session. I was surprised that there wasn't a slide on TC Williams; yet there was one on Charles Houston Rec Center and other far less costly projects. It was a budget rendition of the "elephant in the room that no one discussed" story.

- (2) Police Office Complex
- (3) Chinquapin Rec. Center
- (4) All-Sports Facility.

Is there a brief summary of each of these projects that would provide (1) how much has been paid to date, (2) how much is allocated in FY'07, and (3) how much more is projected to COMPLETE the job as described above. Also is there any provision in the construction contract(s) to prevent/minimize cost overruns?

Thank you,

Lou Cordia
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Subject COA Contact Us: school budget

COA Contact Us: school budget

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Subject: school budget

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I would like to encourage you to accept the current school budget as written. Our children are our best resources and their education should be a top priority for our city.

Comments: I have been teaching in Alexandria for over 20 years. I am also a product of the system, having gone to school in the city from 7th grade through graduation at Hammond High School. I have always been proud of our schools and thought that they were the best in the area. I would hate to see that change due to a lack of funding.

Thank you,
Roxy Chitlik

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Subject COA Contact Us: Teacher Salaries

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Time: [Wed Mar 15, 2006 15:50:42] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

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State: VA
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Phone: 7037064482
Email Address: julie.westcott@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Teacher Salaries

I just wanted to take a minute to share my concern about the budget proposals and how they may impact teacher salaries. I really think it is important that ACPS teacher salaries reflect the work and devotion that teachers put into their jobs each day.

I made a career switch from the social work profession to teaching two years ago. In order to make this switch, I had to go back to school to earn a second degree. I now have 2 bachelor's degrees, but am of course being paid only based on a regular bachelor's degree (1 degree, not 2). I am not able to afford my rent and bills without working a second job. This is obviously not what I would choose to do if I could afford to have teaching be my only employment.

Comments: I am very happy about the proposal to increase the bachelor's level pay scale, however, it seems to me that it should also be important to increase the master's level pay scale.

I will be beginning graduate school this summer to help further my knowledge in my profession as well as to increase my salary. I'm hoping that once I have my master's, I will be financially able

to work 1 job and fully dedicate my time and attention to one career - teaching. I would hate to end up in a situation where I would not be fairly compensated for furthering my education.

ACPS was my first choice in terms of employment as I came through the school system as a student. I knew when I signed my contract with Alexandria that I could have been paid more in other counties, but I hoped it would even out as I furthered my experience and education.

Thank you for your time.

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Subject COA Contact Us: education budget

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Phone: 703-216-6494
Email Address: lottie.baker@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: education budget

Comments:

I am an ACPS teacher, and I recently emailed my concerns about cutting raises to the ACPS Masters Teaching scale only. I thank you for your prompt reply, and I understand that it is not in your power to designate how educational money is spent. However, I encourage you to adopt the school board budget without any additional cuts. Making cuts to education will result in the school board eliminating compensation on Masters scale for extra school minutes. The cut funds may also lead to increased class sizes, which research has proven to be detrimental to learning for at risk students. If the city is going to adopt the longer school day, it should also adopt the full budget in order to fund this longer school day. I reiterate what I mentioned in my first email; it is unfair to impose a longer school day and then only compensate the inexperienced, less-educated teachers for their extra time. These kind of decisions! will drive away experienced teachers with higher degrees. As city council members, you have the power to prevent these cuts by approving the school board budget with no cuts.

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I respectfully request that you fully fund the school systems budget request.
Comments:
Donna Norman
MacArthur Elementary

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Subject COA Contact Us: Funding ACPS

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City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-461-4192
Email Address: gvoeller@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Funding ACPS
Comments: This request is that you fully fund the ACPS budget request SY 2006-2007.
Thankyou

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Subject COA Contact Us: Re: School Board Budget

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Time: [Tue Mar 21, 2006 12:24:01] IP Address: [70.108.103.9]

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State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 202-441-5063
Email Address: pcsafavi@juno.com
Subject: Re: School Board Budget
To Whom It May Concern:

Comments:

Please fund our school budget. I am a resident and taxpayer who lives in Braddock Heights. Our area has not only contributed to the real estate boom and tax coffers, but there are children everywhere in sight. Our families use all local businesses and the reason we chose to live here is our school. It is very important to us that we can compete effectively for the best teachers available with surrounding areas, or we will lose the best teachers. Should this happen, families like ours will move to other areas such as Fairfax County. The result will be a domino effect. Our teachers (at all levels whether BA or MA, whether in the system already or new to it) should be entitled to the best the City has to offer in terms of salaries and benefits and certainly in keeping with what is offered in neighboring areas.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Davis

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03/21/2006 01:01 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: ACPS Proposed Budget and Master's Pay Raises

COA Contact Us: ACPS Proposed Budget and Master's Pay Raises

Time: [Tue Mar 21, 2006 13:01:26] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

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Subject: ACPS Proposed Budget and Master's Pay Raises

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members:

Comments:

Hello, my name is Karen Shilling. I am an ESL teacher in the Alexandria City Public Schools and a voter and resident of Alexandria. I am writing to request that you fully fund the ACPS budget for next year so that the proposed increases in the Master's salary scale will remain possible. In the five years that I have lived and worked in Alexandria, there have been substantial increases in the cost of living in the city, but our annual salary steps have risen at a significantly smaller rate. Consequently, I now have less money after paying rent, bills, and college and graduate school loans than I had a year ago. If this pattern continues, I will have no choice but to leave the area to find somewhere more affordable to live and work. I am certain that I am not alone in having to make this tough decision. Therefore, I am requesting that you fully fund the ACPS budget so that Alexandria can remain a competitive choice for Master's level teachers. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Karen Shilling
Alexandria Resident and Teacher

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Subject COA Contact Us: PUBLIC ALLEY IN THE 3000 BLOCK OF MOUNT VERNON AVENUE

COA Contact Us: PUBLIC ALLEY IN THE 3000 BLOCK OF MOUNT VERNON AVENUE

Time: [Mon Mar 20, 2006 13:27:13] IP Address: [134.152.161.35]

Response requested:

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Subject: PUBLIC ALLEY IN THE 3000 BLOCK OF MOUNT VERNON AVENUE

Ref: (a) Budget Public Meeting, March 13, 2006
(b) Approved City of Alexandria, Virginia FY 2006 Budget
(c) Proposed City of Alexandria, Virginia FY 2007 Budget

Dear Sir or Madam:

As discussed during the Budget Public Meeting held on March 13, 2006, I am following up to impress upon you the necessity to not remove the \$350,000 that has been budgeted to provide drainage improvements and the repaving of the public alley behind the 3000 block of Mount Vernon Avenue for FY 2007.

The homes located on Kennedy and Ancell Streets also drain into this alley from behind their homes. Presently there are two drainage points located near the exit of the alley and both constantly backup and overflow with no where for excess water to drain to. This added drainage causes overflow of rain water which in turn causes drainage backups which in turn floods the

Comments:

homes located on Mount Vernon Avenue. I would like to emphasize that this is not a sewer drainage problem, there is not a noxious odor that is emitted when the basements flood.

The homes on Mount Vernon Avenue are not considered to be located in a flood zone; therefore, homeowners insurance will not cover any expenses incurred due to the flooding. Because of this, many homeowners have already spent thousands and thousands of dollars trying to waterproof and/or to find some means in which to prevent their homes from flooding when it rains.

I hope that you will seriously consider Warwick Village's request to have the repairs performed to this alley. We, as a community, need your assistance and support on this matter.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at jstarcher@hotmail.com or at 703-863-1369.

Respectfully,
John Starcher
Warwick Village Resident and
Warwick Village Association Secretary

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Subject COA Contact Us: school system's budget request

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Time: [Sat Mar 18, 2006 00:52:50] IP Address: [70.108.197.186]

Response requested: []

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Email Address: goodie7@verizon.net

Subject: school system's budget request

Comments: As a parent with a child in the Alexandria City Public School system and as a teacher within the school system, I am counting on you to fully fund the school system's budget request.

Thank you
Jeffrey A. Goodwin

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<jason.perkins@acps.k12.va.us>

03/18/2006 10:36 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Master's salary raise for teachers

COA Contact Us: Master's salary raise for teachers

Time: [Sat Mar 18, 2006 10:36:34] IP Address: [69.143.42.240]

Response requested:

First Name: Jason
Last Name: Perkins
Street Address: 805 N Howard St. #232
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703 623 4036
Email Address: jason.perkins@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Master's salary raise for teachers
Good Day!

I would like to strongly encourage the city government to fund the proposed ACPS budget in full so that the master's salary proposed raise occurs.

Comments: I am a special educator and I earned my masters to work with children with disabilities. The work we do is challenging and takes a high level of professionalism. Please reflect the importance of having professional teachers with your compensation package. Our children deserve professionals and the teachers deserve to be compensated as professionals.

Thank you!

Jason Perkins
William Ramsay
Intermediate LAB teacher
Special education, emotional disturbances.



"Lou Cordia"
<Lou@Cordia.com>
03/18/2006 12:43 PM

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<Jim.Hartmann@AlexandriaVA.gov>,
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cc <councilmangaines@aol.com>, <Rob@Krupicka.com>,
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Subject "-1% or -2% Budgets"

Jim Hartman, Mark Jinks & Bruce Johnson,

Instead of saying today that a "-1% Budget" is not an accurate description of the cost reduction exercise that city staff undertakes, please:

- (1) put on the city's website the directive senior management issued to staff; and
- (2) put on the website ALL that the staff recommended in reductions and not just what senior staff accepted. Taxpayers paid staff to prepare this information. Please release it this year, especially since you did not release it last year.

If you don't like this budget exercise described as a "-1% Budget" (since that's what was said was done last year) and you would not like this year's budget reduction exercise described as a "-2% Budget," how would you like it described...in a word or two?

Thank you,

Lou Cordia
Alexandrians For A 3% Compromise

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<Cri1@aol.com>

03/19/2006 02:10 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: tax rate

COA Contact Us: tax rate

Time: [Sun Mar 19, 2006 14:10:15] IP Address: [64.12.116.204]

Response requested: []

First Name: Sam
Last Name: Macensky
Street Address: 3102 Old Dominion Blvd
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: (703) 836-0195
Email Address: Cri1@aol.com
Subject: tax rate

Comments: Dear Sirs, I note that our tax on our home has nearly doubled in the past five years. At this rate we will soon have to leave Alexandria so please do whatever is needed to reduce this burden. I understand you have a tough job but that is your job.

Thank you. Sam Macensky

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<danielle.routhouska@acps.k12.va.us>

03/20/2006 04:00 PM

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COA Contact Us: Fund the proposed ACPS budget in full!!!

Time: [Mon Mar 20, 2006 16:00:51] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested: []

First Name: Danielle
Last Name: Routhouska
Street Address: 1349 N. Van Dorn Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: (703)738-5823
Email Address: danielle.routhouska@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Fund the proposed ACPS budget in full!!!
Comments: Dear City Council Members, I am writing to encourage you to fully fund the Alexandria City Public Schools' Budget. The students and teachers of this city deserve the best education we can afford to offer. In order to keep and attract the best and most qualified teachers we need to offer competitive compensation. I am a voting resident of the City of Alexandria, and as a teacher, I consider school funding an important issue when casting my votes for city council members. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Danielle Routhouska

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<nicole.wagner@acps.k12.va.us>
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Subject COA Contact Us: Alexandria City Public Schools Budget
Concerns

COA Contact Us: Alexandria City Public Schools Budget Concerns

Time: [Tue Mar 14, 2006 17:07:26] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Nicole
Last Name: Wagner
Street Address: 1101 Janneys Lane
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22302
Phone: 7034614190
Email Address: nicole.wagner@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Alexandria City Public Schools Budget Concerns

It has come to my attention that the city council members are considering not fully supporting the Alexandria City Public Schools proposed budget for the 2006-2007 school year. By doing so, you are putting the school division in a position where it must consider eliminating a raise in the Master's pay scale. This would be an enormous morale issue. Alexandria City Public Schools staff is already being asked to work 30 minutes more a day starting in the 2006-2007 school year. We are also being asked to work without our normal vacation days next year due to the TC Williams project. There are many highly qualified teachers who are considering leaving ACPS because our budget is being so drastically cut and morale is low here.

Comments: Please do what is best for the children of Alexandria and for the public school staff. Show us that we are appreciated! Do not take the ACPS staff for granted who have worked very hard and incurred debt to get their master's degrees. Staff with bachelors degrees will be making only a little less than staff with master's degrees next year if the funding is not there to support a raise for both

pay scales. That would only say that master's degrees are not valued here in Alexandria. Please fully support the ACPS proposed budget so these cuts will not have to be made. I am aware that you are not in control of what is done with the budget once it is approved, but without your approval of the full proposal, you are contributing to the cuts that will need to be made.

Do not lower ACPS morale even more so than it already has been. Do your part to show us that we are appreciated and valued. Fully support the ACPS proposed budget for the 2006-2007 school year.

Thank you,
Nicole Wagner
First Grade Teacher
Douglas MacArthur Elementary School

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<lpetty@acps.k12.va.us>

03/14/2006 05:22 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: School Budget

COA Contact Us: School Budget

Time: [Tue Mar 14, 2006 17:22:52] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested: []

First Name: Lyn
Last Name: Petty
Street Address: MacArthur Elementary School
1101 Janneys Lane
City: Alexandria, VA
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 7/461-4190
Email Address: lpetty@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: School Budget
Comments: I am a school psychologist with the Alexandria City Public Schools. I write to ask you to fully fund the budget presented by the School Board. Our school system is worth it. Thank-you and sincerely, Lyn Petty

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<rmooser@gmail.alexandriava.gov>

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Subject COA Contact Us: My Statement before Council, April 13, 2006

COA Contact Us: My Statement before Council, April 13, 2006

Time: [Tue Mar 14, 2006 16:06:23] IP Address: [70.108.221.157]

Response requested:

First Name: Richard
Last Name: Moose
Street Address: 317 South St. Asaph Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-549-9226
Email Address: rmooser@gmail
Subject: My Statement before Council, April 13, 2006
Bruce Johnson and I met this morning, as the Mayor requested, to go over the figures that I used yesterday in my presentation. Having done so, and having understood Bruce's patient and helpful explanations, I feel that I owe the Council, Manager and City Staff my apology for having stated that the City overran its budget two years running. I misunderstood the figures. I should have been more careful.

Comments: On the other hand, while you did not overspend approved budgets, I feel that you have spent far too much. The large, compounded increases of the last few years have done real harm to the well being of many of our citizens. What I fear most is that you are simply afraid to bite the bullet and cut back seriously before more harm is done.

Respectfully yours,

Dick Moose

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Subject COA Contact Us: School Budget

COA Contact Us: School Budget

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 13:04:10] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Alicia
Last Name: Foley
Street Address: 5982 Founders Hill Ct. #203
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22310
Phone: 703-971-6288
Email Address: afoley@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: School Budget

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and City Council Members,

Hello, I am a teacher in the Alexandria City Public Schools. I currently teach at Samuel Tucker Elementary School. I am a Reading Specialist with a Master's Degree plus 30 credits. Currently, I am taking another grad class through UVA. I feel that my continuous education is crucial for the success of my students. Because of this I am writing today to encourage all of you to support the Alexandria City Public School's budget for next year. This budget includes raises in the bachelors and masters degree lanes. It also includes more support with health care costs. I feel these raises are justified for teachers to continue their professional development. The majority of teachers in my school have a Master's Degree and continue to take more classes.

Comments: I have been teaching in Alexandria for 9 years and hope to stay in this district. However, as I compare other districts I realize that Alexandria is not compensating teachers with better salaries or health care benefits. As a single teacher it is

important for me to look at salaries and health care costs because I support myself. Every year the costs in this area continue to rise. Taking this into account, I will need to look at other districts for next year if the raises do not go through. I know many other teachers feel the same way I do. I like the Alexandria City Public Schools but feel that I need to look at districts that compensate their teachers for their education, dedication and hard work. Please support the Alexandria City School boards current budget! Thank you.

Alicia Foley

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COA Contact Us: Salaries for Teachers with Masters Degrees

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 13:50:27] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Kimberly
Last Name: Vargas
Street Address: Samuel Tucker Elementary School
435 Ferdinand Day Dr.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-933-6300
Email Address: kimberly.vargas@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Salaries for Teachers with Masters Degrees
Comments: To keep it short, it would be a great disappointment to know that teachers who have gone a step further to obtain their masters degrees would not be compensated for their hard work, effort and dedication. I have worked for the City Of Alexandria since 1998, and I entered with a masters degree and 2 years prior teacher experience. Every teacher should be compensated with a step increase and COLA.

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<Laurie.rose@acps.k12.va.us>

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Subject COA Contact Us: Master's Pay Scale

COA Contact Us: Master's Pay Scale

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 14:11:27] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Laurie
Last Name: Rose
Street Address: George Mason Elementary School
2601 Cameron Mills Rd
Alexandria, Virginia, 22302
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: (703)706-4470
Email Address: Laurie.rose@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Master's Pay Scale

Comments: I am writing because it is imperative that you approve the budget that allows for the Master's Degree pay increase. Being a much smaller school system, ACPS is already not as competitive with nearby larger school systems. If only teachers with Bachelor level degrees are given an increase (those of us with Master's degrees would then not be compensated for the extra time we are working and we already are working much longer than for which we are paid), I know we will lose a great number of excellent teachers and support staff as a result of that. Even if the Bachelor's level increases attract new teachers to our system, the more educated ones with Masters degrees will be much more likely to leave to seek out positions where they feel their education is appreciated. Morale is already low with the extra school day time proposed for next year as well as the elimination of our holidays. Myself and many people I know! who are in positions which are already short-staffed are already considering leaving based on multiple other factors including those I have already mentioned, and this vote would most likely be the nail in the coffin for that decision based on the

principle of it. Please keep the budget the way it
was proposed from our superintendent!

Thank you,

Laurie Rose

M.S. CCC-SLP

(Speech Therapist)



<mjkandg@verizon.net>

03/13/2006 02:20 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: 2007 Budget

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COA Contact Us: 2007 Budget

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 14:20:18] IP Address: [209.116.240.11]

Response requested:

First Name: Karen
Last Name: Helbrecht
Street Address: 419 E. Windsor Ave.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703 548-5784
Email Address: mjkandg@verizon.net
Subject: 2007 Budget

To Mayor Euille, Vice-Mayor Pepper, and City Council Members,

Comments:

I am unable to make it to the public hearing on the budget today, but I would like to express my support for the process; and to say that while it may be difficult to support a growing city budget, we should keep in mind what we expect from our city government. I strongly support the full funding of the budget request for the public schools. I am a member of the School Board Budget Advisory Committee, and I know that Mr. Ramm will speak this afternoon on behalf of the committee. The school budget represents a balanced approach to supporting the needs of the community, and I know that some difficult choices and trade offs were made to stay within the budget guidelines sent out by the city.

Thank you very much for all that you do on behalf of the citizens of Alexandria,
Karen Helbrecht



<mary.eimers@acps.k12.va.us>

03/13/2006 03:14 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Master's salary increase for ACPS employees

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COA Contact Us: Master's salary increase for ACPS employees

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 15:14:34] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Mary
Last Name: Eimers
Street Address: 2939 Landover Street
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-706-4460
Email Address: mary.eimers@acps.k12.va.us

Subject: Master's salary increase for ACPS employees
I am writing in concern to your vote about the Master's salary increase. I am writing because it is imperative that you approve the budget that allows for the Master's Degree pay increase. Alexandria is obviously a much smaller school system than many of the large school systems around. To continue to retain and recruit qualified master's level teachers and specialists it is imperative for you to vote YES to the Master's salary increase. If the plan is to only compensate Bachelor level teachers for the increase in instruction time, you will have 75% of the employed teachers for ACPS very unhappy. We already work above and beyond our contract hours and will now have added time for instruction that we will have to plan for and without a pay increase you will lose many excellent qualified professionals. Morale is already low with the extra school day time proposed for next year as well as the elimination of our h! olidays. Myself and many people I know who are in positions which are already short-staffed are already considering leaving based on multiple other factors including those I have already mentioned. Please give strong consideration in your decision as this will be impacting several qualified teachers to seek employment in surrounding counties where they

Comments:

feel better compensated for the time that is put into teaching.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Mary E. Eimers, M.S., CCC-SLP
Speech/Language Pathologist

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Subject COA Contact Us: Pay Scale Increase

COA Contact Us: Pay Scale Increase

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 15:35:25] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Eileen
Last Name: Campbell
Street Address: 1933 18th St. NW #103
City: Washington
State: DC
Zip: 20009
Phone: (202) 332-7047
Email Address: ecampbell@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Pay Scale Increase

Comments: I am writing to urge you to support the pay increase for teachers at all levels. While attracting new teachers is important, it's also important to recognize the commitment to continued professional development and the commitment to Alexandria of the many teachers on the Masters and higher pay scales.

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<jasibicrews@acps.k12.edu>

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Subject COA Contact Us: Master's pay increase

COA Contact Us: Master's pay increase

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 15:30:04] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Jasibi
Last Name: Crews
Street Address: 4675 Winterberry Lane
City: Oxon Hill
State: Maryland
Zip: 20745
Phone: 301-894-4084
Email Address: jasibicrews@acps.k12.edu
Subject: Master's pay increase
Comments: To Whom Ever It May Concern,
I am a teacher for ACPS and I want to make sure
that you understand the
importance and fairness in giving us a pay
increase. I have a masters and
it's very important that I too receive a raise. The
cost of living has gone up
and we all need more money for basic needs.
Thank you,
Jasibi Crews

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<mneedels@acps.k12.va.us>

03/13/2006 03:30 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Teacher's Salary Increases

COA Contact Us: Teacher's Salary Increases

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 15:30:02] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Melanie
Last Name: Needels
Street Address: 6093 Talavera Ct.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22310
Phone: 7033130635
Email Address: mneedels@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Teacher's Salary Increases

Hello. I am a teacher at Mount Vernon Community School. I really enjoy teaching here in Alexandria. My son attends Mount Vernon even though we live in Fairfax County. I appreciate the opportunity for him to attend the school where I work.

Comments: I have heard through the grapevine that the Master's Salary increase may not be funded. I am very concerned about this. Your teachers should not be penalized for having a higher education. Please consider funding this increase to retain highly qualified professionals.

Thank You for your time,
Melanie Needels

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<karen.morisato@acps.k12.va.us>

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Subject COA Contact Us: 2006/2007 School Budget

COA Contact Us: 2006/2007 School Budget

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 15:53:44] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Karen
Last Name: Morisato
Street Address: 435 Ferdinand Day Drive
City: Chantilly
State: VA
Zip: 20151
Phone: 7039336305
Email Address: karen.morisato@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: 2006/2007 School Budget

A lot of concern has been expressed within the school system that "city council" is going to cut the proposal for improved benefits and raises for Master level teachers. I realize that you don't pick and choose what programs/proposals to approve or cut, but rather you all either approve the budget as proposed or cut a certain amount of funding. My understanding is that if the budget is not approved as proposed, then benefits and salary are the first to go. That is where my concern is.

Comments:

I ask you all to consider that Alexandria must be competitive with neighboring jurisdiction or not only will we not get good new teachers, but lose those of us who are here. I have worked in various capacities in Alexandria for over 20 years. I believe in Alexandria public schools and fully intend to finish my career here. I wonder at some point if I won't be able to afford to because my neighboring counties will have more to offer.

I ask that you approve the budget as proposed.

Sincerely,

Karen Morisato
School Social Worker

Samuel Tucker Elementary School

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Subject COA Contact Us: Master's level pay scale

COA Contact Us: Master's level pay scale

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 15:54:52] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Dennis
Street Address: 4551 Strutfield Lane #4307
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22311
Phone: 407-227-0417
Email Address: diedre.dennis@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Master's level pay scale
To whom it may concern:

Comments:

I am extremely concerned about an issue that is on the agenda for your meeting today. From what I hear, there will be a discussion on whether or not to pay Master's level staff and additional stipend for working the extra 30 minutes per day for the 2006-2007 school year. I am currently employed as a Speech Therapist with Alexandria and feel completely overwhelmed with my responsibilities, tasks, and services. I often feel that I do not have time to breathe due to the heavy caseload and responsibilities of my job, which continue to grow vastly. I understand the need to lengthen the school day, however to NOT make an increase in the Master's level salary for those additional minutes of work is beyond the scope of what I consider a valuable employment. Even Lyles-Crouch staff members have been paid for working a longer day over the past few years. I do feel that this movement will decrease morale and may impact the ability to recruit professionals. From a Speech Therapist perspective, ACPS has a very difficult time recruiting and maintaining therapists as it is. I don't think that ACPS can stand to lose any more therapists and this may be a determining factor—as it is something that I

am considering.

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<sstahl@acps.k12.va.us>

03/13/2006 04:27 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: teachers' salaries

COA Contact Us: teachers' salaries

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 16:27:58] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Stahl
Street Address: George Mason Elem
2601 Cameron Mills Road
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-706-4470
Email Address: sstahl@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: teachers' salaries

Comments: As a teacher who has taught in the ACPS for 35 years, who has an MEd + 45 hours, I am very upset at the thought that those of us with a Master's or above are being ignored when it comes to salary raises. Each year we are asked to perform more tasks after school hours. Now our time in school is being increased, but our compensation is not. Although I realize it is important to be competitive for new, young teachers, I think it is also important to retain more experienced and more educated teachers. I still have a child in undergraduate school, as well as a child who wants to go back to graduate school. Services, i.e. housekeeping, lawn services, etc, are going up 10-20%. My raises in the past few years have been 2-3%. Please do not cut the school budget, at the very least, encourage the School Board and Mrs. Perry not to cut the proposed salaries. Thank you for your time.
Sharyn W. Stahl
Reading Recovery/Local Reading Teacher
George Mason Elementary School

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Subject COA Contact Us: SALARIES

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Comments: PLEASE NOTE I SUPPORT RAISING THE CITY
OF ALEXANDRIA TEACHER SALARIES TO
REMAIN COMPETITIVE!

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Subject COA Contact Us: Master's Pay for Teachers

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Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 17:20:00] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

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City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703/461-6988
Email Address: lmccconnell@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Master's Pay for Teachers
Mayor Euille, Vice-Mayor Pepper, and Members
of City Council,

Comments: I urge you to vote in favor of the salary increase
for ACPS teachers with a Master's degree or a
Master's degree + 30 (additional graduate credits
in education). Thank you.

Logan McConnell
4th Grade Teacher
Mt. Vernon Elementary School

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Subject COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget and Masters Level Teachers Pay

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Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 19:00:58] IP Address: [70.21.97.4]

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State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703.535.8813
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Subject: ACPS Budget and Masters Level Teachers Pay

I would like to apologize for such a late volley of emails. It seems to me that teachers' interest in their income has been made the budgetary fulcrum since capitalized equipment can't speak. It is true that computers can't complain and that teachers will write emails. Bottom line: I don't see other line items being offered for budget decreases as easily as teachers' pay. It is an unfortunate tradition. An award winning, wonderfully dedicated teacher at Mount Vernon had her pay "frozen" several times (along with others in the system) only to have new teachers hired 5 years later making more money than she does. That can't be called incentive or good business sense.

It is hurtful that teachers are as low on the professional scale as they are. We wouldn't talk about other degreed and state licensed professionals working for the City being this manipulated economically. It not only hurts teachers and their families, but students as well. By discounting the masters level pay scale there is only one reaction that can cause: changing employment for many. With the new pay scale we are attempting to entice new bachelors level employees only to have them move on to another

Comments:

system within short order once they face the realities of living here. Are we not going to reward hard work and dedication as much as a fresh arrival? Is that what loyalty earns?

Most can't afford to live here and owning is a nearly bygone dream. Affordable housing methods are weak or largely unattainable with current guidelines. Too many teachers live at a considerable communte, including the Eastern Shore. I've spoken to many of you personally about these issues and now we are at a critical mass.

I am not asking you to increase the school budget, but to ensure that teacher pay isn't diluted. Please consider having another item put in its place.

If you are able to read this before this evening's meeting, and act on it, then please let me know. I'll bake your favorite cookie and deliver them in person. I'll be watching.
Thanks for the work you do.

Ruth Brannigan



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Subject: Budget Hearing

I am sorry that I was unable to attend the public hearing this evening. I would like to reiterate the statement in support of funding for the schools and our communities that I made at the public hearing in October. I have also submitted this as a letter to the editor, but have not heard yet if it will be published.

Soon our local elected officials will be balancing budgets and setting taxes for the coming year. Citizens are rightly asking why our local governments need increases above inflation. Unfortunately, the answer is simple. Failure Costs.

For decades, our nation has failed to develop a real health care policy. This failure has led to higher health insurance and retirement cost for the people we need in our lives: teacher, firefighters, police. This national failure falls disproportionately on local governments. Failure Costs

For decades, our nation has pretended that we can globalize capital and globalize goods without globalizing labor. The move towards multinational corporations and free trade has left our

Comments:

immigration policy in shambles. Our cities are left to deal with poor and transient families who quite frankly deserve better; who deserve the opportunities that the global economy is promising. This national failure falls disproportionately on local governments. Failure Costs

For decades, our nation has turned its back on sensible energy policies and ignored the consequences of squandering our natural resources. We knew after the oil shortages of the 70's that it was only a matter of time. We knew that the rise of world economies, primarily in Asia, combined with increasing world population, would lead to huge demands for natural resources. We failed to invest in technologies to support a sustainable future. We now face higher costs for the fuel and building materials that sustain our cities. This national failure falls disproportionately on local governments. Failure Costs

But the greatest failure we could possibly make, the one that would tear apart our neighborhoods and destroy the very things that make our cities great places to live and work, would be to fail to invest in our children and our schools. This failure would drive away those who have options and can afford to leave. More importantly, failure to invest in our children would lead those who can't leave to lose hope. And hopelessness leads to apathy, substance abuse, gangs, and violence. Failure Costs.

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Subject COA Contact Us: teacher salaries

COA Contact Us: teacher salaries

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Subject: teacher salaries
Comments: Please approve the master's level salary increases for teachers. Thank you.
Ann Gourley

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Sentinel of Landmark

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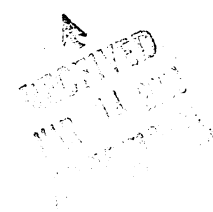
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March 9, 2006

Council Members
City of Alexandria
301 King Street, City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3211



Subject: 2006 Real Estate Assessment and Rates

Dear Members of Council:

On behalf of the homeowners of the Sentinel of Landmark Condominium Association, we ask that Council reduce the proportion of residential property taxes from the proposed FY2007 ratio of 34% of the total general fund revenue. We ask further that these taxes be rolled back to their approximate level of three years ago (adjusted for inflation), and that the Council adopt some sort of mechanism to keep the huge increases we have seen over the past three years from occurring again.

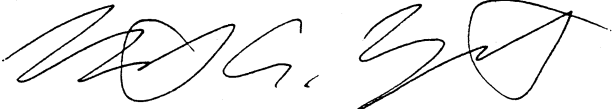
The property tax is a particularly onerous levy because it is not based on one's ability to pay. Our homes may indeed be worth what the City says they are worth, but that number is *meaningless* unless and until we sell these properties and move away. The steep property tax increases represent a truly unfair burden and a real hardship, particularly for those of us living on relatively fixed incomes.

Perhaps it would be instructive to use a typical two-bedroom unit at the Sentinel to illustrate the magnitude of the problem. In 2002, the property tax paid by the family occupying this particular unit was \$974. In 2005, that bill was \$2,015. In real inflation-adjusted dollars, their property tax was \$957 higher! With the most recent assessment, this family faces another inflation-adjusted increase of \$544!! The income earner in this household has not seen his salary keep pace with the general cost-of-living, much less with the tax increases. He is fairly typical.

As directors of our Association, we well understand the pressures of rising costs, which in some areas outstrip the inflation rate significantly. We realize that you are dealing with the same sorts of pressures, and on a much larger scale. However, if we as a Board of Directors *doubled* our condo fees over three years and contemplated *another 25 percent increase*, we would face a revolt. We respectfully suggest that if the City's budget is soaking up the large property tax windfall of the past three years, then it is time to re-think that budget! Someone surely can make a case for every program the City runs and every dollar each program spends, but we submit that the homeowners who are providing this added revenue have a greater need to keep the money they have earned.

It is our hope that this troubling issue can be resolved relatively quickly. We look forward to hearing from you with regard to whatever actions you may take to stem alarming increases in property taxes and reverse the upward spiral.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Rapanut', written in a cursive style.

Robert A. Rapanut, President
Board of Directors
Sentinel of Landmark Owners Association

cc: Ms. Cynthia A. Smith-Page

Rodger Digilio

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V. Rodger Digilio Budget Testimony, March 13, 2006

Speaker # 53

Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor and Members of City Council

Let me start by thanking you for the new budget process. You are to be commended for this initiative which, in the long run, should markedly improve

the budget in Alexandria. But as the City Manager's proposed budget shows, we have a long way to go in the process.

I was very disappointed in this document because it is strictly business as usual. I was thrilled to see the \$6 million reduction in cash capital until I

saw that it had been achieved by raiding a little pot of money called interest on bond proceeds to the tune of \$8 million. That is a one time (should I

say "election year") fix that provides no long term solution as that pot of money is now gone.

I was thrilled to see you set a "cap" but as we have found out the Manager and Superintendent of Schools merely used it as a target so caps are

clearly no answer if they are set generously.

I was happy to see more Federal and State aid until it became clear that neither the Manager nor the School Board saw fit to use it to offset local

expenditure but only to pile it on top.

Your civil servants and the elected school board have presented you with an election year credibility issue that is certainly not what you deserve.

The budget will require major deletions to get the increase manageable. This is critical because as your own figures show, the double digit increases

in property taxes are rising more quickly than the incomes of the City residents who pay them.

The seven per cent cap should have been much lower and I believe that Councilman MacDonald has it right when he says that 5% should be the

target.

I pledge to help you get there by providing a number of concrete cuts over the next few weeks. Councilman Krupicka has asked me for informal help

which I am glad to provide. Clearly you know where some of them are yourselves. Employee benefits have risen to dizzying heights compared to the

private sector. We must look at total compensation and not just salary. But there are others.

I had hoped to speak to details of the School Budget today. I have a little expertise in that area. But I do not have a School Budget. I called the

number in the City Budget Book to request one 3 weeks ago. It has not arrived. Today I went to the School Web site and looked at the budget. It is

still the Superintendent's Proposed Budget which has been significantly altered. Without hard data it is hard to comment.

The Schools under Rebecca Perry have a history of not providing data. I think Councilman Smedberg has found that out. But this is outrageous.

The Superintendent and School Board treats taxpayers like pieces of flesh with wallets attached denying us the simple information that is our right

under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and City custom and policy. I believe, Mr. Mayor, that simple fairness will require you to compel the

Board to release their adopted budget ^{for 500} and to hold another hearing on it. Without this you should simply subtract the Manager's health care deduction

and the unneeded VRS contribution which is what they are entitled to under their proposed budget.

I emphasize again that it is your credibility that is at stake here. 8 of the School Board Members are not running again and I would not want to be

Charles Wilson. If I can obtain a real School Board budget I will add my comments on it as well as on the City Budget.

Thank you and I wish you the best of success. The viability of our City rests upon it.

**School Board Budget Advisory Committee Statement
Before
Alexandria City Council
Monday, March 13, 2006 Public Hearing**

Mr. Mayor, Madame Vice Mayor, Members of the City Council, my name is Wolf Ramm, I am speaking as Chairman of the School Board's Budget Advisory Committee in support of the Alexandria City Public Schools' (ACPS) proposed fiscal 2007 Operating Budget and fiscal 2007 to FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

This year's ACPS budget was prepared in accordance with the city's new budget process. It fully meets the city's budget guidelines and targets. Since the City Manager has nevertheless, now proposed to cut this budget, I would like to begin by providing some perspective on the overall level of resources that the City is committing to the education of its children, and changes to that spending that are proposed for the current year.

Although per student spending in Alexandria is high, it is not out of line with spending in surrounding competitive jurisdictions. Indeed Arlington and Falls Church spend more per student. Moreover, Alexandria also faces among the highest costs in the area, in part because we have the largest proportion of population of at risk students that we are mandated to bring up to the high state Standards of Learning and federal No Child Left Behind requirements. Indeed, among area jurisdictions, Alexandria ranks at or near the top among local jurisdictions in terms of the proportion students who speak English as a second language, qualify for free or reduced lunch, or need special education services. However, I would like to expand a bit on the implications of another key driver of per student costs, the student mobility rate. This is a measure of how likely a child taking tests, say SOLs, at the end of a school year is to have started the school year in that same class. For Alexandria, the average grade school mobility rate is about 35 percent, but in some individual schools it is close to 60 percent. In comparison, the rate in Fairfax County is about half the Alexandria rate.¹

¹ Alexandria computes the student mobility rate as the number of students registering in during the year plus the number of students withdrawing divided by the enrollment on the first day of school. Fairfax County, the other area jurisdictions that has regularly published student mobility rates uses a similar definition. National studies of the student mobility rate have found that mobility rates tend to range between 20 and 40 percent in suburban schools and 45 and 80 percent in some inner-city schools.

The state and federal SOL and NCLB requirements make no allowance for student mobility. If half the students in a class enter the school system after the start of the year and are poorly prepared, the school system is still expected to have brought these students up to grade level standards at test time. That is, the No Child Left Behind standard requires Alexandria to provide more value added per student than most other area jurisdictions. Meeting and exceeding standards under these conditions requires consistent intense effort by skilled and dedicated teachers who are well supported and provided with a good teaching environment--small class sizes in particular.

The development and retention of such a high-quality staff and its support environment tend to be more costly in Alexandria than in most jurisdictions. Currently, about 70 percent of the Schools' teaching staff commutes to work from outside city limits, doubtless reflecting the Alexandria's extremely high housing costs; and most of these teachers will pass schools run by other area jurisdictions on their commutes to work. If those schools offer compensation packages that pay as much or more than Alexandria for comparable experience, as well as offering a shorter commute, it will be very hard for Alexandria to retain or attract the high quality professional staff that it needs. Unfortunately, at this point it appears that ACPS is struggling to remain competitive in this market for teaching talent. In fiscal 2006, among nine suburban Washington suburban school jurisdictions Alexandria offer the lowest compensation package for entry level bachelors degree candidates, and ranked in about the middle of the pack for teachers with a masters degree.²

With these needs in mind we note that the Schools' operating budget is essentially a current services budget; it does not provide for significant new programs or initiatives. It seeks a 6.88 percent increase in the city appropriation (which is below the 7.3 percent target that the city established in December). But cost increases that are mandated by the state for all school districts—most notably, required contributions to the Virginia Retirement System, can account for about one-third of this increase. All of the other changes having a substantial budget impact attempt to address the marginal

² These rankings apply to salaries. The characterization for masters degree teachers is based on both the step 9 salary rate and the maximum salary rate. The salary comparisons are not altered much by making adjustments for non-salary compensation (which tends to make Alexandria look less competitive) or the length of the contract year (which tends to make Alexandria compensation look a bit better).

competitiveness of the Schools' compensation package. Included are adjustments to teacher pay scales that are designed to bring them into better alignment with those offered by competing school districts and a modest increase in the Schools' contribution to employees' health insurance costs. These changes can more than account for the balance of the increase in the city appropriation. They are funded in part by increases in state aid and cuts elsewhere in the ACPS budget (including the elimination of 25 teacher positions)³.

Given that the Schools' budget stayed within the city's appropriation target, the BAC is disappointed that the city manager is proposing to cut the school's budget by \$1.8 million. The proposed cut is based on predictions that health insurance cost increases might not be as high as predicted earlier in the year. However, the schools proposed health insurance contribution was not premised on a particular premium forecast. Rather, the budget submitted by the Superintendent to the School Board in December⁴ and the approved budget that the Board submitted to the City (which was approved after the current, lower insurance premium forecast became known) clearly state that the School Board intended to allocate \$1.9 million to increased employer contributions for health insurance, irrespective of premium changes. The primary goals for this budget change are to bring required school employee health care contributions to a level that is closer to the level currently paid by the city employees, and also to improve the overall competitiveness of the compensation package that the Schools offer.

Finally, with regard to the Capital Improvement Program, the City Manager has again reduced the School Board's request for renovations and expansion at the Minnie Howard Ninth Grade Center by \$10.6 million over fiscal 2009 and fiscal 2010. The City Manager indicates that further analysis of enrollment trends and construction costs are needed. As we noted last year, we believe that the downward adjustment is too large relative to any weakness in future enrollment. Much of the cost of this project reflects bringing a building completed in 1954 into line with current programmatic needs and standards—not just expanding for additional enrollment. Moreover, some of the cost

³ The budget lists a net increase of 5-1/2 staff positions. This includes provision of 22 "reserve" positions. These are in reserve for unpredicted enrollment spikes in individual schools and also includes 8 position needed to meet new requirements in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA). The full amount of the regular teacher reserve has not been needed in recent years.

⁴ See page B-22 of the Superintendent's proposed budget.

increase from the City Council approved project budget reflects the two-year delay in this project to accommodate the T.C. Williams project that was implemented in last years CIP. This delay added substantially to projected building costs. In our view, a CIP that realistically reflects the school's pending capital needs would include a higher level of funding for Minnie Howard over the fiscal 2009 and fiscal 2010 period. We see no reason to leave a project in the CIP at a level of funding we know to be inadequate.

With those observations in mind, we thank you for your considering our comments and express our continued appreciation for the increasing support the City budget has provided for ACPS in recent years.

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Remarks of Richard M. Moose
to Alexandria City Council
Budget Hearing, March 13, 2006

^{LR}
~~Your Worship, the~~ Mayor, members of the City Council and Mr.
Manager::

^{want to share my concern}
I ~~am disturbed~~ about ~~two aspects of~~ the manner in which the
Council and the City Staff are going about this year's budget
process.

First, addressed primarily to the Council, is ~~the~~ your reluctance,
bordering on refusal, ~~of the Council~~ to open your minds to the
reality that the citizens of this city cannot sustain the levels of
increased spending that you have imposed upon them. I say
"refusal" because requests from others and from me last year, and
this, for serious alternative budgets have been either denied or
ignored. ~~Meanwhile,~~ ^{the spending rolls on.}

Our requests have been clearly spelled out You cannot escape
knowing what we are asking for. I can understand – up to a point -
your reluctance to come to grips with cutting back seriously on the
rate of budget growth. Doing so will mean disappointing
constituents, including neighborhood groups and hard working city
employees. Not doing so, however, will continue to drive income
vulnerable citizens from our city. They have no choice but to cut
back;-will you?

The choice is yours. Spending must be reined in. Either this
Council will do it, ~~or another one~~ ^{will} be elected that will. I would
much prefer that you do it. ^{I fear,}

My other concern is that a numbers game appears to be afoot, ~~with~~
~~the budget, one~~ that obscures realities and impairs sound decision

In ~~copying~~ the ~~session~~, the Mayor said
"Once the budget is adopted, that's it - or
works to that effect. We ~~were~~ that they were
true,

making. Despite being an old budget analyst myself I do not allege
deception, so much as highly selective presentation.

What
members
can we
rely
upon
Here's
why to
ask;

Others will ~~or have~~ - spoken about focusing on the "General
Fund Operating" budget "vs. the "All-funds" budget That is a
significant issue, but I want to make a different point. What
numbers can we rely upon?

Example 1:

For the operating year 2005 this Council approved a General Funds
Operating budget of \$432.9 million.

At budget time last year, the 2005 spending number was
"projected" - the staff's term - as \$439.9 million.

Actual expenditures in 2005, as cited in this year's budget book,
were not \$432 million or \$439 million but \$475.4 million,
virtually a 10 per cent (9.8) overrun.

Example 2

Last year this council approved a general funds operating budget
for 2006 of \$467. 8 million

The adjusted or amended figure for 2006 spending now is \$470.5
million.; the one you are using in your presentations.

But the Budget book - if you look hard enough - now projects (p
5-2) current year expenditures of \$483.3 million, \$15 million over
the number being used by Council and Staff, already a 3.3 %
overrun - and the year is not over yet.

?
Revises
What
were
vs
the
projected
expenditure
numbers?

Two successive years the City has overrun the Council approved
budget. Why? Because the money was there. And the Council has

~~acquiesced and acquiesced in a presentation to the public that
obscures this and other highly relevant information.~~

You can do better.

Thank you.

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA
HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION COMPARISON
2005-2006

Frances Chast

Employee Only

Locality	Total Cost	Employee Share Annual/Monthly	School Division Share	School Division %
Alexandria				
Kaiser HMO	\$3,837	\$618 / \$52	\$3,219	84%
Kaiser POS	\$4,797	\$1,508 / \$126	\$3,288	67%
MAMSI HMO	\$4,440	\$1,221 / \$102	\$3,219	72%
MAMSI POS	\$4,972	\$1,684 / \$140	\$3,288	66%
Arlington				
Care First/Blue Cross	\$5,228	\$1,202 / \$100	\$3,693	71%
Kaiser-Permanente	\$3,884	\$893 / \$74	\$2,990	77%
Fairfax (10 month)				
CareFirst BlueCard (PPO)	\$5,507	\$826 / \$82	\$4,680	85%
CareFirst BlueChoice (POS)	\$4,913	\$737 / \$73	\$4,176	85%
Aetna Elect Choice (EPO)	\$4,993	\$749 / \$74	\$4,244	85%
Kaiser Permanente	\$4,333	\$650 / \$65	\$3,683	85%
Falls Church				
Kaiser Permanente	\$4,074	\$996 / \$83	\$3,078	76%
MAMSI POS	\$4,787	\$1,152 / \$96	\$3,635	76%
MAMSI PPO	\$5,187	\$1,553 / \$129	\$3,635	70%
Loudoun				
POS – includes dental, vision	\$5,197	\$520 / \$43	\$4,677	90%
Manassas City				
Anthem KeyCare 10 Plus (includes dental)	\$5,870	\$2,348 / \$196	\$3,522	60%
Anthem Healthkeepers (HMO) (includes dental)	\$5,344	\$1,822 / \$152	\$3,522	66%
Anthem HDHP with HSA	\$4,294	\$771 / \$64	\$3,522	82%
Manassas Park				
KeyCare 10 Plan	\$4,105	\$728 / \$61	\$3,381	82%
KeyCare 20 Plan	\$3,678	\$297 / \$25	\$3,381	92%
Prince William				
PPO (KeyCare 15+)	\$4,749	\$829 / \$69	\$3,920	83%
PPO (KeyCare 20+)	\$4,349	\$429 / \$36	\$3,920	90%
HMO (HealthKeepers 20)	\$3,970	\$198 / \$17	\$3,920	95%

*Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar or percentage.

Employee + Child

Locality	Total Cost	Employee Share Annual / Monthly	School Division Share	School Division %
Alexandria				
Kaiser HMO	\$7,359	\$808 / \$67	\$6,551	89%
Kaiser POS	\$9,191	\$2,526 / \$211	\$6,672	73%
MAMSI HMO	\$8,526	\$1,975 / \$165	\$6,551	77%
MAMSI POS	\$9,549	\$2,877 / \$240	\$6,672	70%
Arlington				
Care First/Blue Cross	\$10,458	\$2,824 / \$235	\$3,693	71%
Kaiser-Permanente	\$7,767	\$2,097 / \$175	\$2,990	77%
Fairfax (10 month)				
CareFirst BlueCard (PPO)	\$11,000	\$2,750 / \$275	\$8,250	75%
CareFirst BlueChoice (POS)	\$ 9,800	\$2,450 / \$245	\$7,350	75%
Aetha Elect Choice (EPO)	\$ 9,988	\$2,497 / \$249	\$7,491	75%
Kaiser Permanente	\$ 8,640	\$2,160 / \$217	\$6,480	75%
Falls Church				
Kaiser Permanente	\$8,148	\$1,992 / \$166	\$6,156	76%
MAMSI POS	\$9,193	\$2,304 / \$192	\$6,889	75%
MAMSI PPO	\$9,963	\$3,074 / \$256	\$6,889	69%
Loudoun				
POS – includes dental, vision	\$7,380	\$923 / \$77	\$6,458	88%
Manassas City				
Anthem KeyCare 10 Plus (includes dental)	\$10,358	\$4,143 / \$345	\$6,215	60%
Anthem Healthkeepers (HMO) (includes dental)	\$9,427	\$3,212 / \$268	\$6,215	66%
Anthem HDHP with HSA	\$7,567	\$1,352 / \$113	\$6,215	82%
Manassas Park				
KeyCare 10 Plan	\$7,800	\$2,229 / \$186	\$5,571	71%
KeyCare 20 Plan	\$6,988	\$1,410 / \$118	\$5,579	80%
Prince William				
PPO (KeyCare 15+)	\$8,609	\$3,368 / \$281	\$5,241	61%
PPO (KeyCare 20+)	\$7,888	\$2,647 / \$221	\$5,241	66%
HMO (HealthKeepers 20)	\$7,487	\$2,246 / \$187	\$5,241	70%

*Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar or percentage.

Employee + Spouse

Locality	Total Cost	Employee Share Annual / Monthly	School Division Share	School Division %
Alexandria				
Kaiser HMO	\$7,359	\$808 / \$67	\$6,551	89%
Kaiser POS	\$9,191	\$2,526 / \$211	\$6,672	73%
MAMSI HMO	\$8,526	\$1,975 / \$165	\$6,551	77%
MAMSI POS	\$9,549	\$2,877 / \$240	\$6,672	70%
Arlington				
Care First/Blue Cross	\$10,458	\$2,824 / \$235	\$7,004	73%
Kaiser-Permanente	\$7,767	\$2,097 / \$175	\$4,942	73%
Fairfax (10 month)				
CareFirst BlueCard (PPO)	\$11,000	\$2,750 / \$275	\$8,250	75%
CareFirst BlueChoice (POS)	\$ 9,800	\$2,450 / \$245	\$7,350	75%
Aetha Elect Choice (EPO)	\$ 9,988	\$2,497 / \$249	\$7,491	75%
Kaiser Permanente	\$ 8,640	\$2,160 / \$217	\$6,480	75%
Falls Church				
Kaiser Permanente	\$8,148	\$1,992 / \$166	\$6,156	76%
MAMSI POS	\$9,193	\$2,304 / \$192	\$6,889	75%
MAMSI PPO	\$9,963	\$3,074 / \$256	\$6,889	69%
Loudoun				
POS – includes dental, vision	\$10,394	\$1,559 / \$130	\$8,835	85%
Manassas City				
Anthem KeyCare 10 Plus (includes dental)	\$12,265	\$4,906 / \$409	\$7,359	60%
Anthem Healthkeepers (HMO) (includes dental)	\$11,160	\$3,801 / \$317	\$7,359	66%
Anthem HDHP with HSA	\$8,954	\$1,595 / \$133	\$7,359	82%
Manassas Park				
KeyCare 10 Plan	\$7,800	\$2,229 / \$186	\$5,571	71%
KeyCare 20 Plan	\$6,988	\$1,410 / \$118	\$5,579	80%
Prince William				
PPO (KeyCare 15+)	\$9,917	\$3,891 / \$324	\$6,026	61%
PPO (KeyCare 20+)	\$9,076	\$3,050 / \$254	\$6,026	66%
HMO (HealthKeepers 20)	\$8,608	\$2,582 / \$215	\$6,026	70%

*Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar or percentage.

Family

Locality	Total Cost	Employee Share Annual / Monthly	School Division Share	School Division %
Alexandria				
Kaiser HMO	\$10,220	\$2,941 / \$245	\$7,279	71%
Kaiser POS	\$12,775	\$5,285 / \$444	\$7,442	58%
MAMSI HMO	\$11,864	\$4,567 / \$381	\$7,279	61%
MAMSI POS	\$13,267	\$5,825 / \$485	\$7,442	56%
Arlington				
Care First/Blue Cross	\$16,981	\$5,434 / \$453	\$11,547	68%
Kaiser-Permanente	\$11,262	\$3,604 / \$300	\$7,658	68%
Fairfax (10 month)				
CareFirst BlueCard (PPO)	\$13,760	\$3,440 / \$344	\$10,320	75%
CareFirst BlueChoice (POS)	\$12,280	\$3,070 / \$307	\$9,210	75%
Aetna Elect Choice (EPO)	\$12,480	\$3,120 / \$312	\$9,360	75%
Kaiser Permanente	\$10,827	\$2,700 / \$270	\$8,127	75%
Falls Church				
Kaiser Permanente	\$11,813	\$2,988 / \$249	\$8,825	75%
MAMSI POS	\$12,772	\$3,456 / \$288	\$9,316	73%
MAMSI PPO	\$13,842	\$4,526 / \$377	\$9,316	67%
Loudoun				
POS – includes dental, vision	\$12,993	\$2,923 / \$244	\$10,070	78%
Manassas City				
Anthem KeyCare 10 Plus (includes dental)	\$17,552	\$7,021 / \$585	\$10,531	60%
Anthem Healthkeepers (HMO) (includes dental)	\$15,974	\$5,443 / \$454	\$10,531	66%
Anthem HDHP with HSA	\$12,822	\$2,291 / \$191	\$10,531	82%
Manassas Park				
KeyCare 10 Plan	\$12,398	\$3,878 / \$323	\$8,520	69%
KeyCare 20 Plan	\$11,102	\$2,577 / \$215	\$8,525	77%
Prince William				
PPO (KeyCare 15+)	\$14,231	\$5,578 / \$465	\$8,653	61%
PPO (KeyCare 20+)	\$13,029	\$4,376 / \$365	\$8,653	66%
HMO (HealthKeepers 20)	\$12,362	\$3,708 / \$309	\$8,653	70%

*Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar or percentage.

Summary of Employer Contribution

	*Metro Average	ACPS Kaiser HMO	ACPS MAMSI HMO
Employee Only	85%	84%	72%
Employee + Child	80%	89%	77%
Employee + Spouse	79%	89%	77%
Family	75%	71%	61%
Kaiser HMO			
MAMSI HMO			
ACPS Participants			
Individual		114 63%	500 58%
Two-Party		39 22%	200 23%
Family		<u>28</u> 15%	<u>164</u> 19%
		181	864

*Percentages represent the average school board contribution towards the lowest-cost plan offered.

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City Council Public Hearing – Monday March 13, 2006
Comments of Molly Chrein MacArthur Elementary PTA President

-Thank you for the Opportunity to speak in support of the Alexandria Public School Budget this evening as well as back in October of last year.

-I represent the MacArthur PTA which has 210 members. I along with many other parents have come to speak to the School Board many times over the past year concerning the School budget.

-When you make your budget decisions we ask that you keep in mind the long process and the number of public hearings that took place before the School budget is submitted and then I hope this council will fully fund our schools.

-The public interest in the council's work especially the budget process is exactly brought me to Alexandria in the first place. Alexandria is much more than a city it is a Community.

-People are willing to pay ever increasing house prices because they want to live in a vibrant place where the citizens care about their City especially the children.

-Our schools are a vital part of the city. They are in fact part of the infrastructure the same as our roads and bridges.

-I am also a homeowner in this city we need to continue to improve the schools so that we produce students who are ready to face the increasing challenges of living in such a competitive job market whether they are going directly into the work force or moving on to college.

-A strong school system will help maintain the value of our homes.

-When you make your decision whether or not to fully fund the schools you must consider . . .

-That we are losing our talented experienced teachers because we pay less than the surrounding jurisdictions. Please support the pay raises for teachers with Master's degrees.

-We want our children to succeed so please support the effort to add time to the school day.

-I hope you will consider that the schools are such an important part of our city and what we are willing to do to support our children speaks volumes about who we are as a city and where our priorities lie.

-Please fully fund the schools. I thank you again for giving me this opportunity to speak.

City budget – *Just the Facts*

It is surprising and disquieting to learn that this year's Proposed FY'07 Budget actually increases a staggering 9.3% over last year, not the announced 7% increase. The city proposes to spend a total of \$615.1 million in FY'07 which is \$52.2 million, or 9.3%, more than the \$562.9 million in the FY'06 Council-Approved Budget. The \$615.1 million figure is called the "All Funds" budget and is 100% of what the city has available to spend. It includes \$111.6 million, primarily from federal and state transfers, that will be spent on city services. There are two fundamental problems with the city's **SO-CALLED 7%** increase. First the city focuses on the "General Fund Budget" (essentially city-generated funds) that constitutes only 82% of city spending. Second, to determine the proposed FY'07 increase, the city used a "revised" FY'06 budget as its baseline -- which included spending in excess of what Council approved. This difference between "approved" and "revised" is significant because the city, having collected \$20 million more this year than it projected in the FY'06 Approved Budget, **has spent more than was approved. Using the higher spending number, the city staff's requested FY'07 budget increase appears smaller than it actually is. It appears smaller because the "Approved/Adjusted" figure – [470.5] is higher than the 'Approved: number 467.8.**

I am asking the Council to (1) release immediately the annually-prepared city staff's "99% Budget" which cuts last year's budget by 1%, and (2) direct staff to prepare a citizen's-requested "103% Budget" which adds \$17 million to last year's Approved? budget. These budgets could then be put alongside the City Manager's "109.3% Budget" and its \$52.2 million in new spending. It is essential for analysis to be able to compare these three budgets against the baseline of the FY'06 Council-Approved Budget. In this way, Council and the community can openly and honestly discuss spending options. Council said that it wanted to open the budget process this year and allow more time for citizen input. We cannot intelligently provide input and suggest trade-offs without this valuable comparative analysis.

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ALEXANDRIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
City Council Public Hearing
City Budget
March 13, 2006

The Chamber has three main points:

- 1) Limit the increase
in the growth of the annual budget to 5%--
- 2) Do that in part with an employee contribution to the cost of
health insurance at the rate of 1% of salary—
- 3) and seek the remaining third of a percent reduction from
across the board cuts.

The Chamber started hearing greater resistance
to the level of real estate taxes
as much as two years ago
and we have been bringing that concern to City Council ever since.

The Chamber appreciates the attention
that the City Manager and City Staff have given
to identifying spending priorities in this year's budget,
and presenting a budget
that addresses the need
to bring down the rate of increase
in the real estate tax.

However, this year's increase
comes in on top of SIX YEARS
of double digit increases
in the average homeowner's real estate tax bill.

If St. Elmo's Coffee House
increased the price of a cup of coffee
at the rate of increase of our real estate tax bills,
A cup of coffee that cost \$3.00 in the year 2000
Would cost \$6.35 today.

Who would buy it?

In view of past increases
the Chamber believes
it would be appropriate
to make further reductions
in THIS year's real estate tax bill.

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I say tax BILL
because the average homeowner's
real estate tax BILL
Is going up by a greater percentage
Than the 6 % or 7% increase in the proposed budget.

The City Manager's proposed budget
represents a 7% increase over last year's budget.
But this year's budget STILL produces
a 10% increase in the average homeowner's real estate tax BILL.

Even with the City Manager's *alternative* budget
the average homeowner's real estate tax BILL
will still climb by 8%.

And it's not just the residential community
That is concerned about real estate tax increases.

Small businesses, too, are hurt by increases in real estate taxes
Because every small business has a lease
and every lease has a pass-through clause
that puts the burden of the tax increase
squarely on the shoulders of the tenant;
the small business owner.

The Chamber encourages Council
To Limit the increase in this year's budget to 5%.

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Next year, the goal should be
To limit the rate of increase in the size of the budget
To 4%

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We understand that there are budget drivers;
Costs like COLAs
and benefits
and debt service
that drive our budget to increase by more than the rate of inflation.

But no matter what the budget drivers are
there is still a limit to the rate of increase in real estate tax
that can be tolerated

Every business in Alexandria
has budget drivers, too.
When faced with rising costs,
Alexandria businesses must make choices
and the City must do the same.

The Chamber encourages Council
to measure how much the budget can grow
based on the increase
in the average homeowner's real estate tax BILL
and make choices within that level of revenue.

The Chamber believes that an increase between 6 and 7 %
in the average homeowner's real estate tax bill
is a reasonable rate of increase for this year
which can be achieved
by limiting the rate of growth in the City's budget to 5%.

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If we want a diverse City that is an exciting place to live, work and visit, with unique shops and small businesses,

We must do whatever we can *now* to slow the rate of increase in the real estate tax burden.

In the short run, we must tighten our belts.

But the City we envision for our future is not the kind of City that would result from extreme, long-term belt tightening.

To keep our future vibrant and viable, in the long run, we must develop new sources of revenue for our City:

- Revenue to keep our City diverse and affordable,
- Revenue to maintain our historic buildings,
- Revenue to ensure our public safety, and to support quality education.

The logical source of this new revenue is to increase our tax base through business growth and **Smart economic development.**

From increasing our tax base we will gain **More commercial real estate tax** And residential real estate tax from new residents.

If anyone has any doubt
About the benefits of business growth and development
You only need to look as far as PTO.

In this budget, the tax revenue from PTO is more than \$8 million.
PTO alone has taken 2 ½ cents off this year's real estate tax rate.

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We must make the right decisions
and take advantage of the opportunities
that are facing us right now...

opportunities for increased density around Metro stations--

Density bonuses should become a matter of course
in every new development
to make room for other uses, like ball fields, and
help provide new stock of workforce housing.

We must make the right decisions
about developing our Waterfront
a natural asset
that our neighboring jurisdictions don't have.

We must make the right decisions
about redeveloping Landmark Mall,
and make its potential for generating *revenue*
one of the considerations.
Landmark Mall's decline in value
over the past 15 years,
has cost us much as \$10 million in absent tax revenue...
tax revenue that was replaced by
increased real estate taxes on our homes.

Business growth and development
is so important for our city's future
and yet there is no one organization or group
that is charged with the responsibility of making it happen.

AEDP works to attract and retain business,
The SBDC works to assist existing businesses,
ACVA markets our City to visitors,

But when it comes to expanding the tax base,
There is no one responsible for this important part of our City's future.

**We cant leave these important decisions
to the path of least resistance.**

We encourage Council
To focus on addressing
these issues and opportunities
facing our city
related to expanding our tax base.

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One issue that must be addressed
for economic development
is transportation.

There is concern that Landmark Mall will fail
or never reach its potential
if it does not have adequate access to Eisenhower Valley.

There is also concern
that it will be difficult to build out
what is already approved for Eisenhower Valley
because of inadequate access.

In the "old days",
commercial centers grew up on the coast
or on a river, or near the Railroad –
because it had transportation to support economic growth.

The future success of our commercial centers
Will depend on adequate access and transportation.

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One of the logical sources of new revenue for our City
Is *business growth*.

From business growth we will gain:

More sales tax

More business license tax

More business personal property tax

More meals tax, and
hotel tax

Right now, almost half of the City's tax and nontax revenue
comes in because business takes place in our City.

When you consider, not just commercial real estate tax,
but all the other business taxes—

Almost half of the tax and non-tax revenue
in our City's budget

comes in

because business

takes place

in Alexandria.

And, the revenue from Alexandria business

is revenue that does *not* have to come

from real estate tax on our homes.

If we didn't have the tax revenue coming from commercial sources,
The real estate tax on your home would be double.

Currently this important source of revenue for our City is threatened by competition from attractive new business districts in neighboring jurisdictions.

For the three year period from 2002 to 2004 Our sales tax revenue did not even grow at the rate of inflation. Sales tax revenue in Alexandria grew the *slowest* among all our neighboring jurisdictions.

This demonstrates that people are shopping *elsewhere* and dining *elsewhere* and those sales tax dollars are diverted to reduce the real estate taxes of people who live *elsewhere*.

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We must continue to pursue the revitalization of King Street, and keep our business areas competitive with the new, innovative, places to shop and dine in neighboring jurisdictions.

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We must maintain a business friendly atmosphere in City departments-- Not only at the top, But all the way through to the front line City employees who work with business owners every day.

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Business License tax
is a significant source of revenue
that affects every business in the City.

It is important to note
that some of our business license tax **rates**
are still not entirely comparable
with other local jurisdictions.

The Chamber has raised this issue for the past 3 years,
and we are concerned
that if the rates are *not comparable*
businesses will be discouraged from locating in our City.

The Chamber encourages the City
to review the overall structure
of its Business License tax **RATES** and classifications
to ensure fairness and comparability with other localities.

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Growing and maintaining a healthy business community
Is not just important for the tax dollars at stake.
Its also an important part of our strategic vision
for our city's future.

Our strategic vision includes many business-related points...
a vibrant community with small businesses and entrepreneurs,
urban villages with places to shop and work,
and **revenue** to sustain our city
and keep our community diverse, caring and safe.

It is of utmost importance
that we all remember
that achieving all of these things in our strategic vision
depends on our ability to develop and maintain
a healthy business community.

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To get the increase in the budget down to 5%,
the Chamber recommends
that the City reduce costs in two areas:
health insurance premiums
and a modest across-the-board cut.

The Chamber supports
the reductions included in
the City Manager's alternative budget
including reduced COLAs
and other reductions in operating costs.

There is one *specific* area
where we believe additional cuts should be made
this year
beyond the alternative budget,
and that's health insurance.

We can tell you from the point of view of the business community,
no private employers
pay the entire cost
of family health insurance coverage,
and many no longer pay 100% for individual coverage.

We understand the need
to offer competitive compensation
But
Employees everywhere
are now asked to pay for a portion
of their health insurance costs.

The Chamber encourages Council to reduce costs **this year** with an employee contribution to the cost of health insurance in the amount of 1% of salary.

This cost to the employee would be more than offset by increases from the COLA and merit pay.

An employee contribution of 1% of salary toward health insurance premiums, would cost the average City employee about \$20 per pay period, but it would reduce City expenditures by **\$1.9 million**.

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That savings on health insurance costs Would get the budget growth down to about 5.3 percent.

For the remaining ***third of a percent*** the Chamber would like to see a modest across the board cut.

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For future years, we encourage Council to explore additional, more creative ways to address increases in health insurance and pension costs.

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In the CIP,
We strongly support continuing the City's policy of *balancing* the use of cash capital and debt financing to finance needed capital improvements.
It is imperative for the city to maintain its AAA bond rating.

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The Chamber supports the City Manager and City Staff's recommendations for **reducing the CIP**

to reduce this year's expenditures by \$3.8 million.

Many of these are deferrals that can be reconsidered next year.

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Historic preservation

is a vital part of maintaining our unique historic heritage.

Maintaining our historic buildings is also a unique **additional cost** for us to bear.

The Chamber supports the preservation of our historic structures, and supports exploring creative ways to *fund* that preservation.

Some ideas to explore include:

the potential for additional revenue from admission charges and contributions from visitors.

The idea of a foundation or endowment should be explored

to accept donations from those who appreciate our history and want to help preserve it.

The Chamber is interested in participating in any effort to explore ways to enhance the economic sustainability of our historic properties.

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We encourage the City
to continue to explore any possible means
to achieve cost savings
through increasing efficiency of existing systems, processes and
programs.

The Chamber commends the management audits
that the City is conducting now
to seek opportunities for greater efficiency and effectiveness.

The Chamber supported these management audits
Three years ago.

We encourage Council to see
That the audits of all departments are completed
In a timely manner.

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The Chamber supports the tax relief
available to low income homeowners.
Such relief is an important part
of being a caring community
that is diverse and affordable.

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The Chamber encourages measures that may be possible to increase *affordability* for **middle-income** homeowners, such as office workers, teachers, police officers, firefighters and nurses, to make it possible for these workers, who are so vital to our city's workforce, to be able to live in Alexandria.

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The Chamber supports a public safety budget that promotes a safe City. A safe environment is important, not only for our customers and our businesses, a safe City is also important for our homes and our families.

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The Chamber supports the increase in various fees
Such as ambulance fees,
trash fees and
DASH fees
That are needed to keep up with inflation
or bring our rates in line with other jurisdictions

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Excellence in public education
enriches our entire City,
not only in educating our citizens,
but also in providing a strong work force.
The Chamber supports a School budget
that supports excellence in educational programs.

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So basically the Chamber has three main points:

- 1) Limit the increase
in the growth of the annual budget to 5%--
- 2) Do that, in part, with an employee contribution to the cost of
health insurance at the rate of 1% of salary—
- 3) and seek the remaining third of a percent reduction from
across the board cuts.

In this year's budget,
there are no easy choices.

We commend the job done by our City Manager and City Staff
and the professionalism that has gone into
the development of this budget.

The Chamber has a long history of involvement
in our City's government and development.

As we celebrate the Chamber's 100th year
we look forward to continuing to work hand in hand
with the City,
to help keep Alexandria
a great place to live and work.

I am Rosalind Bovey, President of the Friends of Carlyle House. Friends was formed in 1987 to raise money for the collections and education budget of the museum which is owned and operated by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

Carlyle House is the home of John Carlyle, one of Alexandria's founders. The Museum which is accredited by the American Association of Museums receives about 20,000 visitors each year. These visitors are taken through the house by carefully trained docents whose tours are evaluated each year by our professional staff. Staff members and docents (several of whom are former teachers) also give age appropriate tours to about 1500 area students each year about daily life in colonial times and the life and times of John Carlyle. Our Education Curator gears the material for school children to the requirements of the SOLs. Carlyle's life provides a wonderful role model for students today. His qualities of entrepreneurship, industry and civic responsibility are the very qualities that have made America a great country.

The house is now 250 years old and is celebrating the 30th year since its restoration. The roof, HVAC and fire suppression systems are all 30 years old and need to be replaced. The Northern Virginia Park Authority has been generous in

supporting the operating costs, but the burden of these capital expenditures are beyond what the park can do.

We are letting you know that there are many people who care very much about the welfare and physical condition of Carlyle House and asking that you fund the Northern Virginia Park Authority appropriately. Thank you.

Jackie

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**City Council Public Hearing on the FY07 Budget – March 13, 2006
Comments of Mary Riley, Chair, Community Services Board**

Mr. Mayor, Council members. I am Mary Riley, Chair of the *Alexandria Community Services Board*, which oversees the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse.

When I spoke last fall at your budget public hearing, I told you about a nursing shortage in the CSB's five mental retardation group homes, where individuals are aging and developing increasingly severe medical needs with each passing year. At present, one 10-hour-per-week nurse is responsible for coordinating the delivery of 200 different medications to 43 consumers with more than 50 diagnosed, serious, medical conditions. This is just one example of our struggle to serve our current consumers. Consumers are at risk and we urge you to approve the funding recommended in the Manager's proposed budget. If the budget is reduced to a 6% increase, this funding is eliminated and consumers will continue to be at risk.

We also requested two additional nurses at the Detox Unit to provide care to high-risk consumers with serious medical and psychiatric issues. These positions are NOT included in the Manager's proposed budget. In addition to current consumers being at risk, we are turning away approximately 100 people per year from the CSB's Detox Unit who need services and police staff estimate that another 400+ "drunk in public" cases could be served, but are not even brought to Detox.

On the issue of staff salary increases - we urge you to accept the Manager's recommendations. Alexandria's pay is lagging behind every surrounding jurisdiction except Prince George's County. Eighty-nine per cent of the City's workforce does not live in Alexandria, many - if not most - because they can't afford to do so. Our staff are commuting long distances, and working long hours, many in high-stress jobs. The CSB competes with the private sector for therapists and psychiatrists, and a critically short supply of nurses. We face continuing struggles to recruit, hire and retain these professionals. On-going vacancies and turnover dramatically affect our ability to serve

our consumers. Further cuts in salaries and benefits will only serve to exacerbate this situation.

You have heard citizen complaints about the City's lack of management audits and performance-based planning. I can tell you that the CSB has met strict standards for national accreditation and licensing in many areas. Recent Office of Inspector General reviews have been glowing. We have a long-range strategic plan, tight management controls, and quantifiable outcome measures.

Our Ethics consultant is helping us formulate a policy that will guide Department staff as they triage long wait lists of Alexandria residents needing CSB services. This policy will help staff decide which individuals will be turned away from needed mental health or substance abuse services due to a lack of resources. During your budget deliberations, please remember that these difficult decisions must be made by staff every day. Positions and funding that are needed to shorten these wait lists have not been included in the Manager's budget.

We urge you to retain funding for the one nurse position that has been recommended in the Manager's budget and to seriously consider the impact of reducing staff salaries and benefits.

Thank you for your commitment to Alexandria's citizens who struggle with disabilities.



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ALEXANDRIA BUDGET HEARING

MARCH 13, 2006

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Good afternoon, Mayor Euille and members of the City Council. I am Dr. Ivor Horn, a resident of the city for almost 10 years and a volunteer member of the Board of Directors of Northern Virginia Family Service. You have just heard from two speakers about our vitally important **Healthy Families Alexandria** program. Thank you for your continued support of vulnerable first time parents through a program that promotes positive parenting and improves positive outcomes for our children. This includes school readiness, which is especially important for those children who are unable to attend preschool. Research has shown that every \$1 spent on prevention programs such as Healthy Families, saves \$4 or more in treatment costs. We are committed to working with the City to ensure that all families receive the support they need during their child's early years.

I would like to also mention other ways that NVFS invests in services in the City. We applaud the dedication and leadership focused on the needs of homeless individuals and families and the supports required to prevent others from becoming homeless. NVFS has been implementing a "**Housing First**" **Transitional Housing** program for Alexandria since 2001. We have chaired and currently co-chair the Transitional Housing work group. We will continue to work closely with city staff in creating local strategies that meet community need and maximize utilization of federal and private resources.

The inability to afford prescription medications continues to be a challenge for Alexandria residents. Persons often must choose between paying for these medications and the necessities of daily life. **The Alexandria Medication Access Program**, implemented in 2005, replicates a very successful NVFS regional model that helps low-income persons lacking prescription coverage access free, ongoing, chronic medications directly from over 200 pharmaceutical companies. The NVFS case manager provides hands-on assistance in navigating the very confusing application processes and requirements, and serves as the link between the patient, the physician and the drug companies. Last year, the NVFS medication programs facilitated the delivery of nearly \$1.5 million dollars worth of free medications throughout the Northern Virginia region.

Thank you for your support.



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Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper, City Manager Hartman, and members of City Council,

I sent this letter via email to city council members and received thoughtful responses from many of you. Thank you for taking the time to respond.

I would like to read this letter so that it can be entered into today's minutes.

I am a resident of the great city of Alexandria where the majority of our educators cannot afford to live in because of financial restraints. Since September 2005, I have been employed as a special educator at The Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy. I came to the city with 6 years of experience in the field of special education with an emphasis in teaching students with emotional and learning disabilities. I have my masters in special education and am certified in teaching students with learning and emotional disabilities. As of March 15, I will also be highly qualified which is a No Child Left Behind requirement and will have met all of my ACPS requirements that are required for all new teachers. ACPS allows its teachers three years to complete these requirements. I have done this in my first year of teaching at ACPS. I am writing to you because it has come to my attention that there is a feeling out there that the ACPS budget could be cut in half if the master's salary was not increased as the School Board has requested. I think it is very important that we increase the bachelor's salary to keep up with the surrounding areas but it is as equally or more important that we increase the master's salary as this draws the more experienced teacher with the most professional development into the city. The more qualified our teachers are, the more qualified our students will become. It saddens me to think that our city is going to relay the message to its current and future master teachers that their higher education and their motivation to become more professionally developed falls on deaf ears and is not considered to be an important factor. It sends a message that the city of Alexandria does not value higher education. I am also concerned that in this competitive market place, ACPS will lose highly qualified teacher to the surrounding areas that do value their teachers with masters and higher education. That is not the way to thank our teachers for becoming as qualified as they can. I ask you all to reconsider and think of the benefits that raising the master's salary will do for the residents of Alexandria as well as the teachers that give so much of their time and experience to our children. Increasing the master's salary may also enable more of our teachers to reside in the city which is a plus for all involved. It is so important to the vitality of our city to have city and school employees reside in the city that they work in.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I urge you to accept and approve the ACPS budget as it has been proposed. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this matter.

Amy Harris-White

Amy Harris-White

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03/13/2006 12:52 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: budget cut

COA Contact Us: budget cut

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 12:52:17] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

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State: VA
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Email Address: mrozzell@acps.k12.va.US
Subject: budget cut

Comments:

It has been brought to my attention that there is a proposed budget cut which would affect teachers in ACPS with masters degrees. As an employee of ACPS for 20 years I feel this would be a really unfortunate situation. The services provided to the children and citizens of this city by teachers are invaluable and the financial rewards do not reflect this. We are impacted by rising costs as much as BA teachers and by the need to prepare for retirement expenses as well. Please give us the consideration and respect that you would want for yourselves and do not cut short our salaries. Do not devalue our efforts to be the best so we can offer the best to your students.

Maryann G. Rozzell, MA, PT/L

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Subject COA Contact Us: School Board's Budget

COA Contact Us: School Board's Budget

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 12:07:07] IP Address: [63.166.107.130]

Response requested: []

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State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-683-1364
Email Address: margaret.collard@kattenlaw.com
Subject: School Board's Budget

Comments: We implore you all to refrain from cutting the school board budget and eliminating raises for teachers with masters degrees. Please keep the School Board Budget as it was submitted to you. Alexandria City needs to increase teachers' salaries to stay competitive within the region. We need to be able to continue to hire good teachers and to keep them.

Sincerely,

Margaret Collard
(with students at George Mason Elementary School)

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03/13/2006 12:04 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Chaos in Chinquapin

COA Contact Us: Chaos in Chinquapin

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 12:04:39] IP Address: [198.57.19.100]

Response requested:

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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-822-4342
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Subject: Chaos in Chinquapin

Dear Honorable Council Members ,

Today was registration day at the Chinquapin Rec Center, and as it was in the last few registration days, it was very chaotic. Can't something be done to improve this, given that this always happens on registration day?

Please consider increasing the funding for the very popular children aquatics programs. These programs always get filled up, yet the number of classes are very low compared to the demands. Many people who showed up today have tried to register their children as many times as 3 times in the past and they still couldn't get in.

Registration is supposed to start at 9:15 AM. Residents came as early as 6:30. The Chinquapin staff was overwhelmed with number of people who showed up to register (but this wasn't new; this happened the last time too, yet the they weren't better prepared). Numbers were given out, but we still had to wait in line for the staff to process our registration one-by-one. Many people asked why they couldn't just staple their number to the registration form and leave it for later processing -- it would have been faster and

Comments:

people wouldn't have to wait so long. Many people who came there and waited for a long time actually had to leave for work or other commitment, so they wasted their time there and still could not register. You'll most likely hear from these frustrated residents.

My suggestion is to increase funding for the popular children aquatics programs, so that more classes can be added and more Alexandria children can enjoy the benefits that they deserve. I understand that there are limited resources, but surely something can be done to improve it. Please provide the Chinquapin staff with the resources they need.

Regards,
Lolo LaSida
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Subject COA Contact Us: 2006-2007 ACPS Budget

COA Contact Us: 2006-2007 ACPS Budget

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 12:00:03] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

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Subject: 2006-2007 ACPS Budget

Comments:

As a federal retiree enjoying a "second career" as a paraprofessional at Samuel Tucker Elementary School, I see the dedication of ACPS teachers every day. I am amazed at the skills they use to teach our children. I urge you to give these teachers the raises they so deserve, as proposed by Superintendent Perry. One group of teachers should not be singled out for a raise. Those with MA degrees have obtained additional education, and the City Council should show their support of these teachers by approving the proposed ACPS School Board's budget.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Salary Scale

COA Contact Us: Salary Scale

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 10:21:39] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

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Subject: Salary Scale

Comments: As a resident of Alexandria and a teacher I feel that it is very important for the city council to approve the salary scale increases for ALL lanes. I moved here to be a teacher, and I want to be able to continue working for a district that cares about its teachers. The district encourages teachers to earn their master's, which I did - and now I might be punished for furthering my education. Please, consider all that we as teachers do for the children of this city and recognize us as the professionals that we are. Thank you for your time.

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03/13/2006 09:49 AM

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COA Contact Us: Teacher Salary Cuts

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 09:49:21] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

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Subject: Teacher Salary Cuts

Comments: I am writing to express my concern about the proposed cuts to additional salary increases for teachers with a MA. As an EMPLOYEE and RESIDENT of the city, I am very discouraged by this recent proposal. I am asking the council to consider all of the hard work of the many teachers in the city who have earned master's degrees. I understand that the city wants to attract new teachers by increasing the salary for teachers with a BA. However, what about all of the new teachers with a Masters Degree? What about all of the teachers in the district who already have a masters degree? As one of the teachers in the city who hold a masters degree, I feel that the debt I have incurred and the sacrifice of two years of my life to earn the degree is worthy of a raise.

When I became a teacher I knew that I would have to make many sacrifices. However, all I am asking is that raises be distributed evenly among those with BA's and MA's. If the City Council approves this cut, they will be destroying the moral of many teachers and will risk losing many valuable employees in the city who, with their expertise and additional education, help provide valuable instruction to further ensure the academic success of all ACPS students.

Thanks,

Anastasia P. Broderick

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City Council Public Hearing on the FY07 Budget – March 13, 2006
Comments of Mary Riley, Chair, Community Services Board

Mr. Mayor, Council members. I am Mary Riley, Chair of the *Alexandria Community Services Board*, which oversees the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse.

When I spoke last fall at your budget public hearing, I told you about a nursing shortage in the CSB's five mental retardation group homes, where individuals are aging and developing increasingly severe medical needs with each passing year. At present, one 10-hour-per-week nurse is responsible for coordinating the delivery of 200 different medications to 43 consumers with more than 50 diagnosed, serious, medical conditions. This is just one example of our struggle to serve our current consumers. Consumers are at risk and we urge you to approve the funding recommended in the Manager's proposed budget. If the budget is reduced to a 6% increase, this funding is eliminated and consumers will continue to be at risk.

We also requested two additional nurses at the Detox Unit to provide care to high-risk consumers with serious medical and psychiatric issues. These positions are NOT included in the Manager's proposed budget. In addition to current consumers being at risk, we are turning away approximately 100 people per year from the CSB's Detox Unit who need services and police staff estimate that another 400+ "drunk in public" cases could be served, but are not even brought to Detox.

On the issue of staff salary increases - we urge you to accept the Manager's recommendations. Alexandria's pay is lagging behind every surrounding jurisdiction except Prince George's County. Eighty-nine per cent of the City's workforce does not live in Alexandria, many – if not most – because they can't afford to do so. Our staff are commuting long distances, and working long hours, many in high-stress jobs. The CSB competes with the private sector for therapists and psychiatrists, and a critically short supply of nurses. We face continuing struggles to recruit, hire and retain these professionals. On-going vacancies and turnover dramatically affect our ability to serve

our consumers. Further cuts in salaries and benefits will only serve to exacerbate this situation.

You have heard citizen complaints about the City's lack of management audits and performance-based planning. I can tell you that the CSB has met strict standards for national accreditation and licensing in many areas. Recent Office of Inspector General reviews have been glowing. We have a long-range strategic plan, tight management controls, and quantifiable outcome measures.

Our Ethics consultant is helping us formulate a policy that will guide Department staff as they triage long wait lists of Alexandria residents needing CSB services. This policy will help staff decide which individuals will be turned away from needed mental health or substance abuse services due to a lack of resources. During your budget deliberations, please remember that these difficult decisions must be made by staff every day. Positions and funding that are needed to shorten these wait lists have not been included in the Manager's budget.

We urge you to retain funding for the one nurse position that has been recommended in the Manager's budget and to seriously consider the impact of reducing staff salaries and benefits.

Thank you for your commitment to Alexandria's citizens who struggle with disabilities.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Schools Budget.

COA Contact Us: Schools Budget.

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 09:24:02] IP Address: [63.172.12.36]

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State: VA
Zip: 22302
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Email Address: gamnitram@yahoo.com
Subject: Schools Budget.

Comments: Please, please, please vote to give our teachers a raise. Too many kids in our neighborhoods are opting out of the local public schools to go to exclusive private schools. We need our teachers to be compensated enough to compete with both the private schools in our city and with the public schools in neighboring jurisdictions.

Thank you.

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Subject COA Contact Us: School Budget

COA Contact Us: School Budget

Time: [Mon Mar 13, 2006 09:23:04] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

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Subject: School Budget

Comments: As a lifetime resident of Alexandria and an employee of the school district, I feel it is extremely important that the teachers on the master's scale receive the raise suggested by the Superintendent and school board. Although this raise was not included in the initial numbers because of the timeliness of when the budget was due and the uncertainty of health insurance projections, I believe it is not in the best interest of the city's school district to cut the this amount because the projections were off and neglect the 75% of the employees on the master scale. Your support in this matter will enable those of us in the school district to reside in the city limits of Alexandria and continue to retain employees who have invested most of their adult life for the children of our city.

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Temple C. Moore
207 N. Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

March 9, 2006

Dear Mayor Euille and Council Members:

Once again the residential homeowners of Alexandria have received large assessment increases. The Council now has the responsibility and power to set the tax rate at a level which will not place the usual large and inordinate burden on the homeowners.

The taxes on our home have risen over 62%, or over 12% per year, in a five year period. Simple math will show that this rate results in a doubling of taxes in approximately every six years. This is unsustainable and an intolerable burden on many Alexandrians.

I do not wish to plead poverty. I am able to pay these excessive increases and do so because we love Alexandria and wish to remain here. This does not, however, make it an equitable, desirable, or fair burden. Many of us are retired and living on a "fixed income"; some are nearly to the edge of being forced from long time residences. Over the course of our working lives we were forced to budget, allocate expenditures, defer certain desires, and face financial difficulties and uncertainties. Choices had to be made and certain wants and, sometimes, needs were postponed. Alexandria must learn to do likewise. During my working life, I did not postpone expenditures, defer financial commitments, and budget for retirement, in order to provide a source of capital to fund an extravagant City budget.

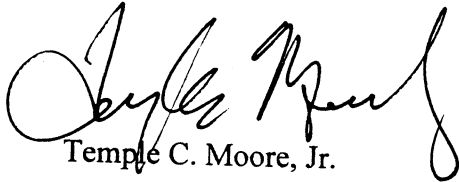
Over the recent past, I have observed City allocation for a new, expensive high school, police/safety headquarters, Monroe Street bridge, a sports facility, increased school budget with declining enrollment, extremely generous personnel benefits, and other items too numerous to include. Many, if not all, of these would be nice to have, but are they all necessary, and should they be funded at current levels? Choices can be and must be made. Council should not rely on larger and larger tax receipts to cover shortfalls from other sources. Using the reason of decreased state or Federal funding is a poor excuse. Many of us have faced declining income and made choices and adjustments to cope. You can and must do the same!

Not only am I concerned and displeased, but many civic organizations and hundreds of petitioners also have asked Council to restrain spending. All of us were ignored. In the coming election cycle, I will not support any candidate who does not make a realistic promise to control spending by approving an inflation adjusted budget

and I will work to influence and convince all I encounter to do likewise. Cutting the tax rate is not a tax cut; reducing the rate of increase from 8-10% to 7% is not a tax cut.

Alexandria is a wonderful place to live, work and raise families. While the increased valuation of real estate may be welcome for long term capital growth, the resulting tax increases allowed by Council cause serious deterioration in the homeowner's current budget and/or savings. This situation is causing some families to leave and many others to consider doing so. You, as Council members, are the only ones who can stop this senseless spiral of tax burden and keep Alexandria the desirable location it is now. Please act before it is too late.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Temple C. Moore, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Temple C. Moore, Jr.

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Old Town Civic Association

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Subject COA Contact Us: SCHOOL SYSTEM BUDGET

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Subject: SCHOOL SYSTEM BUDGET
Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper, and members
of City Council,

I am a parent of two children who are currently enrolled at Maury Elementary School and one future student. I am unable to attend the public hearing on 13 March, but I wanted to express my support for the Alexandria City Public Schools budget and ask that you consider fully funding the ACPS school budget. The issues of health insurance coverage, teacher salaries and length of school day are of great interest to me.

The first issue concerns the 1.9M that is set aside for increases in health insurance policies for ACPS employees. ACPS employees should be provided the same low cost health insurance benefits as all other city employees. There should not be one standard for city employees and a different standard for ACPS teachers and staff.

In addition to providing quality health insurance benefits, we must provide salary increases to our teachers in order for ACPS to remain competitive with surrounding school districts. Our teachers need to receive pay raises for both masters and bachelor level teachers. Our elementary school

has very dedicated teachers that commute over two hours daily from as far away as Haymarket because they feel they can make a difference in a child's life. While these teachers are devoted to their work, they travel through several school districts on their way to work at ACPS schools and could certainly work in school districts closer to home such as Fairfax or Loudon County. With the cost of living continuing to rise, and fuel costs increasing we need ACPS to remain competitive with teacher salaries and benefits or risk losing our wonderful teachers and staff to surrounding school districts.

Comments:

In order for our school system to continue to meet the state of Virginia's Standards of Learning, SOL, requirements and the increasing federal No Child Left Behind Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) we need to provide schools with additional curriculum time. Our PTA requested an additional 1/2 hour of instructional time at Maury last year and it was not approved. Currently the standard ACPS elementary school day, with the exception of one elementary school is 6 hours and 15 minutes. The standard day at Fairfax County elementary schools is 6 hours and 35 minutes; 6 hours and 41 minutes in Arlington County day and 6 hours and 45 minutes in Loudon County. This year, the school board has approved an additional 20 minutes of additional instructional time at all elementary schools and a similar amount of additional time at the middle and high schools. This extra time in the school day will allow teachers to provide more instructional time in the areas where it is needed. It is time ACPS increases the length of the school day to be more in line with surrounding school districts.

I urge you to fund the proposed ACPS school budget. The school system has limited additions to the budget this fiscal year and kept the budget increase to a minimum. It is imperative that our school system maintains the excellent teachers and staff and provides for additional instructional time for our students. Failure to maintain our school system will make Alexandria less desirable to families in the future.

Respectfully,

Andy Kelly

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Subject COA Contact Us: Salary

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Time: [Sun Mar 12, 2006 12:44:33] IP Address: [69.143.39.126]

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Phone: 7727136767
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Subject: Salary

Comments:

I am writing at this time to express my concern with the salary proposal being introduced. I feel that it is extremely important to recognize those individuals with Master's degrees. I understand the importance of increasing salaries for Bachelor level employees, however I feel having a graduate degree should be rewarded as well. Please consider these employees when making your decision and the impact that it would have on morale. Thank you.

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03/12/2006 11:24 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: school budget

COA Contact Us: school budget

Time: [Sun Mar 12, 2006 11:24:11] IP Address: [70.88.149.217]

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State: VA
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Subject: school budget

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members,

I am an Alexandria resident. I live in Cameron Station, I teach at Samuel Tucker Elementary, and my daughter attends Samuel Tucker Elementary school. I am a very active member of our PTA and my daughter is very active in many school activities.

I am asking you to think carefully about cutting the school budget.

I strongly believe in an extended school day, and I strongly believe in compensating teachers. Our children deserve the best teachers and the time to learn. I've been in the educational system for almost twenty years, and I know the difference between motivated teachers & students, and complacent teachers and students. Teachers need to stay motivated and feel appreciated!

Comments: Salary increases reflect that the community believes in their teachers and believes that what they do MATTERS!

Salary increases correlated to educational degrees, is a strong message telling

teachers and the community that education matters. The more educated a teacher is in child development, and/or their subject matter, the stronger the teacher can be!

Teachers and students deserve to know that the educational system is dedicated to learning. We need to show them this with an extended school day, and teacher compensation across the board. Please think carefully about any of the proposed school budget cuts. What message do you want to give our teachers and students?

I appreciate your time in this matter.

Sandra Slaven

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Subject COA Contact Us: pay raise for ACPS teachers

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Time: [Sat Mar 11, 2006 16:48:25] IP Address: [129.174.254.196]

Response requested:

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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22308
Phone: 703 660-9376
Email Address: ldgcyk@aol.com

Subject: pay raise for ACPS teachers
Please support the pay increase for ACPS teachers with a masters degree. I feel it is very important for all teachers to be paid according to their educational standing. If a teacher takes the additional time and makes the effort to earn a masters degree, he/she should be paid accordingly. The additional study required for a masters degree not only enriches the teacher, who then takes that increased knowledge into the classroom for her students and their parents, she is also able to enrich the school community and promote continued education to her colleagues. To have continued teaching excellence in Alexandria, it is vital to pay teachers what they deserve and have earned. Thank you.

Comments:

Lynda Gallagher
Third grade teacher and masters graduate in May 2006
Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School

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Subject COA Contact Us: Teacher Salaries

COA Contact Us: Teacher Salaries

Time: [Sat Mar 11, 2006 16:19:53] IP Address: [69.143.44.251]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Tompkins
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-304-6655
Email Address: ktompkins@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Teacher Salaries
Mayor Euille and Council Members:

Comments: Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am writing in support of the salary increase for teachers in the Alexandria City Public Schools. Not only am I a teacher, I am a voter in Alexandria who voted for each of you in the last election. I hope that I will be able to support you again in the upcoming election.

Thank you,
Kyle Tompkins

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Subject COA Contact Us: Teacher Salary Scale

COA Contact Us: Teacher Salary Scale

Time: [Sat Mar 11, 2006 14:50:08] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

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City: Washington
State: DC
Zip: 20009
Phone: 202-986-6707
Email Address: laura.spangler@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Teacher Salary Scale

I am a fourth grade teacher in Alexandria. I choose to teach here because I love my school, my students, and the benefits of teaching in a well-funded school system. I worked hard for my master's degree and my additional education has helped me be a good teacher for my students and a valuable member of my school's faculty.

Comments: Teachers are never going to be fairly compensated and our salaries are never going to match that of similarly educated professionals in other fields. It is important the salaries of all teachers to be competitive with surrounding school systems. I could easily find a job teaching in Fairfax, Falls Church, or Arlington. With my education, experience, and continual professional development, I have no doubt that other school systems would be happy to hire me and pay me several more thousand dollars to do my job. Please keep in mind that I pay almost \$1200 a year for my health care benefit. That's money I wouldn't have to pay in other school systems.

I, like many of my colleagues, am young and

willing to move to another school or school system. I expect my pay to be competitive and I know that I have professional options. I'm not planning to leave my job next year, but it is something that I will consider in the next few years if it makes financial sense for my family.

Thank you,
Laura Spangler

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<jennifer.willment@acps.k12.va.us>

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Subject COA Contact Us: issue for discussion

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Time: [Sat Mar 11, 2006 13:20:21] IP Address: [70.17.106.225]

Response requested:

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Apt 303
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22312
Phone: 703-354-4334
Email Address: jennifer.willment@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: issue for discussion

Comments:

I am writing concerning the salary scale changes for teachers. I am concerned that a situation is rising that will press many teachers to find employment in other districts. I choose my school and Alexandria because I want to work in an environment where the staff and the children have diverse backgrounds. My job can be extremely difficult and amazingly rewarding. I would not choose to leave my school or find employment with a different administrator unless I was forced to do so. At the same time I am a young single person and this is a very expensive place to live. If Alexandria continues to fall behind other districts in the area in salaries there will reach a point where I and other teachers in similar situations will have no choice but to leave. I am highly qualified, as are my colleagues, and I truly believe that we deserve to be treated as all other professionals. I know that budget issues are not simple or easily decided but I wanted the opportunity to share with you that your decision may force many of us to make our own unfortunate decisions.
Thank you for your time,
Jennifer Willment

Samuel Tucker Elementary School

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Subject COA Contact Us: proposed pay raises for teachers

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Time: [Sat Mar 11, 2006 12:57:30] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Kester
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State: VA
Zip: 22306
Phone: 703-660-6396
Email Address: jill.kester@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: proposed pay raises for teachers
Good morning Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper and councilmembers,

Comments: Thank you all for your hard work to make Alexandria an even better place to live and work. I am a 6-year veteran of ACPS and have taught at GW Middle School and currently at Tucker Elementary. As a member of the ACPS family, I feel devoted to the city of Alexandria, its youth, and their families. I am very concerned over the possible loss of salary increases for teachers. I agree it is very important to keep the salaries competitive with surrounding school districts so as to attract new teachers to Alexandria. It is also important to retain experienced teachers who are invested in and dedicated to ACPS. Teachers with experience not only benefit the students but play a valuable role in our system as mentors to newer teachers. The proposed cuts and changes in salary increases are discouraging and divisive for those of us who are devoting our lives and time to the future of the city. Please carefully consider the value Alexandria's educators bring to our city and the importance of retaining us with

competitive and fair salaries.

Sincerely,
Jill Kester

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Subject COA Contact Us: 06-07 teacher salary, to be discussed on 3/13/06

COA Contact Us: 06-07 teacher salary, to be discussed on 3/13/06

Time: [Sat Mar 11, 2006 08:24:13] IP Address: [70.17.93.79]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Baker
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State: DC
Zip: 20009
Phone: 7032166494
Email Address: lottie.baker@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: 06-07 teacher salary, to be discussed on 3/13/06

I am expressing my concern about the proposed salary adjustments for the MA ACPS teaching scale. I currently am an elementary teacher at an Alexandria Public School. Earlier in the year, we were notified that the city planned for longer school hours in 06-07. Supt. Perry reassured everyone that these longer hours would be compensated by increased salary, aside from the standard COLA. Recently, we were informed that the city is not considering ONLY giving teachers with BA the increased salary.

My colleagues and I think that this is an unfair and unreasonable decision. Even though I realize the pressures of budget cuts, it does not make sense to reward only the teachers on the BA scale, who are usually the most inexperienced teachers. The message this sends is that only the BA teachers' extended time in the day is valued.

There has been tremendous pressure from our administration and central office to increase our education and earn masters' degrees. I have numerous colleagues who are straining themselves by taking multiple classes at night

Comments:

after teaching all day in order to earn these credits. I do think that more education and professional development help make stronger teachers, and I applaud ACPS for recognizing that. However, by only rewarding the BA scale with extra salary, ACPS is implicitly discouraging teachers to continue with professional development.

If the city can now not afford to compensate both BA and MA scales fairly, it should retract its proposal to extend the school day until it can manage to pay for the teachers' extra time. In several years, the district may have more money available and can extend the school day. I know I would be extremely bitter next year, along with many of my colleagues, if we are not compensated extra for the school day. I also would be less inclined to stay after school and come in early in order to prepare superb and differentiated lessons for all of my students. I do not think it is fair that the students suffer because of my bitterness towards our compensation. I will lose my confidence in ACPS central office and the superintendent, as these people promised us compensation for the extended school day earlier in the year. We only supported the extended day if all teachers were appropriately compensated. I may also look into working at another NOVA school system in which communication is clear and open, and compensation is fair for all teachers.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Pay for school system employees with Masters degrees

COA Contact Us: Pay for school system employees with Masters degrees

Time: [Fri Mar 10, 2006 16:41:25] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

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State: Va.
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-461-6595
Email Address: ekatzer@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Pay for school system employees with Masters degrees

Comments: Dear Council,
I am very concerned with the issue of attracting new teachers with big salaries while denying them to those with graduate degrees. Not rewarding those of us who have worked hard to become experts in various areas of the school system, by having advanced degrees, will send a bad message.
As a school social worker, I am not able to enter the field unless I have a Masters degree. In addition, I am required to have various other certifications in order maintain my credential. I am concerned that without financially rewarding those with advanced credentials, many potential staff with higher degrees will be discouraged from coming to work in Alexandria. The school system is only as good as the people who work here.
In addition, I would think that to continue to have a successful staff you would want to encourage

graduate training. What is the message to people like me (with two masters degrees), who have spent twenty-two years working in Alexandria ? Please support Mrs. Perry and her budget.
Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Ellen Beth Katzer, L.C.S.W., B.C.D., M.P.H.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Comment of Budget Director Bruce Johnson

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Time: [Fri Mar 10, 2006 16:13:18] IP Address: [70.108.223.127]

Response requested:

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Subject: Comment of Budget Director Bruce Johnson

Comments:

I have just been reading this week's Gazette article "Behind the Budget" (p. 12) and am highly offended by City Budget Director Bruce Johnson's comment (which I sorely hope was taken completely out of context) In a discussion of the City Dept of Human Services budget, there is an explanation of "cuts" should the Council adopt the six percent increase instead of the seven percent increase. In reference to an \$150,000 item to increase head start teachers salaries which would apparently disappear in the six percent budget, the article notes that "this item is emblematic of the kind of decisions that need to be made at city hall every year during the budget process". Mr. Johnson is then quoted as saying " Does the City want to spend money on its teachers or have a tax cut?" Tax Cut? I'm sorry, but does Mr. Johnson live in the City? I have not enjoyed any tax CUTS whatsoever. A reduction in a proposed seven percent budget increase to six percent is not a CUT of ANYTHING. It is a SIX PERCENT INCREASE in a city budget, which by what I have recently read, I, as a homeowner in the City am footing some sixty percent of. Is this

man some political hack, or is he a city employee? Perhaps Mr. Johnson should be counselled to keep his political opinions to himself, and merely do his job. A job, I might add, that he apparently does not do too well if he publicly confuses a TAX INCREASE of SIX percent with a tax CUT. I have a suggestion how Mr. Johnson might raise that cut of \$150,000 for head start. Resign.

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Subject COA Contact Us: teacher's salaries

COA Contact Us: teacher's salaries

Time: [Fri Mar 10, 2006 15:45:40] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

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City: Alexandria
State: VA
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Phone: 703 851 8698
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Subject: teacher's salaries

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Council Members,

I have been living in Alexandria for the past eight years. I have also been a teacher for the City of Alexandria for the past six years. Today, I discovered that the City Council is considering eliminating the additional salary increases for the teachers with a MA which the Superintendent requested. We have been promised a raise for the last two years. This raise was promised even before the proposed additional instructional time of fifteen minutes per day which adds an additional week to our school year.

Comments: I am a Nationally Board Certified ESL Teacher with a Master's Degree. I have worked tirelessly over the last six years to improve my practice and to further develop myself as a professional. I have paid for numerous courses, professional development, and paid for the fees for my National Board Certification (over \$2,000). I belong to numerous professional and advisory committees. I am not compensated for any of this after-school work. Please approve the raise for the teachers with a Master's degree. This raise is well needed and well deserved.

Sincerely,

Lisa Haskins

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COA Contact Us: March 6th Work Session

Time: [Fri Mar 03, 2006 18:15:14] IP Address: [206.113.148.2]

Response requested: []

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Alexandria Police Assn
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-380-6187
Email Address: Joseph.Seskey@alexandriava.gov
Subject: March 6th Work Session
The Honorable Mayor Euille and Members of Council.

On March 6th a work session is scheduled to discuss employee compensation with respect to the current budget process. This work session is of great interest to all City employees and on behalf of my colleagues Tim Dickinson, President of the Police Commanders Union and Sean McGowan, President of ACOP Local 5 there are several concerns we would like to share with each of you. The two main topics are COLA's and Health Care Cost.

COLA's
With respect to the current proposal by the City Manager, Mr. Hartmann proposes a 3% cost of living increase. Cost of living increases for City employees are a crucial component of employee pay to keep pace with inflation and to maintain competitive salaries with neighboring jurisdictions. I know each of you are keenly aware of the need to attract and retain qualified, productive and loyal employees. Each of you on more than one occasion has spoken to this issue. Failing to

implement an adequate COLA consistent with the rate of inflation puts us constantly behind the other jurisdictions that keep pace with the CPI-U. The standard in which our cost of living adjustments are based. The current budget refers to a 3.7% CPI-U. The 3% COLA suggested by the City Manager is still short of the actual rate of inflation. You should also note that the 3.7% is from November 2005 and more current numbers will be posted within the next few weeks. This will be January information. (The CPI-U is updated every two months) I urge each of you to review the general salary adjustment history chart located on page 5-69 of the current budget. If you simply compare the actual adjustment to the rate of inflation you can see where we are significantly behind. If you recall the City Staff acknowledged that failing to fund merits or COLA's in the past was the key reason that we fell so far behind the other jurisdictions. COLA's were not funded in 1993 and 1999. We encourage you to keep a COLA consistent with the rate of inflation and at the very least with the comparator jurisdictions.

Health Care Cost

We have known for some time that asking for City Employees to contribute more towards the cost of their health care was on the horizon. At the March 2 Labor Management meeting, City Manager Hartmann indicated that a decision on employees paying a greater portion of their health care could come within the next few weeks or months depending on the decisions made by Council. This information is very upsetting to us for several reasons. Making a change of this magnitude that affects all City employees is not one that can be taken lightly or be done at the stroke of a pen. Our past experiences with Pension and Pay issues has taught us that these issues are best resolved by a method of working together in a committee and it requires an extreme amount of patience and respect for the process. We immediately recognize and hope that you do too that it can't be done within two weeks or a month. In fact we believe in being as prepared as possible and we began gathering information and exploring options in August of 2005. Several of you will recall that the topic was brought up last year after it was mentioned in budget sessions. We have advocated for an employee committee to be formulated for the purposes of discussing this very topic.

Comments:

We were able to meet with members of council prior to the October 2005 Council Retreat. The Police Association had already formulated at that

time a willingness to bring forward our ideas on paying for health care, health care for retirees and how our ideas could benefit all City employees. We requested a committee be formed back then so that we could be prepared for this year's budget. In January (1/4/06) I sent a request to Mr. Hartmann formally requesting a committee or work group be put together to start working on these issues. I did not get a response from Mr. Hartmann.

I feel it is important to explain ourselves to demonstrate that we have a desire and willingness to participate in the process. It is important to everyone and affects us all. We would like to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. Making a uninformed and hasty decision on employees paying for health care could be more costly in the future.

Lastly, It is my opinion that the City Staff assigned to work on this issue at this time is not fully prepared nor has enough information to provide complete and adequate information on how this will impact the City or its employees now or in the future.

We again respectfully request that a committee be formed representing City employees for the purposes of discussing employees contributions health care cost. We further ask that you delay any decision regarding employee contributions in this budget cycle. Thank you for taking the time to review this information and we welcome your response and will make ourselves available to each of you at anytime for any questions. I can best be reached via email or my phone at 703-380-6187.

Sincerely,

Joe Seskey, President APA, Sean McGowan,
President ACOP Local 5, Tim Dickinson,
President Police Commanders Union

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Subject RE: URGENT - Correcting The Record!!!

To all,

As promised in my previous email, here is what I sent you last year.

Lou Cordia

From: Lou Cordia [mailto:Lou@Cordia.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2005 8:36 PM
To: 'Mayor Euille'; 'Vice Mayor Pepper'; 'Councilman Gaines'; 'Councilman Krupicka'; 'Councilman Macdonald'; 'Councilman Smedberg'; 'Councilwoman Woodson'
Cc: 'Jackie.Henderson@AlexandriaVA.gov'
Subject: URGENT - Correcting The Record!!!
Importance: High

To Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper and City Council,

Today I was informed of a statement that City Council is repeating about our 3% Compromise and I want to restate that it is dead wrong. I saw a Council Member's email again saying, "Some Alexandrians have advocated a 3% cap on taxes...Our budget staff has assured us that the City would be operating at a deficit." Quite to the contrary. We are advocating an \$18.4 million INCREASE [Please read Item #3 below].

At the Public Hearings and in the media, I thought I politely corrected the mistakes in Bruce Johnson's April 4 critique of our Petition and Fact Sheet. I did not want to embarrass him by publishing our mutually-agreed-upon corrections of his critique. Our Petition was not "factually inaccurate"; nor did it have "incorrect assumptions." Instead, these two characterizations are more aptly applied to Johnson's critique.

Please take a minute to read the facts below so we can all have an intelligent and serious discussion about the property tax rate that you will impose on Monday and the accompanying budget that you will approve.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to call (cell. 703/627-8763)

Thank you,

Lou

cc/City Clerk

To Drafters and Editors of the Petition and Fact Sheet of Alexandrians For A 3% Compromise,

Many of you said that I needed to meet with Bruce Johnson (Alexandria's Director of Management and Budget) after he conveyed to City Council on April 4 that we had "factual inaccuracies" in our Petition and Fact Sheet. On April 6th, I met with him to go over our Petition and Fact Sheet line-by-line and correct any factual inaccuracies as he saw them. Bruce was kind enough to take two hours out of his very busy schedule. He shared with me his marked-up version of our Petition and Fact Sheet. And on Saturday the 9th, Bruce emailed me additional thoughts.

Here is the essence of Bruce's changes and comments:

- (1) Bruce did not have changes in the vast majority of the budget and tax numbers we prepared so long as we want to continue to use the "All Funds" Budget instead of the "General Funds" Budget. His April 4 critique was largely based on plugging in "General Funds" numbers where we used "All Funds" numbers. Bruce prefers "General Funds" because he says City Council customarily focuses on these numbers; and they are fungible whereas the "All Funds" budget that includes an additional \$95 million primarily from federal and state funds have restricted uses. After speaking with many of you, we will continue to use the "All Funds" Budget numbers because they constitute 100% of the city budget whereas the "General Funds" are only 86% of the budget. Moreover, all federal and state dollars are actually spent on Alexandria programs so they should be counted despite their not being controlled by Alexandria government employees. Also in a review of the last three years of federal and state aid (FY'03-FY'05), each and every year federal and state dollars have increased; and updated budgets reflect Alexandria receiving more federal and state dollars than projected.
- (2) Bruce now agrees that there is an estimated \$10 million collected each year over what is projected. These \$10 million are important because they constitute in our Petition a 2% emergency fund over and above the 3.5% spending increase we call for.
- (3) In the April 4 critique, Bruce incorrectly stated that the 3% Compromise would cause a "0.2% cut" in spending from the previous year. Bruce compared our 86-cent tax rate to the obsolete 95.5-cent rate in the City Manager's Budget Request; and ignored the \$95 million coming primarily from the Feds who are increasing their contribution to Alexandria by 7.6% over last year, and Virginia whose contribution is increasing 5.6%. Our recommended 3.5% spending increase is \$18.4 million MORE than last year, totaling \$539.2 million as compared to \$520.8 million that was approved by City Council for FY'05.
- (4) There is another correction to the April 4 critique. Bruce applied our 3.5% spending increase only to the smaller General Fund Operating Budget whereas we apply the 3.5% increase to the larger "All Funds" Budget.

(5) There were nine minor differences with Bruce in our calculations which we must double-check; but they are insignificant in the overall context of a \$540 million budget we are proposing. Some changes would make our arguments a bit stronger while others slightly weaker. Some have already been checked and are noted below:

-- Is the double-digit increase in the average residential property tax bill 13% (our number) over the last five years or 10.5% (Bruce's number)? [Both numbers are correct. The 13% figure is an average increase per year whereas the 10.5% figure is compounded annually from 2000 to 2005.]

-- Does the average residential property tax bill go up 12.5% (our number) over last year or 11.5% (Bruce's number)?

-- Does our tax bill double (our number) or "nearly" double (Bruce's insert) since 2000? [We will insert "nearly".]

-- Are property owners are being asked in FY 2006 to pay 56.2% (our number) of all General Fund revenues or 53.8% (Bruce's number)? [We will use Bruce's number because he calculated the percentage based on the City Council Cap of 91.5 cents tax rate whereas we used the number from the FY'06 Budget book that was based on 95.5 cents.]

-- Did property owners pay 47% (our number) of all General Funds Revenues in FY'01 or 45% (Bruce's number)? [We will use Bruce's number because his is an actual number based on a city audit whereas ours was from the FY'01 Budget book that only projected what the percentage would be.]

-- Over the last five years, did Alexandria's cost of living increase an average of 2.7% (our number) or 2.8% (Bruce's number)? [We will use our number of 2.7% because we used the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics number that was adjusted for the Washington-Baltimore area.]

-- Should we continue to reference Deputy City Manager Mark Jinx's statement that "this year was the largest assessment increase in Alexandria in 25 years" or look only at the residential increase (Bruce's suggestion)? [We will keep our statement because it includes all Alexandria property owners, and constituted a city-wide average increase of 21.2% according to the Director of Real Estate Assessments Cindy Smith-Page.]

-- Should we reference an exodus of residents from the Alexandria Community (our statement) or note as Bruce suggests that Alexandria's population is up 4.7% since 2001? [We will keep our statement regarding long-time Alexandrians who have left and are leaving because we are trying to help people stay. We do not disagree with the fact that more people have moved into the city. We just don't want to see long-time residents having to sell their homes to the highest bidder.]

-- Bruce also suggests that we calculate the tax revenue for the period of January 1, 2005 to June 30, 2005 for the various options on the table to know exactly how much the city could project in revenues. Here we have a fundamental difference of opinion over how we and he look at the budget. We look at how much more the city will get in property tax revenues over last year; and Bruce looks at how much less the city will have to spend from the City Manager's proposed increase of 8% using the now obsolete 95.5 cents property tax rate. Here are the estimated revenues for this

six-month period; and as you can see the 3% Compromise generates more revenue than last year:

- \$112.3 million: FY'05 Projected Property Tax Revenue based on CY2004 Assessments, times 99.5 cents, and divided by 2.
- \$117.6 million: "3% Compromise" Projected Property Tax Revenue based on CY2005 assessments, times 86 cents, and divided by 2.
 - \$125.2 million: "City Council Cap" Projected Property Tax Revenue based on CY2005 assessments, times 91.5 cents, and divided by 2.

In all three estimates, the city cannot ignore the additional \$5 million that will be collected from property owners during the six-month period over what it projects as has been the case each year.

(6) Contrary to the suggestion that we demand from the City Manager or Bruce Johnson a public apology that would state that our Petition and Fact Sheet were "factually accurate," I am simply going to share the correct facts and figures with the City Council, City Manager, Bruce and any others interested in the property tax issue. I urge you to do the same in sharing this email with anyone who was confused by the City's critique of our Petition and Fact Sheet.

Thank you for your time and effort on this important property tax issue.

Lou Cordia
(cell. 703/627-8763)

P.S. Bruce's changes/suggestions/comments/review should not in any way be presented as his or City Staff's endorsement or approval of the petition or its recommendations or conclusions in either whole or in part. He did this review as a courtesy so that we at least don't have to argue over the facts.



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Subject RE: City Spending Analysis

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council,

I have heard from some of you directly and from several others that the city staff has been asked to do a "critique" or "impact analysis" of our 3% Compromise.

What Alexandrians For A 3% Compromise are asking of Council is to direct staff to prepare a budget that calls for 3% MORE spending than last year's Council-Approved FY'06 All Funds Budget...and put it alongside the three staff-prepared budgets of "7% More", "6% More" and "-1% Less". In this way, Council and the community can openly and honestly discuss spending options; and Council can ultimately choose from a menu of options on the table. I repeat our request of two weeks ago for you to see how staff would spread out an additional \$17 million over the All Funds Budget. We propose an FY'07 All-Funds Budget of \$580 million.

Please don't have city staff prepare "impacts" from our 103% Budget that would "reduce" the Manager's Proposed Budget as what was done last year because the real baseline as we all know is what Council approved last year, not what is the largest budget on the table that the Manager proposes. Bruce Johnson's "impact" analysis last year distorted our 3% Compromise. It characterized our 3% increase as a "cut" that would lead to a "deficit." It was embarrassing for city staff and for those Council Members who repeated this false claim. I will follow-up this email with our correction to Bruce Johnson's "negative impact" analysis of last year.

Please, let's work positively together to get to our desired 3% spending increase or what some of you desire as a 5% spending increase.

Will you please ask city staff to prepare a 3% Budget? Please let me know what you decide to do.

Lou Cordia
Alexandrians For A 3% Compromise

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Cc: 'Jackie.Henderson@alexandriava.gov'
Subject: City Spending Analysis

Dear Mr. Mayor, Madame Vice Mayor, Councilmen Gaines, Krupicka, Macdonald and Smedberg, and Councilwoman Woodson,

Given the City Manager's Proposed FY'07 Budget that calls for a 7% spending increase and an alternative budget calling for a 6% increase, I am requesting on behalf of "Alexandrians For A 3% Compromise" that City Council direct staff to prepare a "3% Budget" and make available its "-1% Budget" so that these four budgets can be compared to last year's baseline FY'06 Council-approved budget. We -- the citizens who are being asked to pay the city's bills -- would like to have an intelligent discussion of spending options these next 10 weeks before you vote on April 24th and we vote on May 2nd. I hope you are willing to have

an open and honest discussion of these numbers and their impact on Alexandria families. I hope to prevent this year what happened last year when many felt that City Council ignored the plea for a reasonable 3% spending increase and voted for what has become an automatic 7%-to-8% increase.

Will you please lay out for the community a side-by-side comparison of these four budgets so together we can determine what is affordable? This comparative analysis and our dialogue over it will be helpful to you and Alexandria families in making budget decisions impacting our future.

I look forward to hearing back from you,

Lou Cordia
3PercentMakesSense@Cordia.com

P.S. Ms. Henderson, will you please double-check to make certain each member of City Council receives this email? Thank you.



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Subject Total Cost of TCWilliams, Police HQ, Chinquapin & All-Sports Facility

Dear City Council,

Would you please have the city staff provide the TOTAL COST of the major CIP projects associated with the current \$331.5 million CIP allocation? I am certain that it exists somewhere. Would you please have staff include every cost associated with the project, such as but not limited to design (architects, engineers, etc.), site preparation, construction, landscaping, field renovation/construction, parking facility, driveways, any underground work, furnishings, phone system, audio/visual equipment, and science & computer labs equipment and debt service?

Of obvious interest are big-ticket items like:

- (1) TC Williams: Everyone I ask doesn't seem to know. I have literally heard that it started at \$44 million and is expected to cost a total of \$120 million. Then they qualify it by saying that they don't know if their guess includes everything to complete the job and open the doors for the kids to actually use the school. I was hoping to get this information at last week's CIP Work Session. I was surprised that there wasn't a slide on TC Williams; yet there was one on Charles Houston Rec Center and other far less costly projects. It was a budget rendition of the "elephant in the room that no one discussed" story.
- (2) Police Office Complex
- (3) Chinquapin Rec. Center
- (4) All-Sports Facility.

Is there a brief summary of each of these projects that would provide (1) how much has been paid to date, (2) how much is allocated in FY'07, and (3) how much more is projected to COMPLETE the job as described above. Also is there any provision in the construction contract(s) to prevent/minimize cost overruns?

Thank you,

Lou Cordia
Alexandrians For A 3% Compromise

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COA Contact Us: extended school days

Time: [Mon Mar 06, 2006 21:34:53] IP Address: [66.167.233.106]

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Subject: extended school days

As you prepare to vote on the school budget, including extended school hours, I would like you to question the following:

First, if everything starts at the same time, do we have enough resources in school buses to manage this? I have trouble imagining this since buses provide transportation to all the lottery schools from all over the city. I also worry that middle school students and 9th grade students will be out waiting for buses at the same time. Students are not supervised by adults at bus stops, and proximity of students of different ages seems like a recipe for problems.

Comments:

Also, I don't feel adding 20 minutes to k-5 is a good idea unless it is specifically for the purpose of creating a longer recess, lunch or other break. Both my kids were exhausted after a school day during those years. They never got more than 15 minutes recess, and that was if they were lucky enough to get anything at all. Plus, if the kids are unfortunate enough to eat in the 10:30-11:00 slot, they won't make it

until the close of school before they are hungry. If they get to this state, no learning will take place, no matter how long the day is extended.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Living in Alexandria--Possible?

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Subject: Living in Alexandria--Possible?
March 9, 2006

Dear Mayor Eulle and City Council Members,

I am unhappy about more aspects of life in Alexandria than I've ever been since 1987, when I chose to move my family here. I've voted Republican only once in my life--against a racist demagogue running for governor of Mississippi in the mid-1970s. I was raised by my grandfather, an FDR-look-alike, in a small town in East Tennessee in the 1950s, and he was the only Democratic mayor ever. Yet my dissatisfaction with how you all are running Alexandria may drive me to take off my Yellow Dog Democrat pin and join the anti-tax brigades.

My daughter went to public school K-12 here. I spent many late nights advocating for the schools in City Council meetings and for arts in the schools as a member of the Arts and Humanities Committee of the School Board. Yet I've witnessed the school system squander opportunities in the arts and throw money rather than creativity at problems for 18 years. I served on the committee that developed the Minnie Howard 9th Grade Study Center, a concept the

school board advocated because research indicated there would not be a school population big enough to justify building a new high school. (What happened to that data?) I work nationally in education and see many challenged school systems, none of which begin to spend the amount of money we do but some of which manage to excel at their mission.

Which brings me to the point: I cannot afford to live in my home and I am sick at heart. I'm single, female, and an independent consultant. For three years, most of my income, which varies annually, has gone to my mortgage and health insurance. Now virtually all I earn goes for these expenses. My new assessment keeps me awake nights--\$123,500 higher than 2005. Since re-financing three and a half years ago, my mortgage payment has gone up \$321/month, that's \$3,852 a year, solely from property taxes and property insurance, which goes up every time assessments rise. My income has not gone up. My daughter's annual tuition at Virginia Tech was less than what I pay in property tax. I got good value from the Commonwealth, but I'm not from the City of Alexandria.

Comments:

If I have to forgo niceties such as new clothes and eating out and even necessities such as painting my house or repairing my car, why can't city departments and the school system tighten belts and get creative about finding ways to cut costs? Tourism is up, people are coming here to enjoy Alexandria, but I can't participate in the economy. Budget increases are not giving us a better quality of life and caving in to developers has proven foolish. What do we get? Pedestrian architecture, speed tables, the mallification of Old Town, gridlock all over the city at rush hour, misguided plans for the Monroe Street bridge, broken glass that strews the streets after the new recycling company trucks go through a neighborhood, declining diversity, disgruntled homeowners.

I just returned from teaching a graduate education course in Idaho, where teachers are paid next to nothing, art specialists have been cut from school budgets, and school buildings are falling apart because the citizenry is so against property taxes. I like to think of myself as someone who believes in helping people in need, educating every child well, and preserving authenticity, but I'm starting to understand the wacky guys with handwritten protest signs who call press conferences outside public buildings to rant about taxes. If any of you want to come sit with me on my much-loved

screened-in front porch and justify why any increase in city spending is necessary, I'm happy to give you some iced tea and hear you out, but bring along some ideas that will help me keep my house. Sure, I could sell it for what looks like an outrageous amount of money and move to Boise, but I want to live here. Believe me, you all want to keep middle-class Democrats living here. Get serious about the budget, please, and do a better job of really helping all Alexandrians.

Sincerely,

Paddy Baker Bowman

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Subject COA Contact Us: Alexandria Property Taxes

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Mr. Mayor and City Council Members

I have been a resident of Alexandria for 33 years and a homeowner for the last 23 of those years. Between 1983 and 2001, 18 years, my property taxes increased a total of 66%. Between 2001 and 2005, 4 years, my property taxes have increased an additional 66%. If I use the proposed 2006 tax rate of 84.7 cents, my property taxes will have increased 94% over the last 5 years.

This is an alarming trend and one that cannot continue. The last few budgets have increased well above inflation and residential property taxes are carrying the burden.

Comments: It is property taxes that get all of the attention. I note that there are "stealth taxes" (I say stealth because these taxes get little or no publicity) that contribute to the residential tax burden. For instance, several years ago, in addition to the annual property taxes, an additional assessment was added. If memory serves me, this additional assessment started at \$160 per year. It is now \$229 per year and creeps up a little each year. Last year a tax on cell phones was implemented

that is now costing me \$57.36 per year.
Alexandria is becoming a very expensive city to live in.

Patting ourselves on the back because we are lowering the tax rate while my property taxes are still increasing between 15% and 20% per year is not comforting. I am pleased that property values are increasing, but that is not putting any money in my pocket or helping to pay my tax bills.

I realize everyone expects quality city services and good schools, but as you deliberate on the budget this spring, I respectfully urge you to consider the burden on the home owning tax payer.

Very respectfully,
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Subject COA Contact Us: Teacher Salary Increases

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Time: [Fri Mar 10, 2006 10:27:15] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

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Subject: Teacher Salary Increases

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As a twenty year veteran teacher in the Alexandria City Public Schools and as a forty year resident of Alexandria, I feel compelled to alert/persuade you of a critically important component of the proposed teacher salary restructuring.

Currently under consideration by the School Board is a change in the salary scale which, ostensibly, would bring salaries in the BA lane up to a level competitive with surrounding jurisdictions. A less publicized, and less laudable goal, is a corresponding 'freezing' of salaries for those in Master's and Master's +30 salary lanes.

Comments: Imagine the 'chilling' message that such an inequity would send.

Veteran teachers who have continued their education beyond the Bachelor's degree believe the proposed change to be insulting and demoralizing. If there is one area in which teachers are united, well-informed, and vocal, it is in equitable compensation.

As Mayor and Council Members, do not overlook the value that more than 70% of our teachers add to the system with their advanced degrees. Pass no measure that does not recognize the

contribution that all of our teachers make to the
City.

Guy DeZarn

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Subject COA Contact Us: ACPS Master's Pay Scale

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Time: [Fri Mar 10, 2006 10:30:44] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

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Subject: ACPS Master's Pay Scale

Dear Alexandria City Council Members,

It has come to my attention that the city council members are considering not increasing the master's degree pay for Alexandria city public school teachers and support staff. Eliminating a raise that many teachers have been thrilled about possibly receiving would be an enormous morale issue. Alexandria city public schools staff is already being asked to work 30 minutes more a day starting in the 2006-2007 school year. We are also being asked to work without our normal vacation days next year due to the TC Williams project. I already know of some amazing teachers and support staff who are considering leaving Alexandria city for neighboring cities because our master's degree pay is lower and morale is low here.

Comments: Please do what is best for the children of Alexandria and for the public school staff. Show us that we are appreciated! Do not take the ACPS staff for granted who have worked very hard and incurred debt to get their master's degrees. Staff with bachelors degree only will be making only a little less than staff with master's degrees next

year if the raise is not approved for both steps on the pay scale. That would only say that master's degrees are not valued here in Alexandria.

Do not lower ACPS morale. Show us that we are appreciated and valued. Give raises to both bachelor's and master's degree holders.

Thank you,
Erin Gerber
Social Worker
George Mason Elementary School



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COA Contact Us: FY2007 proposed budget

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Subject: FY2007 proposed budget

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the
City Council of Alexandria:

As Chair of the Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council, I would like, firstly, to thank the Mayor and Council for its continued support of the work which our fine Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) do. As you probably are aware, Alexandria's EMTs work to, if not the highest, than one of the highest medical protocols in the country. I ride along with our people on ambulances, and I have seen these dedicated professionals sustain life. And even on the less demanding basic calls, our EMTs treat people with courtesy, gentleness and professionalism.

About 77% of the calls taken by the Fire Department are for EMS, not Fire. This means that our EMTs are out in the field approximately three times more than our Firemen/women. They often do not know the circumstances of a call. For example, if there is a domestic disturbance injury, they walk into a home without personal protection (which the police would have). Our EMTs deal with high stress on a daily basis, while they carry heavy gear and beds, sometimes up several flights of stairs. And they do this happily and with

a mission to help people, and save lives.

Comments: I understand that the two additional ERT (medics) positions which we have requested are up for review, with a recommendation not to go forward. These additional medics would allow Alexandria to have two paramedics on every ambulance, every shift. I have seen for myself how many skilled hands are necessary to save a life. This cut is to save the City approximately \$125,000.

Please note that the proposed increase in ambulance fees will generate approximately \$700,000 to \$1,200,000. All calculations project that these two additional medics would be self-funded.

I ask you to take into consideration our dedicated EMS professionals, who work long hours under, often, difficult circumstances. Please help them do their jobs and save lives. The two additional ERTs will keep Alexandria's Emergency Medical Services at the top of all EMS in the country. . . and, it should be fully-funding.

With best regards,

Pamela Copley,
Chair,
Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council.

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Subject COA Contact Us: vote for Alex. schools on Monday

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Subject: vote for Alex. schools on Monday

Dear Council Members,

The Superintendent requested a salary increase for teachers to keep ACPS salaries competitive with other districts. This increase is in addition to the step and COLA. The Superintendent also requested this increase because she has proposed a longer school day.

I understand that the City Council, as a cost cutting measure, is seriously considering eliminating the additional salary increases for teachers with an MA, which the Superintendent requested.

I am a Nationally Board Certified Teacher with a Masters Degree. I commute everyday from Fredericksburg to Alexandria because I can not afford to live in Alexandria on my teacher's salary. I can not believe that the council would even consider asking educated professionals to work extra time and not compensate them. If the school day is lengthened by even 15 minutes, this is equal to a week of extra work. I can't think of any other profession where people are asked to work more and then are not compensated.

Comments:

As a professional I am consistently improving my practice through professional development and graduate classes. Most of these classes, I pay for out of my own pocket. I am on numerous school committees and spend hours after school with students and I am not compensated for this.

How much more do I have to give of my time, energy, and professional education before the school board and the city council see the value in our efforts and dedication? This is a raise that is overdue and well deserved.

Sincerely,
Kristin Lansdell, NBCT
George Mason Elementary

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Subject COA Contact Us: Salary increase for Masters level employees

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Time: [Fri Mar 10, 2006 15:21:11] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

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Subject: Salary increase for Masters level employees
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have heard that the City Council is considering eliminating the proposed pay increase for MA level teachers and staff next year. While I think the bachelors level pay increase was well deserved, it now makes the pay for bachelors and masters employees very close, which decreases the incentive for teachers to get a masters degree.

Comments: Teachers are expecting to be compensated for a longer school day. I believe this decision will have a serious impact on morale for masters-level teachers and licensed staff. I believe that currently morale is high among ACPS teachers and staff, but this would anger a lot of people, and ACPS could lose some of their highly qualified staff.

Please consider the negative effects that this decision could have when you meet to discuss the budget on Monday.

Sincerely,
Kate Pabis

School Counselor

SPEAKER'S FORM

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DOCKET ITEM NO. _____

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND GIVE IT TO THE CITY CLERK
BEFORE YOU SPEAK ON A DOCKET ITEM**

PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED BELOW PRIOR TO SPEAKING.

1. NAME: Monique Edwards Deputy Sheriff
2. ADDRESS: 2001 Mill Rd Alexandria VA
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3. WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT, IF OTHER THAN YOURSELF? Alexandria Sheriff's Office
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4. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ITEM?
FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ OTHER: Comment on The Employee Benefits
5. NATURE OF YOUR INTEREST IN ITEM (PROPERTY OWNER, ATTORNEY, LOBBYIST, CIVIC INTEREST, ETC.): City Employee
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6. ARE YOU RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR THIS APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL?
YES NO

This form shall be kept as a part of the permanent record in those instances where financial interest or compensation is indicated by the speaker.

A maximum of three minutes will be allowed for your presentation, except that one officer or other designated member speaking on behalf of each *bona fide* neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association desiring to be heard on a docket item shall be allowed five minutes. In order to obtain five minutes, you must identify yourself as a designated speaker, and identify the neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association you represent, at the start of your presentation. If you have a prepared statement, please leave a copy with the Clerk.

Additional time not to exceed 15 minutes may be obtained with the consent of the majority of the council present; provided notice requesting additional time with reasons stated is filed with the City Clerk in writing before 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the meeting.

The public normally may speak on docket items only at public hearing meetings, and not at regular legislative meetings. Public hearing meetings are usually held on the Saturday following the second Tuesday in each month; regular legislative meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month. The rule with respect to when a person may speak to a docket item at a legislative meeting can be waived by a majority vote of council members present but such a waiver is not normal practice. When a speaker is recognized, the rules of procedures for speakers at public hearing meetings shall apply. If an item is docketed *for public hearing* at a regular legislative meeting, the public may speak to that item, and the rules of procedures for speakers at public hearing meetings shall apply.

In addition, the public may speak on matters which are not on the docket during the Public Discussion Period at public hearing meetings. The mayor may grant permission to a person, who is unable to participate in public discussion at a public hearing meeting for medical, religious, family emergency or other similarly substantial reasons, to speak at a regular legislative meeting. When such permission is granted, the rules of procedures for public discussion at public hearing meetings shall apply.

Guidelines for the Public Discussion Period

- (a) All speaker request forms for the public discussion period must be submitted by the time the item is called by the city clerk.
- (b) No speaker will be allowed more than three minutes; except that one officer or other designated member speaking on behalf of each *bona fide* neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association desiring to be heard during the public discussion period shall be allowed five minutes. In order to obtain five minutes, you must identify yourself as a designated speaker, and identify the neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association you represent, at the start of your presentation.
- (c) If more speakers are signed up than would be allotted for in 30 minutes, the mayor will organize speaker requests by subject or position, and allocated appropriate times, trying to ensure that speakers on unrelated subjects will also be allowed to speak during the 30 minute public discussion period.
- (d) If speakers seeking to address council on the same subject cannot agree on a particular order or method that they would like the speakers to be called on, the speakers shall be called in the chronological order of their request forms' submission.
- (e) Any speakers not called during the public discussion period will have the option to speak at the conclusion of the meeting, after all docketed items have been heard.

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Subject COA Contact Us: FY2007 Budget - Historic Properties

COA Contact Us: FY2007 Budget - Historic Properties

Time: [Thu Mar 23, 2006 16:41:47] IP Address: [68.85.235.174]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Ziegler
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City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703 370 0648
Email Address: candjziegler@hotmail.com
Subject: FY2007 Budget - Historic Properties

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council,

During you important deliberations on the city's FY2007 budget, I urge you not to neglect to allocate appropriate resources to the various historic properties owned and maintained by the City of Alexandria. As you may know, they have all suffered in the past decade or so from deferred maintenance, with the result that in at least some cases serious deterioration has set in.

Comments: The City's historic properties are a valuable resource not only from a cultural and aesthetic point view, but are a valuable economic resource, attracting many tourists, and their dollars, to Alexandria. I urge you to view resources allocated to the preservation and maintenance of these historic properties not simply as a cost, but as an investment that will yield dividends now and in years to come.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Ziegler



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Subject COA Contact Us: Proposed School Budget 2007

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COA Contact Us: Proposed School Budget 2007

Time: [Fri Mar 24, 2006 15:45:19] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Stephen
Last Name: Bertetti
Street Address: 2920 Commonwealth Ave
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 571-217-7646
Email Address: sbertett@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Proposed School Budget 2007

Dear Mayor Bill Eulle, Vice Mayor Del Pepper, and Councilmembers Paul Smedberg, Ludwig Gaines, Joyce Woodson, Andrew Macdonald, and Rob Krupicka,

I am a current homeowner in Warwick Village and a teacher at T.C. Williams High School, and I would like to express my full support of the Superintendent's proposed 2007 school budget.

The cost of living has skyrocketed in the DC area since I moved here in 1999. Fortunately, I bought a house in Warwick Village in 2000, but it would be impossible to afford my house now on my current salary. As a citizen of Alexandria, I don't mind paying the higher real estate taxes that come with the higher property value as long as the money goes towards improving our city.

If we want to stay competitive with other metropolitan school districts around the country we need to pay our teachers a living wage and enough to own a small townhouse in the community where they work. Since starting in Alexandria, I have known several young teachers who could not afford to live in the city and have moved away to other places where housing is

more affordable. I know of two outstanding teachers who are moving away this year.

Comments: The proposed increase in salary and health care benefits would be a major step towards alleviating the financial difficulties that teachers face. I know many taxpayers do not want these increases, but I believe we have a civic responsibility to give our children the best education that we can provide. I, too, have a new baby daughter and I look forward to sending her to one of the best school systems in America. When young teachers leave the system after only a few years because of a lack of compensation, we lose instructors who are just beginning to develop into master teachers. Certainly, after 7 years of teaching I am a much better teacher now than I was when I first started. It takes time to develop ones skills, and if we lose these young teachers, it will hurt our school system and hurt our community in the long run.

Please support the Superintendent's 2007 proposed budget. You will be rewarding teachers for what they have earned and we will continue to provide the youth of Alexandria with the best in education.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephen Bertetti

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<emily.montague@acps.k12.va.us>
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Subject COA Contact Us: Proposed School Budget

COA Contact Us: Proposed School Budget

Time: [Fri Mar 24, 2006 13:14:49] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested: []

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Last Name: Montague
Street Address: 7317 Woodley Pl
City: Falls Church
State: VA
Zip: 22046
Phone: 703-206-0401
Email Address: emily.montague@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Proposed School Budget

Comments: Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and City Council Memebers,
I have been working at George Washington Middle School as an 8th grade science teacher for 2 years. I have recently reviewed the school budget proposed by Rebecca Perry. As a community memeber, I would appreciate your support in passing this budget.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Emily Montague
8th Grade Science
George Washington MS

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<nancy.runton@acps.k12.va.us>

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Subject COA Contact Us: budget

COA Contact Us: budget

Time: [Fri Mar 24, 2006 12:41:38] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested: []

First Name: Nancy
Last Name: Runton
Street Address: 10 East Chapman St
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703.549.2448
Email Address: nancy.runton@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: budget

Hello,
I would like to encourage the Council to pass the current budget as proposed by Superintendent Perry.

As the nurse at TCWilliams and a City resident, with so many increases in costs and taxes, it is more and more difficult to remain living here. I do have a second job as a nurse practitioner on Saturdays at Virginia Pediatric Group, LTD, and probably without it, I would have to sell and move.

Comments: I will also be incurring college costs as my daughter will graduate TCW in June. (If she ultimately decides to go to the US Naval Academy where she has been offered an appointment, I'll be off the hook for the tuition bit of parenthood!) I do not expect that her father will be sharing in the tuition expenses, so I will have to go it alone, and for that reason, I could use a raise (or maybe the winning ticket).

So for my two reasons (life and college), I hope that you all will look closely at the budget and pass it fully funded.

Thank You,
Nancy Runton, MSN, CRNP

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<adamlevine@cox.net>

03/24/2006 11:58 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: ACPS budget

COA Contact Us: ACPS budget

Time: [Fri Mar 24, 2006 11:58:08] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Adam
Last Name: Levine
Street Address: 4406 Coldbrooke Court
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22306
Phone: 7037213706
Email Address: adamlevine@cox.net
Subject: ACPS budget

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am writing to urge you to fully fund the ACPS 2006-2007 budget as requested by the ACPS school board and Superintendent Perry.

Comments: If we are to attract and retain the best teachers in the country, we need to have a pay scale and benefits that not only match surrounding jurisdictions, but surpass them. This is an opportunity for Alexandrians to say we put great value on education, our students, our schools and our teachers. While I realize city taxes are high, I also realize that ACPS is losing dozens of quality teachers to other jurisdictions every year. One of the main reasons: ACPS salaries are simply too low to be able to afford housing in Alexandria City. The city council now has the opportunity to change that. This only can be done by fully funding the 2006-2007 ACPS budget

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Levine

Kristin Levine

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Subject COA Contact Us: school budget

COA Contact Us: school budget

Time: [Fri Mar 24, 2006 11:46:28] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Beverly
Last Name: Stewart
Street Address: 9009 Armendown Drive
City: Springfield
State: VA
Zip: 22152
Phone: 703-912-9137
Email Address: beverly.stewart@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: school budget

Dear Council Members,

I am a third grade teacher at Patrick Henry Elementary School. I am urging adoption in full of Superintendent Perry's school budget for the next school year.

Comments:

Funding the schools is one of the most important jobs a city council can do. Allowing the money for the schools to have the necessary programs to enrich, remediate and enliven our students lives is a way that we can impact them and their families forever.

Research shows that certain programs will keep students off of welfare, and out of jail. Paying good wages ensures that Alexandria will have excellent teachers to implement these programs.

Sincerely,
Beverly Stewart

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<samuel.agyemang@acps.k12.va.us>

03/24/2006 11:35 AM

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COA Contact Us: Increment in Teachers' salary

Time: [Fri Mar 24, 2006 11:35:47] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Samuel
Last Name: Agyemang
Street Address: 4643 Taney Avenue
City: Alexandria
State: Va
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-461-4170
Email Address: samuel.agyemang@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Increment in Teachers' salary
Dear Honorable,

Comments: I am a teacher working for Alexandria City Public Schools. The cost of living has drastically gone up in the county. I wish to bring to your attention that teachers' in Alexandria need raise this year. Therefore, I urge you to approve the propose budget for this year. Thanks.

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<tanya.morris-rosera@acps.va.us>
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Subject COA Contact Us: Budget

COA Contact Us: Budget

Time: [Fri Mar 24, 2006 11:13:00] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Tanya
Last Name: Morris-Rosera
Street Address: 5255 Pocosin Lane
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-370-6330
Email Address: tanya.morris-rosera@acps.va.us
Subject: Budget

Dear Mr. Euille, Ms. Pepper, and City Council Members,

My name is Tanya Morris-Rosera, I live, pay taxes (lots of taxes) and vote in the City of Alexandria, and I have adult children who attended ACPS schools. I have taught art in the ACPS system over twenty years, and have had the privilege of teaching some of your children as well as literally thousands of others over the years in Alexandria. I have also witnessed many changes in the demographics and policies of our schools. More than ever before, teachers are expected to work well beyond contract hours, for which there is no compensation, act as mentors to new teachers - who already receive nearly as much pay as their better educated and more experienced coworkers,(and don't tend to stick around for long), work with supply budgets that haven't increased since 1998 in some cases, and teach a never-ending influx of new students admitted every week, and attend endless staff-development workshops on top of earning advanced degrees. Your teachers are working hard to live up to state and local standards, and to continue to inspire and educate our students to be contributing members of society. It's time to

Comments:

compensate teachers for entrusting us with our most valued resource - our children. It is not uncommon to hear how important teachers are, and how our job is difficult and under-appreciated, or how nobody teaches for the money - boy that's true. Let's catch up with the rest of America's well educated cities, and show some real respect for the teaching profession by increasing salaries. If you really want to attract the best and brightest - compensate us. Please fully support our Superintendent and her budget for our schools.

Thank you for giving your time and consideration to this and other urgent matters of concern.

Sincerely,
Tanya Morris-Rosera

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03/23/2006 10:03 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: outrageous!

COA Contact Us: outrageous!

Time: [Thu Mar 23, 2006 22:03:19] IP Address: [4.249.186.198]

Response requested:

First Name: Mr. and Mrs.
Last Name: Barry
Street Address: Crestwood Drive
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-111-1111
Email Address: none@none.com
Subject: outrageous!

Comments: The City Manager's proposal of a 84-cent tax rate is outrageous! Most of us don't make the kind of money he does. Please reduce the tax rate to 70 cents. Make whatever budget cuts are needed; for example, City employees should be sharing in the cost of their health insurance just like most of us do.

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03/24/2006 04:38 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Teacher salaries

COA Contact Us: Teacher salaries

Time: [Fri Mar 24, 2006 16:38:46] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Walchak
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703.823.0430
Email Address: victoria.walchak@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Teacher salaries

Dear Mayor, Vice-Major and Council Members,

Please support the proposed pay increases for public school teachers. As a resident of Alexandria and a voter, I support the raise for teachers in order to draw and retain exceptional teachers for our city's children. Also, as a teacher in ACPS, I feel well deserving of the increase. I work many hours beyond the contract, planning units of study, reseaching resources and issues in education, grading work, taking professional development courses, writing grants and coordinating collaborations with community organizatons- all to be the best educator possible in order to serve the children well. One of my main reasons for joining ACPS (and moving to Alexandria) was its competitive salaries. I am not so far along in my career, that a move to higher paying county is out of the question for me. If the disparity between our wages and benefits and those of the surrounding jurisdictions becomes too great, I would definately consider leaving ACPS for a better compensation. ! But, if the proposed budget was approved I would be quite satisfied, even though it, still, would not put us at the top of the list locally for teacher compensation, it would acceptable.

Comments:

As a footnote, I would like to compliment you on the caliber of educators you have thus far managed to draw to the city and the efficiency of ACPS's central office. I have worked in two different assignments outside of ACPS and have noticed how much better conditions are here. It is a pleasure to work with a team of educators who are highly trained, motivated and committed to their work and it is wonderful to work with a central office that communicates and acts effectively. I really hope that you vote to keep our compensation competitive with surrounding jurisdictions, so I will not have to consider making a move simply because of the money. Remember, teachers are the backbone of the system and a quality compensation package is crucial to drawing and keeping the best here in beautiful Alexandria.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject COA Contact Us: proposed salary increase for teachers

COA Contact Us: proposed salary increase for teachers

Time: [Fri Mar 24, 2006 19:12:38] IP Address: [68.85.234.179]

Response requested:

First Name: Maureen
Last Name: Logue
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22311
Phone: (703)824-0667
Email Address: maureen.logue@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: proposed salary increase for teachers

Comments: I am writing to all of you to urge you to pass the superintendent's proposed salary increase for teachers. I am not only a teacher at Minnie Howard School entering my 6th year, but I am also a homeowner and taxpayer. Presently, I am struggling to keep up with my mortgage payment which continues to increase with the steep yearly property tax hikes. I desperately want to stay in Alexandria (I've lived here since 1976, raised a family; youngest has just graduated from TC), but with all the high costs of living here, I am seriously considering another job offer in Loudon county, where the housing costs are lower. PLEASE, PLEASE, PASS THIS INCREASE FOR TEACHERS!

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<laura.dickey@acps.k12.va.us>

03/25/2006 09:32 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: budget

COA Contact Us: budget

Time: [Sat Mar 25, 2006 09:32:30] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Laura
Last Name: Dickey
Street Address: 226 Wesmond Dr
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703.706.4500
Email Address: laura.dickey@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: budget

Comments:

I strongly ask you to pass the budget for Alexandria School. I am a teacher, homeowner, and tax payer. Considering the fact that the school day is about to increase I hope the council realizes that some of this pay increase is not a raise, but a reflection of the new hours. I understand the city's need to not over extend. Living here for several years and having friends who have lived here for many years, I also know that the city provides many wonderful services for the young and older citizens. I must share that I am sitting in my classroom waiting for the gang summit to start, because I can not afford email at home. I am still very upset about an article about a year ago that listed several prominent city employess and their 6 figure incomes bemoaning the fact that they can not buy in Alexandria. I say to all of them RAISE YOUR HEAD HIGH AND BUY IN LYNHAVEN WITH OUR STUDENTS LIKE I DID ON LESS THAN A NET INCOME OF 35,000.00. Those of use who really want to be a part of this community are working hard to do so. I work part time for Nora at St. Elmos for my coffee and snacks. It is a great place to be part of this vibrant and changing neighborhood.

Sincerely, Laura Dickey

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03/25/2006 07:45 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget

COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget

Time: [Sat Mar 25, 2006 19:45:22] IP Address: [69.140.66.69]

Response requested:

First Name: Danelle
Last Name: Fortune
Street Address: 452 W. Glebe Road
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-838-1611
Email Address: danellefortune@comcast.net
Subject: ACPS Budget

Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members,

The following is an exchange of emails among members of our neighborhood email listserv regarding the ACPS proposed budget. It includes points that I am sure you are considering as you review the City's budget.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Danelle Fortune
President
Charles Barrett Elementary PTA

Mr. Weber,

When you look at the district's budget, you see significant increases in fuel costs, health insurance costs, and utilities. These increases affect every industry. We can't expect a school district to be immune to those cost increases, which have occurred independently of enrollment.

But, since you brought up enrollment, consider

the following:

Declining enrollment does not mean a declining budget. One reason for this is because the decline in enrollment (a debatable point, as shown below) is spread over many schools. For example, if the enrollment declines by 100 students next year, this may translate to only about six fewer students at each of the 17 schools. In an elementary school with six grades (k-5), that represents a loss of only one student per grade. That is not enough of a decline, obviously, to lose a teacher. It takes a dramatic (and sudden) drop in enrollment to actually reduce personnel costs. And as Ms. Price pointed out, personnel costs are almost the entire budget.

The budget approved by the school board includes an enrollment graph that tracks total students for more than a decade. In 1994, enrollment was at approximately 10,400. In 2006, it is at about 10,100. It has been as high as 11,000+ in the intervening years, but you can see that it seems to go up and down within a certain range.

Also, at the middle school and high school level, fewer students does not mean that there are fewer classes to teach. Schools must maintain the same variety of classes, even if the enrollment in those classes declines by one or two kids.

I think that instead of begrudging the schools (and therefore the kids) every dollar, we should be making sure that we fund the best schools in the region. What is wrong with giving them sufficient funding and demanding spectacular results?

Comments:

Danelle Fortune
President
Charles Barrett PTA
----- Original Message -----
From: krispy09
To: GeorgeHWeber@aol.com
Cc: BeverleyHills@topica.com
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2006 4:01 PM
Subject: Re: [Beverley Hills Neighborhood] school budget request

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I can assure you that the school board does ask these questions and many more when working on and finalizing the budget. More and more parents demand small class sizes (as we should) and this

takes money! Of the total budget, 86% goes towards personnel costs (80% of which are classroom teachers - the rest help support the students, staff, parents, and community). We all know that public school educators are not highly paid - which to most of us is absolutely fine since we didn't enter into this field for financial reasons - but we do need to be paid competitive wages. The proposed budget is a step in the right direction in recruiting and maintaining highly qualified staff by increasing salaries across the board. Our students deserve the best and the brightest and let's face it - a recent college graduate will more than likely take the highest paying job. We see this every year as we lose prospects to Arlington and Montgomery Counties. I commend the school board for presenting a budget within the target set forth by city council. It is my hope that the city council fully funds the budget so that ACPS can continue to deliver a top notch education to each and every student.

Susan Price
(Mayer Place)
ACPS employee and parent of ACPS student

On Mar 25, 2006, at 10:13 AM,
GeorgeHWeber@aol.com wrote:

As the enrollment declines year after year, the schools keep asking for more money. This new request is 6.88% over last year. The school board should have asked, and now the council should ask---How many staff do the schools have compared to what they had five years ago, when they had more students? How many of the total staff are classroom teachers? Does anyone on our council ask these questions? George Weber, Halcyon Drive

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<peter.balas@acps.k12.va.us>

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Subject COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget

COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget

Time: [Sat Mar 25, 2006 21:28:47] IP Address: [24.250.103.196]

Response requested:

First Name: Peter
Last Name: Balas
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City: Washington
State: DC
Zip: 20001
Phone: 202-257-0895
Email Address: peter.balas@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: ACPS Budget

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper and Council Members,

Comments: My name is Peter Balas and I am writing as an employee of the Alexandria City Public Schools. I have been teaching high school in Alexandria for five years now and hope Alexandria will remain competitive with neighboring Virginia and Maryland school districts. In order for this to happen, I am hoping that teachers and residents can count on your support of the Superintendent's proposed budget. The Superintendent has worked hard to get teacher salaries on par with Arlington and Fairfax and my colleagues and I hope that we can count on your support of the budget to make this a reality.

Thanks for your time,
Pete Balas
ACPS Teacher

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03/26/2006 12:46 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Superintendent's Budget

COA Contact Us: Superintendent's Budget

Time: [Sun Mar 26, 2006 12:46:43] IP Address: [216.143.129.163]

Response requested: []

First Name: Jay
Last Name: Morgan
Street Address: 2500 N Van Dorn St, Penthouse 16
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-862-7799
Email Address: jay.morgan@gt.com
Subject: Superintendent's Budget
To Whom It May Concern:

Comments:

As a new homeowner, tax payer and abiding citizen of the city of Alexandria, VA, I would like to express my sincere dismay regarding the possible reduction of the Superintendent's budget. As a well educated, young professional adult, I find it utterly discouraging that city council would even contemplate this change. This decision has the potential to place the city of Alexandria near the bottom of all surrounding school districts. What does that say about our city? I certainly hope our city would place more importance on education and the values of not only our educators, but also the future of our youth. As the son and grandson of educators (in varying locales), I can whole heartedly testify how important our educational system is. We can't keep cutting budgets, reducing pay, or discouraging our young educators from providing the level of excellence we demand in our school system. I strongly encourage each and every one of you to truly consider what we all have ! at stake here. Please make the right decision.

Regards,
Jay Morgan

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3-13-06



<arichard@acps.k12.va.us>

03/27/2006 09:06 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Budget for ACPS

COA Contact Us: Budget for ACPS

Time: [Mon Mar 27, 2006 09:06:21] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested: []

First Name: Anne
Last Name: Richardson
Street Address: 1515 Mt. Eagle Place
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-998-1241
Email Address: arichard@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Budget for ACPS
Please vote in full support and passage of the ACPS budget. Particularly in light of the cost of housing in the metropolitan area, keeping quality teachers requires appropriate salaries. Quality teachers play a large role in determining the quality of the future of the city.
Comments: Thank you for your consideration.

Anne Richardson
Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology

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3-13-06



<timothy.grasso@acps.k12.va.us
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03/27/2006 09:50 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Full support and passage of the ACPS Budget

COA Contact Us: Full support and passage of the ACPS Budget

Time: [Mon Mar 27, 2006 09:50:26] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Timothy
Last Name: Grasso
Street Address: 3130 Ravensworth Place
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 7032441667
Email Address: timothy.grasso@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: Full support and passage of the ACPS Budget
Good Morning,

Comments:

As a taxpayer and school district employee, I hope that you will see that the necessary increases to the teacher's salaries are important for the young community of Alexandria. As a graduate student in administration and supervision, we are always talking about school district's ability to keep qualified teachers. The number one reason why teacher leave a district: higher salaries in surrounding districts. This is the case in Alexandria; one could go to Fairfax, Arlington, etc, and receive more money.

Please add the COLA to the salary scale, which you extend to the city employees on a yearly bases, so we can stay in the middle in competitiveness with the other districts in the area.

A concerned citizen and taxpayer,
Tim Grasso

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<michael.routhouska@acps.k12.va.us>

03/27/2006 10:14 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget

COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget

Time: [Mon Mar 27, 2006 10:14:57] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Mike
Last Name: Routhouska
Street Address: 1349 North Van Dorn Street
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22304
Phone: 7034774300
Email Address: michael.routhouska@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: ACPS Budget

Comments:

Dear Mayor and Council Members,
I am writing to encourage you to fully fund the Alexandria City Public Schools' Budget. The students of the City of Alexandria deserve the best education we can afford to give them, and our teachers deserve compensation that at least emulates those offered by neighboring school systems. In order to attract and retain the best and most qualified teachers, we need to offer competitive compensation. I am a voting resident and new homeowner in the City of Alexandria; and as a teacher and taxpayer, I consider school funding an important issue when casting my votes for city council members. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Mike Routhouska

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<nevin.berger@acps.k12.va.us>

03/27/2006 10:20 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: 3% Cost of Living Increase for Teachers

COA Contact Us: 3% Cost of Living Increase for Teachers

Time: [Mon Mar 27, 2006 10:20:19] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Nevin
Last Name: Berger
Street Address: 2013 S. 5th St. Apt.3
City: Arlington
State: VA
Zip: 22204
Phone: 703-298-2831
Email Address: nevin.berger@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: 3% Cost of Living Increase for Teachers
Comments: As a teacher for the city of Alexandria, I am concerned that the proposed 3% cost of living increase may not pass this year. Although it has been my choice to live in this area, I may have to reconsider in the future if our salary does not keep pace with the cost of living. As a teacher with an ESL graduate degree, I am saddened that I may not be able to continue to teach in this area where so many children are in need of highly qualified educators. I wish that you would reconsider the 3% cost of living increase so that teachers, like myself, do not have to consider other options in other districts.

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<pamayall@comcast.net>

03/27/2006 11:28 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: COLA increases for ACPS Teachers

COA Contact Us: COLA increases for ACPS Teachers

Time: [Mon Mar 27, 2006 11:28:36] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested: []

First Name: Pamela
Last Name: Mayall
Street Address: 308 Virginia Avenue
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703.549.6951
Email Address: pamayall@comcast.net
Subject: COLA increases for ACPS Teachers

Comments: Dear Mayor Eulle, Vice-Mayor Pepper, and City Council Members,
I am writing to you as both an Alexandria property owner and teacher at Cora Kelly. Having been a resident for thirty years now, I dearly love the City. However, as you know the cost of living is rampantly high here. Those of us who became teachers did so out of commitment to public education. We continue to love our jobs and the children, but we also need to be able to afford the necessities. The cost of living here makes it a luxury to live in Alexandria. We would be very grateful if you would please vote in favor of a 3% COLA increase for teachers.

Sincerely,
Pam Mayall

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<cswagner@mac.com>

03/28/2006 09:22 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Teacher salaries and school funding

COA Contact Us: Teacher salaries and school funding

Time: [Tue Mar 28, 2006 09:22:32] IP Address: [69.140.66.220]

Response requested:

First Name: Caroline
Last Name: Wagner
Street Address: 404 Russell Road
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-836-4569
Email Address: cswagner@mac.com
Subject: Teacher salaries and school funding

Comments:

Dear All,
We live in a beautiful and wonderfully diverse city. Diversity requires families. Families are attracted to cities with the best schools. If we want to keep families here, we need to put some effort into keeping up funding for teacher salaries. It concerns us that our teacher salaries cannot compete with Fairfax County. We need to raise teacher salaries and get and keep the best teachers here in our great city! Please make this a priority!
Caroline Wagner and Dennis McIntosh
404 Russell Road
Parents of 3 in ACPS

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<tkim@exponent.com>

03/28/2006 10:48 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: ACPS budget - teacher salary increase

COA Contact Us: ACPS budget - teacher salary increase

Time: [Tue Mar 28, 2006 10:48:04] IP Address: [63.242.166.42]

Response requested:

First Name: Tiffany
Last Name: Kim
Street Address: 623 N. West Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 571-218-8025
Email Address: tkim@exponent.com
Subject: ACPS budget - teacher salary increase
I support any initiative that will maintain and attract quality teachers for our children. Please approve school board proposed funding that increase teacher salary.
Comments:
Thank you,
Tiffany Kim

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<kellyandwill@aol.com>

03/28/2006 11:45 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: education & city budget

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Time: [Tue Mar 28, 2006 11:45:22] IP Address: [64.12.116.204]

Response requested: []

First Name: Kathleen
Last Name: Smith
Street Address: 24 E. Walnut St.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-739-0983
Email Address: kellyandwill@aol.com
Subject: education & city budget

I was very happy to hear of proposed raises for teachers. I think teaching is a very difficult and very important job and we need to pay our teachers more--especially given higher salaries available in surrounding communities.

Comments: I would rather see more money going to get and retain good teachers than have an extra 30 minutes added to the school day. What good is extra time with mediocre instructors? Better to have great teachers for the time already allotted.

Sincerely, Kathleen E. Smith
Alexandria voter, parent, PTA member

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<stellazina@starpower.net>

03/28/2006 12:04 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: ACPS teachers salaries

COA Contact Us: ACPS teachers salaries

Time: [Tue Mar 28, 2006 12:04:08] IP Address: [70.108.70.182]

Response requested:

First Name: Amy
Last Name: Beal
Street Address: 3827 Courtland Circle
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-549-0187
Email Address: stellazina@starpower.net
Subject: ACPS teachers salaries

Dear Alexandria City Officials,

Comments:

Thank you for your service and for your attention to this and other matters. I am concerned that ACPS is currently ranked 5 out of 5 in regard to teacher salaries. I am a Maury parent and I confident that my child has superior teachers and is getting an extraordinary education. You may say that is because Maury is getting extra attention right now. I don't believe this is so. I served for three years on the Del Ray education committee and was Co-Chair for one of these years so am quite familiar with the players in many of the schools. I know dozens of families and several teachers in many schools. ACPS has been on an upswing for quite a few years and if the teachers aren't compensated financially, 1) they will not be retained and 2) good new ones will not be attracted. This is merely common sense. I implore you to put this on the top of the agenda and look for immediate solutions for this important matter.

Yours truly,

Amy Beal

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<msmet1@verizon.net>

03/28/2006 12:08 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Teacher's Salaries

COA Contact Us: Teacher's Salaries

Time: [Tue Mar 28, 2006 12:08:15] IP Address: [70.108.107.85]

Response requested:

First Name: Mary
Last Name: Smet
Street Address: 904 Russell Rd.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-549-8339
Email Address: msmet1@verizon.net
Subject: Teacher's Salaries

Comments: Please vote to increase teacher's salaries. I am concerned that our teachers be paid competitive salaries and that the Alexandria schools are as good as those in the surrounding jurisdictions. With housing prices out of the reach for most teachers we must pay them enough to make the commute worthwhile. Thanks for your vote to increase teachers salaries.

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<mary@wiidc.org>

03/28/2006 01:26 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Alexandria Budget

COA Contact Us: Alexandria Budget

Time: [Tue Mar 28, 2006 13:26:21] IP Address: [66.88.203.98]

Response requested:

First Name: Mary
Last Name: Ryan
Street Address: 75 Arell Court
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703 751-8160
Email Address: mary@wiidc.org
Subject: Alexandria Budget

Dear City Council Members,

The purpose of this letter is to express my extreme displeasure concerning the Alexandria budget. The prososed increase is beyond what I can comprehend. A flat budget would be more appropriate for the city. You may want to consider ways to decrease city spending rather than increasing the spending every year.

Comments: For the third time in five years, my house assessment has increased to the point where I wonder if I can afford to stay in Alexandria. You are assessing middle class families out of their homes.

I will actively campaing against any member of City Council that votes to pass a budget that is anything more than a cost of living increase (3%).

What is hardest for me is that I am a Democrate and am very disappointed in your lack of fiscal leadership. It will be hard for me to vote for Republicans but I will if the Republicans can control the city spending.

Sincerely,

Mary Ryan



<susan.lathrop@comcast.net>

03/28/2006 04:47 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget/Teacher Salaries

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COA Contact Us: ACPS Budget/Teacher Salaries

Time: [Tue Mar 28, 2006 16:47:21] IP Address: [69.140.71.231]

Response requested:

First Name: Susan
Last Name: Lathrop
Street Address: 12 East Maple Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-836-8496
Email Address: susan.lathrop@comcast.net
Subject: ACPS Budget/Teacher Salaries

Although I have been a resident of Alexandria for 15 years, this is my first year as a parent with a child in the public school system. I find it utterly appalling that a city of our size, wealth and economic stability pays its teachers less than any of the surrounding jurisdictions. No wonder our neighbors are packing up and moving as soon as their children turn five!

Comments: I am working my level best to make my neighborhood elementary school a place where people want to send their children, but we can't do it without the right teachers and administrators. The professionals who devote their lives to educating our future leaders deserve better than sub-standard wages and benefits. I urge you to make raising teacher salaries to a competitive level in Alexandria a top priority. Anything less is shameful.

Thanks for your consideration.

Susan Lathrop

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<lchilds@acps.k12.va.us>

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Subject COA Contact Us: City Budget

COA Contact Us: City Budget

Time: [Tue Mar 28, 2006 16:50:03] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Linda
Last Name: Childs
Street Address: 6329 Chaucer View Circle
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703 824-6784
Email Address: lchilds@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: City Budget

Comments: This short e-mail is to express my thanks to the city council for giving the time that you all do, in consideration of the Alexandria budget. Additionally, as an Alexandria teacher, I would like to ask for your support of our superintendent's request for the new teacher pay scale. Every year as we in Alexandria play "catch up" in pay to the surrounding districts, we chance losing the best and the brightest teachers to these district. It must stop now! As educational stakes get higher and higher and more and more pressure is placed on the school system, let's make certain that we have the highest qualified teachers to meet the standards that the country is demanding of them.

I attended the recent budget meeting at City Hall and came away awed with the difficult decisions you have to make when deciding where to place Alexandria's limited tax money. We are fortunate to have a myriad of excellent and necessary programs in Alexandria and each of them offered worthy appeals. I appreciate and

thank you for the hard work it takes on your behalf to make these weighty decisions.

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<jennifer.lay@acps.k12.va.us>

03/28/2006 09:20 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: ACPS Superintendent's proposed budget

COA Contact Us: ACPS Superintendent's proposed budget

Time: [Tue Mar 28, 2006 21:20:49] IP Address: [68.83.209.71]

Response requested:

First Name: Jennifer
Last Name: Lay
Street Address: 1415 Woodbine Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-931-2103
Email Address: jennifer.lay@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: ACPS Superintendent's proposed budget

As an Alexandria resident, voter, property owner, and teacher, I am writing to urge you to fully support the Superintendent's proposed budget. The Superintendent has cut 1.8 million dollars from the school district in order to preserve these much needed and well deserved salary increases.

Comments: It is difficult for new teachers to afford to live and work in the city and the proposed salary schedule will help to remedy this problem. Currently, ACPS is ranked 10th when comparing the salary scales of school districts in the DC metro area. Why would first year teachers agree to work in Alexandria if they can earn more and have more opportunities for employment in a larger school district. We also need to retain veteran teachers who are leaving for higher paying teaching jobs and to purchase homes in more affordable communities.

I voted for Mayor Euille and many of the current city council member because I felt that they had the interests of the city's children at the top of their agenda. This salary increase will help to ensure the future of our students by providing them with the best possible teachers.

It is my hope that you will fully fund the current proposed budget and salary increases for the coming school year. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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<cynwebster@earthlink.net>

03/28/2006 10:04 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: teacher's salary

COA Contact Us: teacher's salary

Time: [Tue Mar 28, 2006 22:04:23] IP Address: [138.88.242.87]

Response requested:

First Name: cynthia
Last Name: webster
Street Address: 31 E Bellefonte Avenue
City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22301
Phone: 7035493501
Email Address: cynwebster@earthlink.net
Subject: teacher's salary
Comments: Please vote for full funding for teacher's salaries
(not just cola) so that the City can recruit and
keep the best teachers.

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<phearding@hotmail.com>

03/29/2006 01:57 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Please approve Rebecca Perry's budget

COA Contact Us: Please approve Rebecca Perry's budget

Time: [Wed Mar 29, 2006 13:57:27] IP Address: [143.231.249.141]

Response requested:

First Name: Peter
Last Name: Hearinging
Street Address: 14 East Howell Avenue
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-684-7131

Email Address: phearding@hotmail.com

Subject: Please approve Rebecca Perry's budget
Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

As a life-long Alexandria resident, and an ACPS alum, I hope that you will approve Rebecca Perry's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Our teachers are already underpaid when compared with Fairfax, Loudoun and other surrounding counties.

Comments:

Continuing to underpay our teachers will cause us to lose current and prospective teachers, which would have adverse affects for everyone(in terms of real estate values, etc) living in the City of Alexandria.

Alexandria teachers show up and work exceedingly hard with our kids and too often do not get the recognition they so deserve. Please compensate them accordingly.

Best Regards,
Peter Hearinging

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<melissa.casamo@acps.k12.va.us>

03/29/2006 04:06 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: school budget

COA Contact Us: school budget

Time: [Wed Mar 29, 2006 16:06:29] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Melissa
Last Name: Casamo
Street Address: 5398 Harbor Court Dr
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22315
Phone: 7033479168
Email Address: melissa.casamo@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: school budget

Comments: Fully passing the school board's budget is truly a necessity. If not, we are in danger of losing many good teachers. I have already heard about several interviewing with other districts. Not to mention, we can't afford to fall any further behind as far as available technologies and materials in our schools.
Thank you!!

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3-13-06



<natsforlife@verizon.net>

03/29/2006 10:51 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: The budget/taxes

COA Contact Us: The budget/taxes

Time: [Wed Mar 29, 2006 22:51:14] IP Address: [70.17.72.171]

Response requested:

First Name: David
Last Name: White
Street Address: 540 E. Luray Ave.
City: Alexandria
State: Va
Zip: 22301
Phone: 7035191963
Email Address: natsforlife@verizon.net
Subject: The budget/taxes

To the honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

Help! I'm drowning in tax bills and yet you and the council cannot even keep the budget to a 3% increase! In a little more than 3 years my taxes on my home have increased by more than 100% and other city taxes have been increased and yet the city continues to gobble up all my daughter's college fund.

While my family is not poor we're also certainly not rich and I guess that's the problem, you and the City council just think a bunch of rich people live in this city and you can take from the rich to give to the poor.

Comments:

Well I guess you can since you are our elected leaders but I'm just writing to say the more you continue to take from my savings and those of other middle class families in my neighborhood, the closer I and many of those families will be to leaving this city to search for a jurisdiction that allows those of us in the middle class to save their money for the children's future education!

Please spend no more, limit the increase to more than 3%!

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. White

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03/30/2006 12:47 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: School Budget

COA Contact Us: School Budget

Time: [Thu Mar 30, 2006 12:47:31] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: Roberta
Last Name: New
Street Address: 105 W. Masonic View Ave.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: (703)683-6955
Email Address: rnew@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: School Budget

Comments:

Please support the school budget. We need to continue to provide the full range of services that the community has come to expect. For example, I am a School Psychologist who works with a team of guidance counselors, social workers and the nurse to provide support for our students, families and teachers. We serve a highly diverse and needy population of students and families. I deal on a regular basis with mental health issues as well as learning issues with students and families. We have built a strong program in ACPS and need to continue to provide services as families face increasing stress. Furthermore, we need to stay competitive with surrounding jurisdictions to offer a pay scale that will continue to attract the best teachers. Thank you for all of your support in the past. I am proud to be a resident of Alexandria because of the concern you take for all of our citizens!

Roberta New

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3-13-06



<jeffs@netzero.net>

04/06/2006 08:35 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Loudon County

COA Contact Us: Loudon County

Time: [Thu Apr 06, 2006 20:35:59] IP Address: [4.249.189.145]

Response requested:

First Name: Mr. and Mrs.
Last Name: Jefferson
Street Address: King
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-789-0123
Email Address: jeffs@netzero.net
Subject: Loudon County
Comments: Loudon County is cutting its tax rate by 14 cents. Please cut Alexandria City's by 25 cents. If you need to cut the budget, slash the school budget; it's FAT!

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<ersalexandria@msn.com>

04/07/2006 12:36 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Taxes & One Area you can reduce spending

COA Contact Us: Taxes & One Area you can reduce spending

Time: [Fri Apr 07, 2006 12:36:13] IP Address: [63.242.160.144]

Response requested:

First Name: Bud
Last Name: Miller
Street Address: 214 South Henry Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: (703) 684-5312
Email Address: ersalexandria@msn.com
Subject: Taxes & One Area you can reduce spending

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members:

You're going to bill me some \$7,000 in taxes for my two bedroom townhouse!

I am joining fellow Alexandrians who are very concerned about out-of-control city spending that has led to staggeringly-high property tax bills that are devastating Alexandria families and small businesses. I urge City Council to vote on April 24, 2006 for a reasonable 3% spending increase. I will vote in the May 2nd election only for Council Members who vote for a reasonable 3% spending increase this year and Council Candidates who sign a pledge to do so next year.

One area to cut spending: Eliminate the dangerous "Safe" Haven program on Patrick Street. Sell the building in the open market: This should:

Comments:

1. Provide the City with an immediate \$1 million or so
2. Reduce or eliminate City litigation costs
3. Eliminate Building Restoration Costs of some \$1 million
4. Eliminate more than \$500,000+ in annual

operating expenses

5. Convert a non-tax paying property into one that pays City taxes

6. Increase Affordable Housing Opportunities

7. Open the door to additional taxes with its new occupants

8. Eliminate a security issue for local residents

9. Help stimulate the local economy

Respectfully,

Bud Miller

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Subject COA Contact Us: ACPS section of City Budget

COA Contact Us: ACPS section of City Budget

Time: [Mon Apr 10, 2006 08:40:14] IP Address: [69.143.42.225]

Response requested:

First Name: Elizabeth
Last Name: Sinclair
Street Address: 3901 Cameron Mills Rd.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703 549-8846
Email Address: liz.sinclair@acps.k12.va.us
Subject: ACPS section of City Budget
Good Morning,

Comments: I am an ACPS employee who lives in Alexandria. I vote at all elections. I am writing to all of you to request the ACPS budget be funded in full as submitted by the school board. I am a strong advocate of both the bachelors level and masters level pay scale. We cannot afford to lose talented and dedicated teachers to neighboring districts. Unfortunately this could become a reality if this pay scale is not approved.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Sinclair

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Subject COA Contact Us: OOW Supplemental Budget Request for FY
2007

COA Contact Us: OOW Supplemental Budget Request for FY 2007

Time: [Mon Apr 10, 2006 11:59:34] IP Address: [141.156.115.66]

Response requested:

First Name: Charniele
Last Name: Herring
Street Address: 715 North Ashton Street
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22312
Phone: W: 202-434-9122
Email Address: clherring@leftwichlaw.com
Subject: OOW Supplemental Budget Request for FY 2007

April 10, 2006

The Honorable Mayor William D. Euille
and the Alexandria City Council
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Re: Alexandria Office on Women's \$17,000
Supplemental Budget Request

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

On behalf of the Alexandria Commission for
Women ("Commission"), I am writing to request
that the City of Alexandria grant the Office on
Women's FY 2007 supplemental budget request

for \$17,000 to maintain a full time Outreach and Prevention Counselor/Crisis Counselor ("Counselor"). It is imperative that the supplemental request be granted as the loss of this position will mean that important work will either go undone or already overworked staff will be even more overburdened. Currently, the Counselor's services include the following:

- Advocate/Crisis Counselor: The Counselor serves eighteen (18) clients per month by taking crisis calls and providing court and hospital accompaniment, information and referrals, and support.
- School Presentations: The Counselor consistently works with Alexandria schools conducting presentations on sexual violence and issues that surround this topic including healthy relationships, sexual harassment, risk reduction, and self-esteem. In FY 2005 alone the Counselor gave 90 presentations in the Alexandria schools reaching 1,868 students. She also facilitated 46 "Chat Room" sessions with 291 students at Francis C. Hammond Middle School and George Washington Middle School.
- General Community Outreach: The Counselor has made twenty-nine (29) presentations to three hundred eighty-six (386) participants which include presentations on acquaintance rape, sexual assault myths and facts, sexual harassment, and personal safety at the Alexandria Health Department, Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Shelter Care, a Residential Program for the Community Services Board, Northern Virginia Community College, Marymount University, Youth Services Coordinating Committee, the National Credit Union Association, Stop Child Abuse Now, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
- Self-Defense: The Counselor provides Rape Aggression Defense Systems (RAD) classes two times per year which trains forty participants on physical techniques, awareness, and risk reduction strategies to assist women in making educated decisions about defending themselves.

Comments:

As you can see by the outline of the Counselor's duties, if this Counselor's full-time position is lost because the City fails to grant the supplemental request, either important work will go undone or already overworked staff will be even more overburdened.

Unlike many City programs and offices, the OOW and SARA program has meet the City's needs by reaching to alternative sources of funding. Currently, the SARA Program has five (5) full time employees who meet the needs of the City. However, the City has not fully funded these positions – 3.5 of these positions are funded by state and federal grants and 1.5 of these positions are funded by the City of Alexandria. Further, there has been no increase in funding to the SARA program by the City for five (5) years. Due to the loss of a Department of Health grant, half of the funding for the SARA Outreach/Prevention Counselor was lost. As a result of the diligent search of the SARA staff for alternative sources of funding, another grant has been awarded to replace some of the lost funding. However, \$17,000 is still needed. The Commission encourages the City Council to make a fiscally responsible decision and grant the supplemental request.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at work at (202) 434-9 or email: clherring@leftwichlaw.com.

Sincerely,

Charniele L. Herring

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Subject COA Contact Us: Office on Women's \$17,000 Suplmnt Budget
Req

COA Contact Us: Office on Women's \$17,000 Suplmnt Budget Req

Time: [Mon Apr 10, 2006 16:56:40] IP Address: [204.194.77.3]

Response requested:

First Name: Susan
Last Name: Ross-O'Brien
Street Address: 800 St. Stephens Rd
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-461-6870
Email Address: susan_ro@yahoo.com
Subject: Office on Women's \$17,000 Suplmnt Budget Req

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council.

I am requesting that the City of Alexandria grant the OOW's FY 2007 supplemental budget request for \$17,000 to maintain a full time Outreach and Prevention Counselor/Crisis Counselor.

Comments: The citizenry of Alexandria deserve to have the services provided by this position available to them.

The need is there; we must respond. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Susan Ross-O'Brien

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Subject COA Contact Us: budget

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Time: [Fri Apr 14, 2006 14:13:30] IP Address: [69.140.73.247]

Response requested:

First Name: LaMora
Last Name: Pogue
Street Address: 703 Little Street
City: Alexandria
State: Vrginia
Zip: 2301
Phone: 703 549-2534
Email Address: brae4zen@comcast.net
Subject: budget
To Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council:

Comments:

I am writing the Council to let all officials that I, and my neighbors, have signed the 3% makes sense petition. The status quo with unprecedented real estate tax increases for the boom in City expansion with many multi-million dollar projects is just not sustainable. By not asking City employees to pay anything toward their health insurance, you are ejecting teachers and nurses from the community. By giving them on top of that a cost of living increase you are forcing out janitors, cleaning personnel and secretaries. The new Police building will extract, which if their was money flowing easily I would be in support of, therapists, librarians, and retired on a fixed income. The new sports facility will push out small business. For each of these grand plans, it appears that the City Council is deluded in thinking that the middle class in Alexandria is just full of hidden money, and this well spring can be tapped at any measure. This is an adolescent point of view. I am payin! g \$400 more a month just for the "privilege" to live here. My salary has not increased sufficiently for me to keep up. Plus I pay separate for trash. I can barely afford my own health insurance and have been forced to buy into

a bare bones HMO. These sacrifices are becoming too great for me to bear so that others can have more and more. Therefore, I will adhere to my petition statement and will not vote for any Council member who does not apply some restraint in the budget process, as we must. Some of you I have voted for several elections in the past. Others of you just in the last election. But each of you is under my review from now on, and as a Democrat I will be stepping out of the box.

Thank you,

LaMora Pogue
braezen@comcast.net

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Subject COA Contact Us: Supplement for Budget - Office on Women

COA Contact Us: Supplement for Budget - Office on Women

Time: [Tue Apr 11, 2006 15:26:52] IP Address: [66.44.54.222]

Response requested:

First Name: Susan
Last Name: Butler
Street Address: 406 Skyhill Road
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-370-3334
Email Address: butlers2@erols.com
Subject: Supplement for Budget - Office on Women
Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper and Council
Members:

By now I know you have heard from the Chair of the Commission for Women, Charniele Herring, asking you to consider supporting a "add" of \$17,000 to complete the funding needed to support one of the full-time outreach and prevention counselor for the SARA program, and providing detailed information about the request.

I won't belabor the issue much further, except to point out two things:

1) This outreach position is already largely funded by OUTSIDE resources -- resources found by the City staff scouring fundraising possibilities. They have now found all but the \$17,000 sought. And please understand that at present, of the 5 full-time SARA positions, only 1.5 of them are funded by the City of Alexandria. So you can see that a major effort has and continues to be underway to secure outside funding, rather than expecting the City to carry the full load.

Comments: 2) This outreach position is the one that reaches into the lives of our City's young people, in the

schools and beyond. This is critical because it is here that young people learn about the problem, and if they are victims already, have the ability to find help and support...quite a common experience, we are told. And besides this kind of support, the outreach coordinator works with the kids to help them understand healthy relationships, behavioral risk reduction, and ways to increase pride and self-esteem. This is, to me, irreplaceable education that does good things every day -- and it is why I urge you to consider funding the last bit of this important position. What we do now, for this relatively modest amount of money, can and will pay important dividends to our community in the years ahead.

Thank you for your consideration of "adding" \$17,000 for this important program.

Susan Lowell Butler
Commission for Women
Friends of the Commission for Women

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Subject COA Contact Us: Cutting City Employee Health Benefits

COA Contact Us: Cutting City Employee Health Benefits

Time: [Tue Apr 18, 2006 12:52:31] IP Address: [198.204.97.2]

Response requested:

First Name: Cicely
Last Name: Woodrow
Street Address: 904 West Braddock Road
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-519-0131
Email Address: cbwoodrow@comcast.net
Subject: Cutting City Employee Health Benefits

As a very concerned, tax paying citizen, I ask, why is City Council creating disharmony and tension between two groups of City employees? If the intent is to make ACPS and General Service City employees equal, don't take something away from one group. It should be a planned, structured compensation policy that is fair to all. Yes, some ACPS employees pay for health care benefits; they also make a larger annual salary to compensate for the cost. The building resentment is astonishing.

At last night's meeting, Mark Jinks announced that the health care premium had been recalculated and a savings of \$340,000 was realized. Why didn't you immediately apply that \$340,000 to the \$500,000 savings of switching part of the health care cost onto City employees? Instead, it was proposed to give ACPS an additional \$1,000,000, because they need it. Guess what? The City needs it! Council is creating an us against them environment.

Comments: If City Council wants to save money, why doesn't it hold all Department Directors - including the ACPS Superintendent - accountable for their budgets? The waste in this government is

appalling. Drive around the city at night and non-security lights are on in many City buildings that are closed for business. I happen to know that T&ES was approached with an opportunity for an 8% fuel savings plan a couple of years ago. T&ES didn't even consider it. Inappropriate heating and cooling in buildings is another waste, as is renting inadequate space for departments and having to spend money to reconfigure whenever new staff is hired or plans are implemented. Spending millions on the lost cause of the Mirant plant is another issue. The list could go on and on. I am frustrated that we aren't economically and environmentally responsible in our own "house" first.

City Council needs to reconsider its decision to cut City employee benefits at the expense of "doing business as usual."

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Subject COA Contact Us: follow-up request for 22 april hearing

COA Contact Us: follow-up request for 22 april hearing

Time: [Wed Apr 19, 2006 12:31:48] IP Address: [141.236.60.45]

Response requested:

First Name: Glenn
Last Name: Sandlin
Street Address: 204 Jefferson St
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 301-879-1509
Email Address: Megan.Dowler@na.amedd.army.mil
Subject: follow-up request for 22 april hearing
Dear Ms. Henderson,

May I request this amendment to the email sent to you on 18 April. I registered a request to speak before the Council on April 22 in favor of an appeal of the BAR decision concerning the Hazzard proposal.

In my request for 5 minutes of time, I said that I was speaking in my own behalf. After review with the people of Jefferson Street, I understand that my remarks apply complementarily to several homes. Therefore I will be speaking for the group as well (although not the sole speaker).

Comments:

Since I am somewhat slow of speech, I would be grateful of the Council's consideration of my request for just a few minutes extra time. I promise no to be boring for 5 minutes. Also in consideration of my limited endurance, a position near the front of the queue for this case would be greatly appreciated

Glenn Sandlin
204 Jefferson St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
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Subject COA Contact Us: Taxes and elections

COA Contact Us: Taxes and elections

Time: [Wed Apr 19, 2006 15:11:44] IP Address: [69.255.212.69]

Response requested:

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Last Name: McGrew
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 9980970
Email Address: dmcgrew3358@comcast.net
Subject: Taxes and elections

This is to all Council members except Mrs. Woodson, who isn't running for re-election:

I am a registered Democrat. I vote in every election*. But I'm not sure about this election. The best you can hope for is that I DON'T vote because if I do, it'll be for whoever isn't in office. The reason: property taxes.

Here's my history. I've owned my Parkfairfax condo since 1993. In 1999 the assessed valuation bottomed out at \$61,200. This year my 1 bedroom condo is assessed at \$298,200, which is a 36% increase from 2005, which was a 28% increase from 2004, which was a 26% increase from 2003. From 2000 to 2004 I had a 177% increase. Should I continue?

I know all about the assessment being 100%, etc., but what I don't understand is how you can decrease the tax rate and think I'd be happy with something less than a 36% or a 28% or a 26% increase in my taxes.

Comments: To me, this is "found" money for the city. You don't anticipate a 36% increase and then make a budget that's 36% greater than last year, do you?

I would hope you make a budget on last year's budget with modest increases. Surely the cost of city services has not increased 36% in one year.

So why can't you reduce the tax rate to, say.....50 cents per \$100? That would mean property tax income would be about the same as last year! If you're serious.... Seems like a good idea to me.

Anyway, getting back to my original point, whatever the reason, an all Democratic Mayor and City Council has presided over an enormous increase in my taxes. I'm squeezed. Don't qualify for your tax relief program. So, I'm letting you know via the ballot box. It'll be difficult for me to vote Republican, which is why I say the best you can hope for is that I sit out the election.

*PS: I HATE the recorded phone messages. I didn't vote for Tim Kaine, Leslie Byrne or Creigh Deeds because of the phone calls. Mr. Deeds could have used my vote. I bet there were 500-600 Virginians who felt the same.....

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Subject COA Contact Us: Funds for Parker-Gray District Survey

COA Contact Us: Funds for Parker-Gray District Survey

Time: [Sun Apr 23, 2006 15:48:51] IP Address: [64.12.116.204]

Response requested:

First Name: Leslie
Last Name: Zupan
Street Address: 1309 Queen Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-548-9489
Email Address: missz@aol.com

Subject: Funds for Parker-Gray District Survey
On Monday as you consider the City's 2007 budget, I would urge you to support the amendment to add \$100,000 to P&Z's budget for the Parker-Gray and Old & Historic Districts. This money will be used to pay consultants to conduct the necessary surveys to get Parker-Gray (and parts of O&H) listed on the National Historic Registry and Virginia Landmarks lists so property owners can obtain tax credits for restoration.

Comments: This is the right thing to do for both districts, particularly Parker-Gray (where I live) which has been waiting 16 years for this recognition and has been unjustly discriminated against.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leslie Zupan

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Subject COA Contact Us: Budget

COA Contact Us: Budget

Time: [Sun Apr 23, 2006 17:36:35] IP Address: [69.143.42.82]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Danforth
Street Address: 4016 Harris Place
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-370-9454
Email Address: mdanforth2@comcast.net
Subject: Budget

Thank you for reducing the amount of the reduction in the school's requested budget to what seems to be \$.7. That will mean we must cut our approved budget by a total of \$1.1 M (your \$.7M and the \$.4M extra in VRS costs- that amount might be smaller)

This is my last school budget as a School Board member. I am proud of the way our city has supported education over the past ten years. We have been able to provide the low class sizes, the supervisory personnel who evaluate and improve teachers' performance (administrators), the instructional materials, and the competitive teacher salaries that enable our children to succeed even with the impact of poverty and English as a second language. We have been able to improve the physical condition of our schools to a substantial degree. The middle class families that fled from our schools when the city starved the schools for funding during the 1980s are finally returning in real numbers not just percentages to the public schools.

Even though enrollment is falling there are many reasons why school funding should not fall at the same time. One is the way benefits such as

Comments:

health insurance consume such a large part of increases. Two is the fact that to remain competitive for excellent teachers, we must continue to meet the salaries set by Loudoun County. The main and last reason that we must continue to support adequate education budgets is that No Child Left Behind is demanding not only that we teach every child, but that every child must learn on grade level. Over 80% of children can probably learn with the normal amount of teacher time, but the remainder of the children will take extra instruction, counseling, and family support. If you want to have a failing school system rather than the shining star that Alexandria could be, please go ahead and balance city budgets in the future on the backs of our children. Realize that in areas that truly care about high quality education such as Northern New Jersey and the New York suburbs, the per student cost is \$22,000.

Please look at ways to increase the commercial real estate portion of the budget and other sources of taxes such as restaurants, retail sales, etc. We are going to have to grow ourselves out of the financial situation that we find ourselves in. If real estate values flatten out, clearly further spending reductions will be necessary in the future without growth in the tax base. Where will you find those reductions when you run out of cash capital projects to postpone?

Again, thank you for finding additional funds for the schools in this tight budget.

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Subject COA Contact Us: proposed 2007 budget

COA Contact Us: proposed 2007 budget

Time: [Fri Apr 21, 2006 19:33:49] IP Address: [4.249.186.84]

Response requested:

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City: alexandria
State: virginia
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703 838.1610
Email Address: aberdeen@peoplepc.com
Subject: proposed 2007 budget

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council:

Comments:

Councilman Andrew Macdonald has proposed adding \$100,000 to the FY 2007 budget to complete a new preservation survey for both the Old and Historic District and the Parker-Gray District. As chair of the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission, I support this expenditure as being important to the historic community. The recent extension of the Old and Historic District has served to highlight the need to have accurate and up-to-date information in order to preserve our historic structures and streetscapes. We are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Old and Historic District, and with the upcoming visit of Mayor Riley of Charleston, the City is focusing on the importance of our heritage for our cultural as well as for our economic benefit.

Thank you for your support of the maintenance of our historic buildings and for your support of our diverse historic districts.



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04/21/2006 03:27 PM

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Subject Re: My Letter to the Editor "A proposal" published 04/20/06

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Dear Sir,

I want to thank you for publishing my letter regarding our increasing tax burden and my suggestion on one method to cut the swollen Alexandria Budget. I truly appreciate your newspaper's obvious commitment to ensuring that all sides of these, and other, controversial issues are reported so Alexandrians can make their own objective decisions.

Since I sent the letter to the Mayor, Council and your newspaper, I have received a number of well written, thoughtful communications from Mary Riley of the CSB. While it is unlikely that we will agree on the wisdom of the Safe Haven Project as proposed or the heavy handed process in which it was imposed on the neighborhood, I believe Ms. Riley, who has access to substantial informational resources, should have the opportunity to provide you with her thoughts on the financial costs of the project.

From her communications, it is apparent that some of the funds used from the project come from Federal Sources. Of course, given the very limited number of individuals that may participate in this project and the limited availability of these funds, the question of whether or not these same funds could be more efficiently utilized to help more of our citizens can be reasonably raised. Regardless of our difference of opinions, I respect Ms. Riley's commitment and dedication to the less fortunate.

Despite the ugly events on both sides that have ensued during the debate on the Safe Haven, which apparently included censorship, questionable processes, busing in individuals from other areas to "hiss" and intimidate neighbors during a public hearing, and even allegations of a physical assault, I continue to believe that civilized people can, and should, have vigorous debates on these issues.

Finally, I would note my great disappointment in our elected officials who have generally dodged this and other issues of late. Indeed, as of this date, I have yet to receive a single response from one of Member of Council. How Sad. The Just Don't Get It.

Sincerely,

Bud Miller

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04/21/2006 09:50 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: City Budget-Planning Department Funding for Waterfront Plan

COA Contact Us: City Budget-Planning Department Funding for Waterfront Plan

Time: [Fri Apr 21, 2006 09:50:08] IP Address: [70.18.254.118]

Response requested:

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Subject: City Budget-Planning Department Funding for Waterfront Plan

Dear Mayor Eulle and Council Members,

On behalf of the Alexandria Waterfront Committee, I urge you to fund the Planning and Zoning Department at a level that will allow the Department to undertake an updated plan for Alexandria's waterfront as soon as possible.

Comments: At its last meeting, the Committee expressed concerns that the plan has already been delayed once, and that any further delays will be detrimental to coherent planning efforts. The waterfront plays a key role in Alexandria's heritage, recreation and tourism, and the City should proceed expeditiously to update its waterfront plan.

Sincerely,
Susan Pettey

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Subject COA Contact Us: Real Estate Taxes

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Time: [Thu Apr 20, 2006 12:58:13] IP Address: [149.101.1.119]

Response requested:

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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703/299-3792
Email Address: Kathy.Kahoe@USDOJ.GOV
Subject: Real Estate Taxes

Comments: I am writing to protest the huge increases in property taxes in the City of Alexandria. I moved to a townhouse in North Old Town in 1995. My taxes have increased almost 150% since then. My taxes are going up \$2,000 from 2005 to 2006. I am a government employee, and my salary has not risen nearly that much. Pretty soon I will have to sell my home and move from Old Town due to these taxes. I am outraged, and my neighbors are too. Don't tell us this is due to property value increases - the Alexandria City Counsel has increased its budget, without regard to need - just because you had the money to spend. This is unfair to the citizens of this City. Fiscal responsibility doesn't mean "spend all you've got." My streets are no better, my police presence is no better. Your budget is so obscure as to prevent the average citizen from telling where his tax dollars are being spent.

I will be going to the polls on May 2, and speaking with the only voice I have.

Kathleen M. Kahoe



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04/19/2006 03:11 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Taxes and elections

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COA Contact Us: Taxes and elections

Time: [Wed Apr 19, 2006 15:11:44] IP Address: [69.255.212.69]

Response requested:

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Last Name: McGrew
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 9980970
Email Address: dmcgrew3358@comcast.net
Subject: Taxes and elections

This is to all Council members except Mrs. Woodson, who isn't running for re-election:

I am a registered Democrat. I vote in every election*. But I'm not sure about this election. The best you can hope for is that I DON'T vote because if I do, it'll be for whoever isn't in office. The reason: property taxes.

Here's my history. I've owned my Parkfairfax condo since 1993. In 1999 the assessed valuation bottomed out at \$61,200. This year my 1 bedroom condo is assessed at \$298,200, which is a 36% increase from 2005, which was a 28% increase from 2004, which was a 26% increase from 2003. From 2000 to 2004 I had a 177% increase. Should I continue?

I know all about the assessment being 100%, etc., but what I don't understand is how you can decrease the tax rate and think I'd be happy with something less than a 36% or a 28% or a 26% increase in my taxes.

Comments:

To me, this is "found" money for the city. You don't anticipate a 36% increase and then make a budget that's 36% greater than last year, do you?

I would hope you make a budget on last year's budget with modest increases. Surely the cost of city services has not increased 36% in one year.

So why can't you reduce the tax rate to, say.....50 cents per \$100? That would mean property tax income would be about the same as last year! If you're serious.... Seems like a good idea to me.

Anyway, getting back to my original point, whatever the reason, an all Democratic Mayor and City Council has presided over an enormous increase in my taxes. I'm squeezed. Don't qualify for your tax relief program. So, I'm letting you know via the ballot box. It'll be difficult for me to vote Republican, which is why I say the best you can hope for is that I sit out the election.

*PS: I HATE the recorded phone messages. I didn't vote for Tim Kaine, Leslie Byrne or Creigh Deeds because of the phone calls. Mr. Deeds could have used my vote. I bet there were 500-600 Virginians who felt the same.....



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Subject COA Contact Us: Please support our schools

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COA Contact Us: Please support our schools

Time: [Wed Apr 19, 2006 14:04:28] IP Address: [70.108.46.64]

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State: VA
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Subject: Please support our schools

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper and members of the council:

I'm a city resident, taxpayer, homeowner and parent of two elementary-school-age children. I'm writing to ask you to fully fund the school board's requested budget.

Comments:

I understand the concerns that many residents have about rising property tax burdens, and we should work to provide tax relief to older homeowners who may have difficulty staying in their homes because of the high tax bills. But in this transient area, it's important to keep in mind that strong public schools help attract new residents to the community and in turn help to keep property values rising. Good schools are good for everyone, whether they have children in the system or not. As a parent, I personally favor paying somewhat higher property taxes to keep our schools strong over writing a private-school tuition check every month.

Much of the increase in the school's budget is going toward higher starting salaries for teachers. I'm sure that you understand how important it is to attract and retain the best and brightest to keep

Alexandria schools strong.
This will prove to be next to impossible if we don't offer salaries that are competitive with neighboring jurisdictions where housing costs are much lower.

Thank you for your time.

Melynda Wilcox

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04/24/2006 03:08 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: 2007 Budget: Fully Fund Schools!

COA Contact Us: 2007 Budget: Fully Fund Schools!

Time: [Mon Apr 24, 2006 15:08:27] IP Address: [65.222.167.193]

Response requested:

First Name: Dan
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City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22305
Phone: 7039196436
Email Address: pattarini@verizon.net
Subject: 2007 Budget: Fully Fund Schools!
Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council,

I do hope that among the citizen voices that you are hearing regarding the city's budget for FY07 are those of us who believe that the city is going in the right direction and do not see the need to arbitrarily reduce the budget to fit an exact level of spending e.g. 3%, 5%, 6%, etc. Please don't get me wrong, I believe that the city has a solemn obligation to its most needy citizens. I believe that as mayor and members of city council you should do your utmost to make certain that no one is forced from their home due to rising real estate taxes. That being said, it does seem to me that those that are most often in front of you arguing the case for "3 percent compromises" or the even more cleverly worded "3 % makes sense" budget solutions are most interested in pursuing a minority political agenda in city in which the majority of residents believe that effective government, no matter how big, can do an incredible amount of good.

I'm a bit disturbed by a recent statement of the Mayor because it does seem to me that you are

starting to subscribe to the agenda of the 3% crowd. From the Alexandria Times:

"I don't think there is anyone up here who doesn't support paying our teachers competitive salaries," said Mayor William D. Euille. "However, it is our responsibility to look at the big picture and balance the needs of all of our citizens with fiscal responsibility."

Mr. Mayor, I'd like to give you an example of why your support for full funding for Alexandria Schools shouldn't waver. My daughter Grace, a kindergartener at Cora Kelly, recently began explaining the differences between wants and needs to anyone and everyone who would listen to her. My neighbor couldn't believe that Grace was able to articulate some of the essential concepts of economic theory at age 6. I must say that it impressed my wife and I as well. Where did Grace learn of needs and wants? Alexandria Public Schools. I would imagine that in the next couple of years Grace would be able to analyze all of the economic facts available and conclude that citizens such as Mr. Lou Cordia of Alexandria for a 3% Compromise does not NEED taxes reduced on his 2.8 million dollar residence, but rather he WANTS those taxes reduced. I can also imagine that the same could be said for the majority of citizens that sign his petition.

Comments:

There is nothing fiscally irresponsible about asking those in our society who have more, to do more. You as leaders of this community do this all the time. You give of your own wealth and time for many worthy causes throughout our wonderful City and in doing so, you often ask Alexandria's most privileged citizens to follow your example.

I challenge you to continue leading our city in the same manner. Craft a budget that addresses the true needs of those Alexandrians on fixed incomes. Don't push them out of the city. Continue to pursue smart growth initiatives that have developers giving up some of what they want (profit) to start some of our most deserving citizens (teachers, firefighters, police officers, etc.) on the path to home ownership. Permanently lower the energy bills thereby lowering the cost of living in Alexandria for citizens on fixed incomes by adopting initiatives to increase the energy efficiency of condos and homes. And above all, please reject those that will label an appeal such as mine as some type of "class warfare." It is only the most callously wealthy that will use that term to describe attempts by societies to ensure

fairness and equity for all by asking those with the most to do more.

Mr. Mayor and Council Members, thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts. I recently contacted you on this issue and I want to thank those of you who responded to me. I very much appreciate the fact that you take the time to consider citizen input. I will close with expressing the hope that you understand that many of the Alexandrians that will most benefit from your decisions, especially students and teachers, don't have quite the same amount of time to be able to express their opinions to you. Please take this into consideration as you measure the voices and arguments that you have heard in this budget process.

Most cordially yours,

Dan Pattarini- 2917 Mosby St.

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Subject COA Contact Us: 3000 Mount Vernon Alley

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Time: [Mon Apr 24, 2006 15:14:23] IP Address: [134.152.135.151]

Response requested:

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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-863-1369
Email Address: jstarcher@hotmail.com
Subject: 3000 Mount Vernon Alley

Dear Mr. Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members;

The time has come for approval of the final add/delete list. I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance for the repairs to the drainage system and repaving to the alley in the 3000 block of Mount Vernon Avenue.

This community does not live in a flood zone and are unable to make claims due to water and flood damage to our homes; all expenses for repairs are paid for out of our own pocket. I / we understand that this is part of being a homeowner but these are expenses that we should not have to incur because of poor drainage around our homes.

Since I last spoke at the public budget meeting held this past March, three homes have already had to do additional repairs. For instance, my home flooded again, I had to go to City Hall, acquire a work permit, and have a waterproofing company repair damage to my basement. They were able to determine that there was so much water under my home that it had found a way to force itself through my basement floor. The water

pressure was so high that it forced heavy duty ceramic tile to pop up off of the floor. Two other homes are in the process of working with other waterproofing companies to have there homes further repaired. This was an additional \$5000.00 expense that we should not have had to have done.

Comments:

I would also like to make note to a recent memo that you received from Mr. Jim Hartmann; Budget Memo #131. "This project will correct drainage and deterioration problems in the alley behind the 3000 block of Mount Vernon Avenue. The Department of Transportation and Environmental Services estimates that design will cost \$100,000, consistent with the amount that was discussed at the work session.

Deferring the \$250,000 construction portion of the budget to FY 2008 will have minimal impact on project completion. It was originally anticipated that design could have been completed over the winter of 2007, with construction starting in the spring. A phased approach to the budget (\$100,000 budgeted in FY 2006 and \$250,000 budgeted in FY 2007) will have an impact of only a few months, with construction starting in the summer of 2007."

The repairs that are needed in this alley will greatly improve the quality of our homes as well as the quality of life that we, as residents of Warwick Village, have come to love so much.

I hope that you will give great consideration to Mr. Hartmann's memo and provide the much needed assistance that the Warwick Village and Mount Vernon Avenue residents desperately need.

Thank you for your time and your consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,
John Starcher
3000 Mount Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22305
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Warwick Village Secretary

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Subject COA Contact Us: Warwick Village Alley Improvement Funding

COA Contact Us: Warwick Village Alley Improvement Funding

Time: [Mon Apr 24, 2006 18:36:29] IP Address: [69.140.80.152]

Response requested:

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Zip: 22305
Phone: (703) 549-2727
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Subject: Warwick Village Alley Improvement Funding

Good evening,
I know you are heading into your Add/Delete meeting and burdened with many requests. Please take a moment to reconsider our needs in Warwick Village.

Warwick Village Citizens Association learned today that over the weekend there was a change in the decision to fund the design and planning for rehabilitating the drainage in the alley behind the 3000 block of Mt. Vernon Avenue. As of last Friday we understood that there was \$100,000 allotted to the planning and design phase of the project. This funding would allow T&ES to begin the project in fiscal 2007.

Comments: I strongly encourage you to keep that funding in the budget. This is a serious need for the people who live along the alley.

Over too many years Warwick Village's infrastructure did not get the attention it needed and it has caught up with us. Please fund T&ES to begin the work this fiscal year, the homeowners on Mt. Vernon need your help.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Andy Duncan
Warwick Village Citizens Association
President
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Subject COA Contact Us: Alexandrians need our tax rate dropped to 71

COA Contact Us: Alexandrians need our tax rate dropped to 71

Time: [Mon Apr 24, 2006 16:21:49] IP Address: [4.249.189.244]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Taylor
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 7031111111
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Subject: Alexandrians need our tax rate dropped to 71
Arlington County has reduced its tax rate to 81.8 cents. Alexandrians need our rate dropped to 71 cents not the onerous 84 cents proposed by the
Comments: City Manager.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Proposed Salaries for ACPS Teachers

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Time: [Fri Mar 31, 2006 11:03:44] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

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State: VA
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Subject: Proposed Salaries for ACPS Teachers
To Whom it May Concern,

Comments:

I am a sixth grade mathematics teacher at George Washington Middle School. I have worked and lived here in Alexandria now for five years and I would love to stay here in the future. I have eleven years of teaching experience and I am currently working on my master's degree in curriculum and instruction. I am educated and I work hard, yet my salary keeps me living paycheck to paycheck. I would very much like to purchase a home in Alexandria and continue living and teaching here. As a math teacher, I know that buying a home on my salary in this area is an improbable dream, and that is truly unfortunate. I am asking that you please accept the proposed salary increases for educators in this city so we do not have to leave the area to find a more affordable community. I think it is paramount that our society place a greater value on education and the people who dedicate their time to our children.

Thank you for your time,

Susan Staloch

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Subject COA Contact Us: City Budget Impact on City Employees

COA Contact Us: City Budget Impact on City Employees

Time: [Fri Mar 31, 2006 11:29:28] IP Address: [198.204.97.2]

Response requested:

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State: VA
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Subject: City Budget Impact on City Employees

As you, the Mayor and City Council, work on the City's FY07 Budget, please consider the impact of some of the suggested reductions that directly impact us, the City's employees. Presently there is a request to reduce the budget by another 1% or \$5 million. Apparently, a prime item up for consideration in acheiving this budget reduction is increasing the share City employees pay for their heath-care benefits.

Statistically, the City's current compensation rates for City civil service positions is considerably lower than those in comparable neighboring jurisdictions. Adding cost of health-care will effectively reduce city employee pay to the point of putting the City at or near the very bottom of the compensation curve for the region. This has a far-reaching impact on the City's ability to attract and retain qualified individuals for City employment in an already tight regional job market.

From a purely personal standpoint, I, as a City resident and City employee, soon will likely have to make the difficult choice of finding another job. My current salary stands at about half what someone who does what I do would make in the

Comments:

private sector. Between the massive increases in City property taxes and my low rate of pay, I am very close to becoming unable to afford to live in my home. I am fortunate to live and work within a few blocks of the home of my two parents who are elderly and in ill health, Selling my home of 20 years and moving out of the City is not an option at this time, leaving me with the unpleasant and time-consuming task of finding more gainful employment. I love working for the City where I have lived most of my life, but I cannot justify putting myself in tight financial straits by remaining in an under-compensated position. Department heads who are required to live within the City of Alexandria likely are facing a very similar dilemma: keep the job or keep the home.

The School Board's budget proposal includes almost \$7 million, a 6% pay increase which includes pay incentives to attract and keep teachers with bachelor's and master's degrees. I am not begrudging the teachers their due. However, City Council needs to know that city employees cannot ignore ACPS employees raises while we get very little. General Salary employees are again slated to be cast aside to accommodate others.

It would be in the best interests of City residents for the City Council to do what it can to catch its employees' salaries up to the rest of the region. To that end, I respectfully suggest the following:

- * Keep the 3% COLA that was promised in the City Manager's proposal
- * Do not increase the staff share paid for Health Benefits until our salaries are where they should be. In general, our salaries are at least 5% (some considerably more) under our "benchmark" pay ranges in the metro region.
- * Increase the General Pay Scale for Civilian Employees.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dara A. Schumaier

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Subject COA Contact Us: superintendent's proposed budget

COA Contact Us: superintendent's proposed budget

Time: [Sun Apr 02, 2006 22:23:38] IP Address: [64.12.116.200]

Response requested:

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Email Address: myrddinjim@aol.com
Subject: superintendent's proposed budget

Dear City Council,

Comments: I would like to encourage you to support the Educators of Alexandria by voting for the increase in salaries. The people I work with are dedicated educators who care for the children of Alexandria.

Sincerely,
Nancy F. Boxall
Minnie Howard
World Civilization

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Subject COA Contact Us: FY07 Budget

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Time: [Sun Apr 02, 2006 22:52:52] IP Address: [68.55.39.165]

Response requested:

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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-684-1630
Email Address: davissoto131@yahoo.com
Subject: FY07 Budget

I am writing to express my concern regarding the city's FY07 Budget proposal. In particular, the request to reduce the budget by another 1% or \$5 million. One of the suggestions that was made in order to achieve this goal is to increase the share that city employee's would pay towards their health-care benefits.

The city's current pay scale for city employees is considerably lower than our surrounding jurisdictions. Adding the cost of health-care will considerably lower employee's pay which would put city employee's at or near the bottom of the compensation curve for the region. This would cause valuable city employee's to have to seek employment elsewhere.

I not only work for the city but I also live in the city. It is very difficult making ends meet as it is. The cost of everything is increasing at a rapid rate but our salaries are not keeping up with the increases. Just the cost of heating and cooling our homes is outrageous. The cost of fuel for our vehicles is outrageous and continues to climb.

Comments: The assessment on our home has gone up considerably which will cause our taxes to increase. This will cause our mortgage to increase. It is getting harder to afford our home. Asking the employees to pay towards their health

care will only cause a greater burden. The co-pay for medications has already gone up. From a personal view, my husband is insulin dependent diabetic as well as having high blood pressure. Just the cost of his medication with insurance is close to \$200 per month. That doesn't count my medication for asthma and allergies monthly. I am asking that you reconsider the suggestion to increase the share of city employee's pay for their health-care benefits. Also, please consider what city council is able to do to increase employee's salary in order to compare with the rest of the region. I would personally like to continue to live and work in the city. Also, please consider keeping the 3% COLA that was promised in the city manager's proposal. Please do not increase the employee's share paid for health insurance. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Davis-Soto

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Subject COA Contact Us: School System Budget

COA Contact Us: School System Budget

Time: [Mon Apr 03, 2006 22:54:09] IP Address: [68.48.142.86]

Response requested:

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Subject: School System Budget
Mayor Euille, Vice-Mayor Pepper and Council Members,

I'm E-Mailing you tonight to ask for your approval for the School Systems Budget.

We need to be more competitive with the surrounding school systems or we risk the loss of many families that make Alexandria the best city in Virginia.

Our school system has the shortest day, teacher's pay is too low and employees in the school system do not have the same benefits as regular city employees. Why the differences? All city employees should have the same benefits.

We need to increase the school day to ensure each student and teacher enough time to focus on academics. Our school system has the shortest day at 6 hours and 15 minutes, but other surrounding school systems have at least 30 minute longer days. If we want our children to be competitive, then we must give them every opportunity, which I believe the additional 20 mins can make the difference.

Comments:

We need to increase the teacher salary increases for both Bachelor and Master Degrees to remain competitive with the surrounding school systems. New and experience teachers cannot afford to live and teach in the city of Alexandria. This is very sad, since most pass through one, if not two school districts to come to work in our school system. We have very dedicated teachers, but if you do not approve the salary increases in the budget, then our school system will be ranked 5 out of 5 in the neighboring school systems for salaries. If we do not pay our current/future teachers well, we will lose them and Alexandria Public schools will decline.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Respectfully,

Tonya Kelly
Resident since 1992
Mother of two current and one future Maury
Elementary School Student
& Strong Supportor of Public Schools

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Subject COA Contact Us: School Board Budget

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Time: [Tue Apr 04, 2006 15:17:30] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

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Subject: School Board Budget

Comments:

Please fund the proposed budget for ACPS employees. It is my understanding that the proposed budget came in under the amount you had originally requested. I truly can't understand why you would choose to treat employees who work so closely with the future of this community in such a manner. Don't the teachers and other school employees deserve to have benefits in line with that of other city employees? Those of us that are entrusted with the children of Alexandria 6-8 hours a day should have the compensation on par with the importance of the job we are entrusted to do. The more experienced staff may be unhappily trapped into staying in Alexandria (moral is in rapid downward spiral) but by not offering better benefits and salary, younger people feel no allegiance or loyalty to such a system and are looking out for themselves and bettering their personal situation by going to other jurisdictions. Can you blame them? Please reconsider... treat the teachers in a manner they deserve Treat ACPS the way you want, expect and depend on us to treat your children. Should we receive any less?

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Subject: Proposed salary scale for teachers
Dear City Council,

I am writing this email to encourage you to pass the proposed salary scale for teachers including the salary increase on the masters and masters +30 scale.

I came from out of state to Alexandria City Public Schools this year. I have 13 years previous experience in special education with a masters +60. That experience consists of being a classroom teacher, a special education coordinator, a behavioral consultant for the state office of education, as well as adjunct faculty for two universities and a community college. Last year, at this time I interviewed with several school districts in the area and was offered all positions that I interviewed for. A school district in this area offered me several thousand dollars more than this school system. I chose this school system over that one because I really liked the director that I interviewed with and I felt that my philosophy of education meshed well with the special education department. I felt that the benefit of being in this school system was worth the salary difference. However, as I have experienced the realities of the cost of living in

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this area, I have had cause to reconsider my decision. I was very excited to see that an increase in the masters scale was being considered so that it would be more in line with what I would make at the other school district. I would like to stay here, but the reality is I have to go where I am offered more money to make it possible to continue to live here.

I truly hope that you consider increasing the pay scale for all teachers to stay competitive with surrounding districts.

Sincerely,

Cherlyn Jenkins

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Subject: School Budget Proposal
To Whom It May Concern,

Comments: I understand that you have a budget hearing tomorrow to consider the proposed school budget that was submitted by the superintendent. I am a school employee and am in full support of the budget proposed by the superintendent. I hope that you will consider, support, and pass Ms. Perry's budget that supports our teachers.

Thank you,
Janelle Lee