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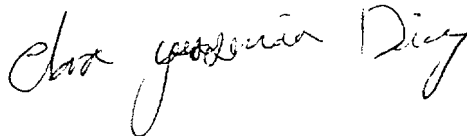
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135 W Reed Pk  
Alexandria VA 22305

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Rubén J. Díaz

601 Four Mile X J AP # 434

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Virginia 22305

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233 Westmond Dr  
Alexandria VA 22305

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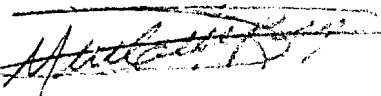
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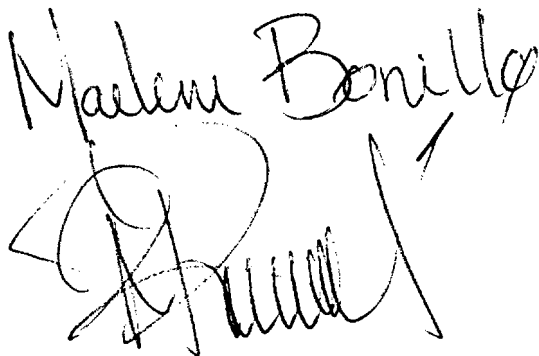
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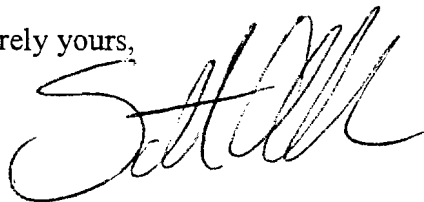
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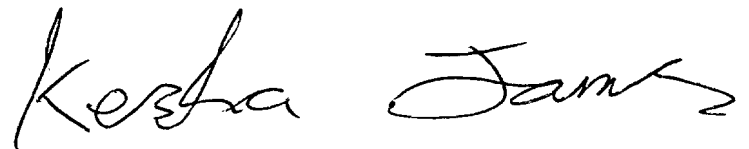
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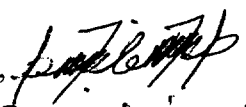
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4-8-08

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We need funding for our wonder full CFNC preschool

because

we need Health programs for  
our children

we need good teacher for the  
school. we need more English so we can  
help: our families our children learn how to  
read and write in English

we cannot pay for preschool

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Thank you.

ABC

4/8/08

Dear City Council members,

We need funding for our Wonderful CFNC preschool

because

I need to learn English because it's very  
important for better job and opportunities.

I want to communicate with my  
children

We need funding for maintaining  
CFNC is important for all children.

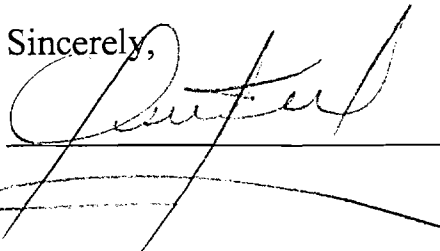
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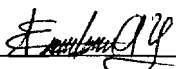
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4-08-08

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because

we need more english for our children

and for the program english for the adults.

we need to help our children

our children learn to get ready for kindergarten

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our children learn how to read and write.

english, we need the district to help

because the parents here don't

have good english for the children.

The United States need good english.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Juan Martinez

DATE 08-04-08

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because

- learning english is important for everybody
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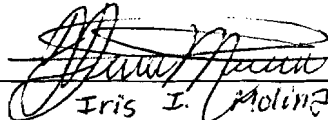
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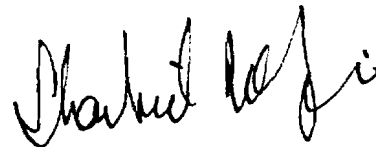
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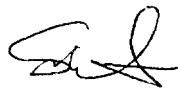
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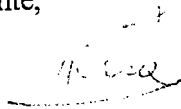
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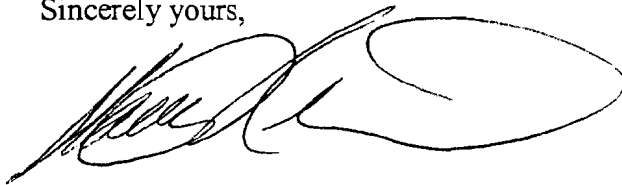
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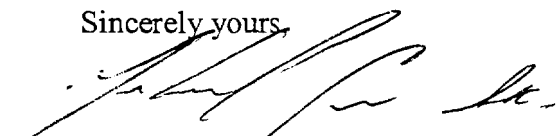
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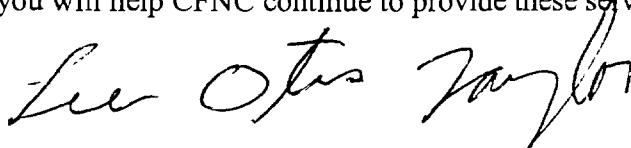
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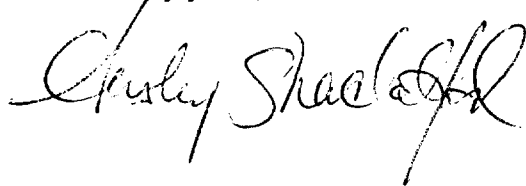
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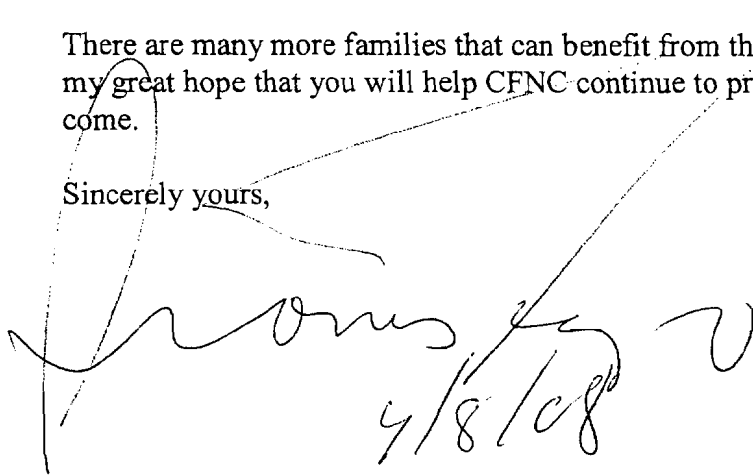
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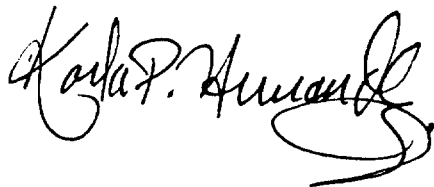
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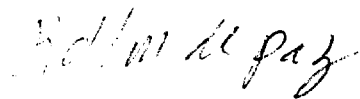
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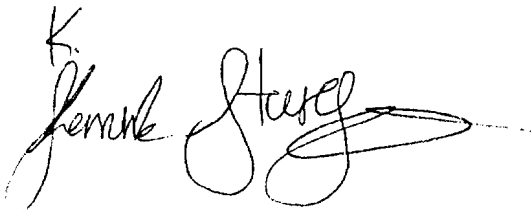
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U-9-08

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because

We need health programs for our children

We need more English so we can help our families

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our children learn how to read and write better

We need people to help us since we have

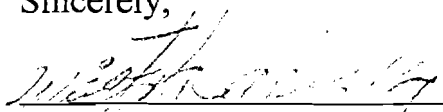
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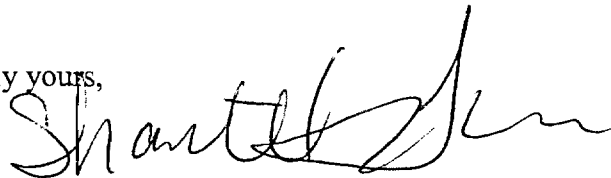
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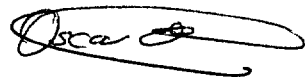
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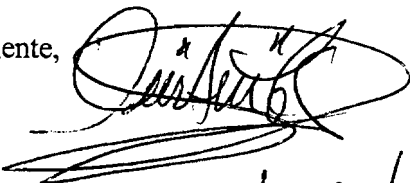
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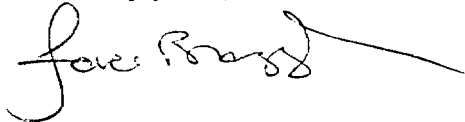
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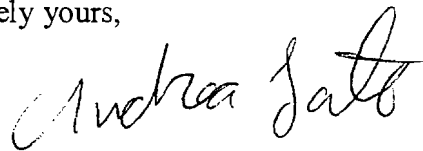
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04-08-08

Dear City Council members,

We need funding for our Winnipeg CFNC preschool

because

WE NEED MORE KID  
WE NEED MORE PROGRAMS FOR THE KID  
THEY NEED TO GET READY FOR SCHOOL  
WE NEED MORE TEACHER FOR THE KID  
SO CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH TO READ AND  
LEARN TO ENGLISH WE NEED MORE  
TEACHERS WE NEED MORE  
TEACHERS FOR THE KID

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sharon Stone

4-8-07

Dear City Council members,

We need funding for our Wonderful CFNC preschool

because

we need more ENGLISH so can help our families

we need good teachers for our

children to be ready for kinder

we need good teacher for school

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S: [unclear]

April 8 2008

Dear City Council members,

We need funding for our wonderful CFNC preschool

because

We need funding for CFNC preschool because is a  
program very important for the physical and mental  
of our children.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Solma Cruz

04/08/08

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because

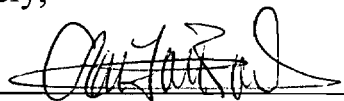
Learning english is important for  
everybody we are in America and  
we need english for our jobs and for  
our families.

We want to read books to our children  
We want to help our children with their  
home work. We want to communicate with  
the people at our jobs and at the school  
of our children.

We cannot pay for preschool.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



4/8/2008

Dear City Council members,

We need funding for our amazing ~~CFNC~~ CFNC preschool

because

because we need more English  
we need health programs for our children  
our children learn to get ready for kinder garde  
we need good teachers for the school  
our children learn to play with toys  
our children learn how to read and write English  
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Dear City Council members,

We need funding for our Wardens CFNC preschool

because

we parents need  
for help to our children when they go  
to school  
they need a safe place to  
the most important are the children  
because they grow up there  
each day  
they need the necessary for a safe place  
we need funding for preschool

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. P. P. P.

4/9/08

Dear City Council members,

We need funding for our good CFNC preschool

because

we need help for our children  
because is very important for their  
education they need more resources  
for learning like:

The education of all children is  
very important because the city  
we need funding for the children  
and all programs what they have -

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marcela Santos

4.8.2008

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We need funding for our \_\_\_\_\_ CFNC preschool

because

We need funding for the education  
of all children is important.  
in America English is now in a  
can better job with education  
helping to work with all children  
we need to support the teachers  
if we need funding for our  
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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because

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to communicate with our  
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aducation of our children.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Timothy

04/08/2009

Dear City Council members,

We need funding for our wonderful CFNC preschool

because

We need improve our Engl's  
"So" we can get a better future  
for our whole family. I'm sure  
that god is a powerful and  
He'll bless to you in reward of  
your help to our community  
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education to get a better future

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Sierra Aguirre  
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Ana Sierra Aguirre

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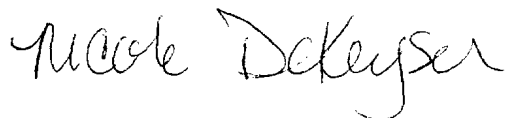
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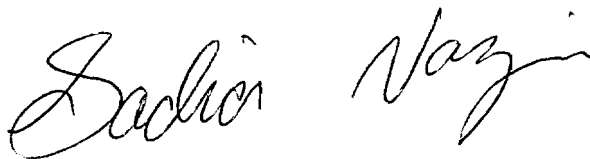
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*H. Kamara*



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bcc

Subject Comments on the Proposed FY 2009 Operating Budget and CIP

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

Attached please find comments that the Board of Directors of Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc. ("BSVCA") respectfully submits for your consideration in deliberating on the City Manager's proposed annual operating for FY 2009 ("FY 2009 Budget") and the proposed Capital Improvement Program for FY 2009-2014 ("CIP"). As discussed in the attached letter, we urge that the Council defer the funding of proposed feasibility studies for a new Metro station at Potomac Yards, which are slated to receive \$2.5 million under the proposed FY 2009 budget and a total of \$15 million under the proposed CIP, and that the Council instead use that money to restore funding for capital improvements for the City's public schools, including James K. Polk Elementary School and Patrick Henry Elementary School.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We respectfully request that this e-mail and the attached document be included in the record relating to this proceeding, and accordingly, we are including the City Clerk as a "cc" recipient on this e-mail. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 672-5341 or at (703) 618-6640.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey M. Goodale

President

Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc.

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BSVCA Comments of FY 2009 Budget.pdf

**BROOKVILLE-SEMINARY VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
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April 14, 2008

Mayor William D. Euille and Members of City Council  
City Hall  
301 King Street  
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Re: Comments on the Proposed Operating Budget for FY 2009 and the CIP for FY 2009-2014

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

The Board of Directors of Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc. ("BSVCA") respectfully submits these comments to the City Council (the "Council") for its consideration in deliberating on the City Manager's proposed annual operating for FY 2009 ("FY 2009 Budget") and the proposed Capital Improvement Program for FY 2009-2014 ("CIP"). As discussed below, we urge that the Council defer funding of proposed feasibility studies for a new Metro station at Potomac Yards, which are slated to receive \$2.5 million under the proposed FY 2009 budget and a total of \$15 million under the proposed CIP, and that the Council instead use that money to restore funding for capital improvements for the City's public schools, including James K. Polk Elementary School ("Polk Elementary School").

The BSVCA is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote the best interests of Alexandrians with a particular focus on those living in the West End. Individuals from several hundred households in the Brookville-Seminary Valley area are included among the BSVCA's members. We also are fortunate to have two public schools located within our boundaries: Patrick Henry Elementary School and Polk Elementary School.

In fact, it is because of massive proposed cuts in funding for capital improvements for these two schools that we are submitting comments to the Council. Polk Elementary is slated to lose nearly \$1 million in capital improvements in FY 2009 and a staggering \$4.5 million in FY 2010. Patrick Henry Elementary School also is slated to lose \$755,000 in capital improvements in FY 2011.

The cuts to capital improvement funding would be especially devastating for Polk Elementary School. While there is some funding under the proposed FY 2009 Budget to commence work on replacing the school's HVAC and for an architectural study for a new gym for the school, requested FY 2009 funding to commence work on the new gym has been cut. Even more shockingly, under the proposed CIP, Polk would receive no funding at all in FY 2010, including that necessary to complete the HVAC replacement and the gym addition.

Replacement of Polk Elementary School's HVAC system is critical, because it is the original system that was built in 1965. It continues to have many problems that require extensive ongoing maintenance.

Polk Elementary School also desperately needs a new gym. Currently, the school's gym serves double duty as a "multipurpose" room. In addition to being used for physical education ("PE") classes, the gym is used for numerous non-PE functions, including: City voting; assemblies; band practice, after-school care, picture day, and many other events. All of these other activities require the school's

very flexible PE teacher to come up with lesson plans that the children can do outside of the gym. On warm days, she can and does take the children outside, but the walk to appropriate space can take up to 5-6 minutes each way. A 30-minute PE class is quickly reduced to 18-20 minutes – far below the recommended guidelines. When it is cold or rainy, she must move to a classroom which is clearly inadequate space to accomplish the Physical Education goals for our children. The vast majority of other ACPS schools have multiple gyms or recreation centers and do not face this situation.

For the reasons discussed above, we are very concerned that Polk Elementary School is slated to lose nearly \$1 million in capital improvements in FY 2009 and a \$4.5 million in FY 2010. We find it especially troubling in view of the fact that Polk Elementary School is a vibrant and growing one. Currently, the school has approximately 460 students, which is 50 more than had been projected last year. We expect that the school's size will continue to grow in the coming years.

We recognize that these are tight fiscal times. However, we feel that it would be possible for the City to reallocate some of its budgeting priorities so that funding for capital improvements for schools could be restored.

For example, we believe that it would be appropriate for the City to defer funding of proposed feasibility studies for a new Metro station at Potomac Yards. We learned of this proposed funding at a meeting that the BSVCA held on April 9, at which several City officials spoke, including Vice Mayor Pepper, Jim Hartmann, Bruce Johnson, and Claire Eberwein. We were quite surprised to learn that the City has allocated \$15 million for such studies under the proposed CIP, including \$2.5 million under the proposed FY 2009 budget, especially in view of the fact that Mr. Johnson stated that it typically costs \$150 million to build a new Metro station, and that massive funding would be needed from the federal government and the state government in order for a new Metro station to be built at Potomac Yards. In our view, which we believe is shared by many people (including numerous City officials), it is unrealistic to think that any federal and state government funding for a new Metro station at Potomac Yards will be forthcoming in the foreseeable future, especially given the difficulties that have been experienced in trying to get such funding for a new Metro station near Dulles.

Accordingly, we urge the Council to defer funding of proposed feasibility studies for a possible new Metro station at Potomac Yards, and we request that the Council instead use that money to restore funding for capital improvements for the City's public schools, including Polk Elementary School. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (703) 618-6640 or by e-mail at [geoff.goodale@bsvca.net](mailto:geoff.goodale@bsvca.net).

Respectfully submitted,



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**Subject:** School Budget Hearing

Dear Honorable Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Members of City Council,

Thank you

for considering an allocation of \$500,000 to the Children's Fund in the  
2008 School Budget. I am a teacher at the Child and Family Network Centers

(CFNC), which provides pre-school education to four to five year olds. I

believe that the better prepared children are when they enter regular

school the better they will perform the rest of their school years. I

therefore write to urge you to include these dollars in this year's budget

and especially to request that you provide guidance to earmark a preference

for four to five year olds.

The dollars CFNC receives will enable the school to maintain the high quality pre-school education we now provide and prevent us from having to reduce the number of children we serve. This is especially important now as we are being threatened with cutbacks from other sources. The children we serve are not only under-privileged, but many of them are Spanish speakers. The English they learn in our classrooms gives them a tremendous step up when they move into Kindergarten and a positive start on their way to becoming productive members of the community. The parents that we recruit and train as teachers and the classes in social skills that we offer all parents are also a plus to the community.

**Comments:**

I am very gratified by the more than eleven years I have had the privilege of serving as a teacher at CFNC, where I began as an assistant teacher and advanced to become a Site Manager. I have enjoyed very much mentoring many parent teachers and have enjoyed seeing their growth and enhanced value to their families and to society. Above all, I have cherished the opportunity of offering my many students affection, love and security, of helping them to regulate their own behavior, to provide them with learning skills and to instill in them a love, of themselves, of life and of learning.

Again, I ask you to support funding for these children and the special guidance for the four to five year old group.

Yours truly,

Blanca Medina



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**Subject:** Senior Taxi and Aging Services Consultant

As you may know, I am a member of the Alexandria Commission on Aging in my ninth year of service. As you consider the City Budget package, I urge your strong support for consulting services to the department of Aging & Adult Services to assist in the development of a strategic human needs assessment, and also for expanded senior taxi services. These

**Comments:** represent critical investments to help us understand and meet the needs of a diverse and growing senior population in our city.

Cordially,

Scott

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City Council Statement 4-15-2008.pdf

Ms. Henderson,

I was unable to stay past 7 p.m. yesterday and therefore was unable to speak at the Budget hearing.

I have written out my comments and was wondering if you be so kind as to forward them to the Mayor and Council.

Thanks

Gary

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## **OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN RUNNING TRACKS**

Statement to the City of Alexandria Mayor and City Council

By Gary J. Carr

Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

I rise again to express my support for the restoration of the running tracks at George Washington and Hammond Middle Schools, and the construction of a championship level 8-lane running track somewhere within the City limits.

The City of Alexandria is at a critical point in terms of the challenge in addressing a community-wide need for running facilities. The imminent reconstruction of the track at T.C. Williams High School and the new Fields at Potomac Yards presents an unprecedented opportunity. These dual challenges and opportunities-the pressing unmet need for running tracks in the city and the impending construction projects- creates somewhat of a "perfect storm". That it happens in a tight budget season should not prevent us from acting.

A confluence of events has occurred that will allow Alexandria to be transformed from a running backwater, to one of the most progressive running communities in the country. The challenge is it is occurring during a time of tight fiscal budgets. Yet, we must seize this opportunity. It will never occur again.

By leveraging the resources currently set to be expended to restore the track at our only high school, and the resources required for the fields at Potomac Yards, we could create a runners mecca within one year. How could this be accomplished?

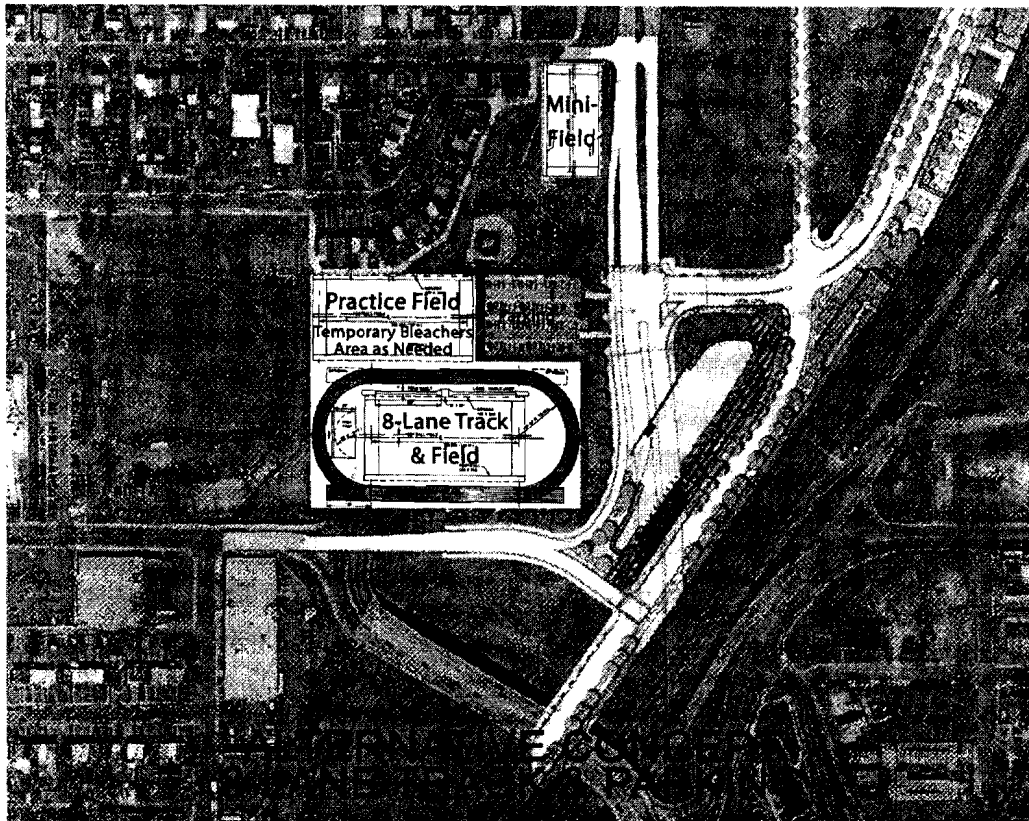
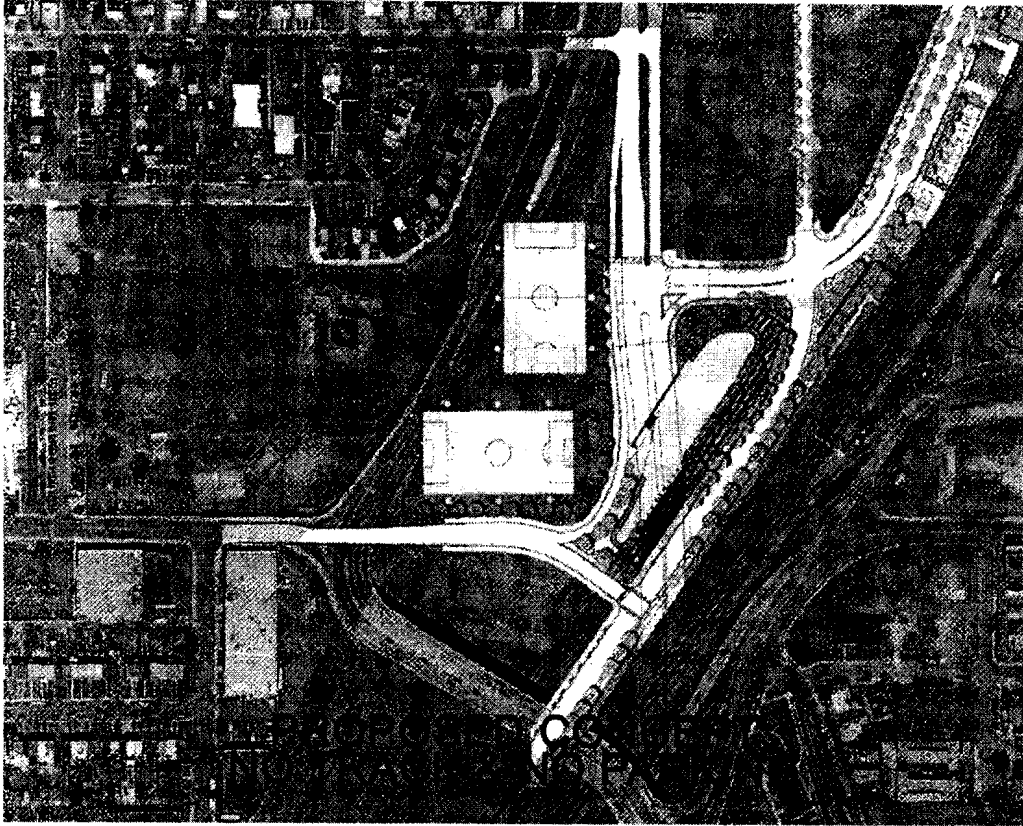
First, get a bid from the contractor as to how much funds would be required to complete running tracks already identified by city staff at our middle schools and Minnie Howard Ninth Grade Center. Then get an estimate of the cost if the construction was done at the same time as the T.C. Williams track. It will almost certainly be significantly less expensive if they were done concurrently. Given that most track surfaces are petroleum based, and the current escalation of oil prices, it will also never be cheaper. This calculation should be made no matter how you choose to proceed.

Second, reevaluate the current proposal for the Fields at Potomac Yards. In many ways the current plan lacks imagination and is a poor use of such a valuable property. Attached is an alternative plan that fully exploits the potential of the site. It includes an 8-lane championship track and field, an adjacent practice field, and a reorientation of the mini-baseball field to keep the evening sun out of the batters eyes. Also included is a small junior soccer field and parking. The practice field on the north side could be used for the installation of temporary bleachers, similar to those used at golf tournaments, so the site could host regional and state competitions. An all-season playing surface and lighting is already projected for the site, making it a truly "All City" and "All Sports" complex, especially when you include the facilities of the nearby YMCA. This is a creative use of the site that benefits all segments of the populace, not just a gifted few. Again, this is a once in a generation opportunity that will never be repeated.

As I frequently express the need for a 8-lane "championship" track, compared to a 6-lane "standard" track, it should be briefly commented on here. For major competitions in track and field, 8-lane facilities are *always* used, despite what you might hear to the contrary. There is nothing inherently better, they are simply more efficient in accommodating a large number of participants. However, whether or not we ever host a major event here, our children need the opportunity to practice and train on a facility that they will, with absolute certainty, encounter when they reach the next level. 8-lanes may not give them a competitive edge, but it will also not put them at a disadvantage. The goal of providing the highest quality of facilities for our children dictates the 8-lane option if at all possible. It will also have a greater range of year-round community uses.

If we add this track at Potomac Yard Fields, with the others at our middle and high schools, we will have created in one fell swoop, the most comprehensive and enduring edifices to health and fitness in the entire United States. It will be a legacy that we can all be proud, for, *if you build it, they will run!*

# AN ALTERNATIVE AT POTOMAC YARD FIELDS BY GARY CARR





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**Subject:** Funding for SBDC

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper and Council Members,

Just a quick

note to express my support for the Small Business Development Center. I recently attended two seminars that they sponsored on marketing and merchandising which were extremely helpful and worthwhile. We small business owners have to be our own marketers, accountants, sales people, managers, plumbers, ...everything. Very few of us have any training in most of those fields, so educational programs, like those sponsored by the SBDC, can help us pick up some of the basic skills that we're lacking and are very, very useful.

Interesting fact about the value of small

**Comments:** businesses to the local economy: "Each dollar spent in a locally owned business circulates between five and 15 times; that means you are creating a \$5 to \$15 value for the community. In contrast, 80 percent of each dollar spent in chain stores leaves the city." (Quoted from a Close to Home

commentary published in the Post on March 16th:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/03/14/AR2008031403199.html?sub=AR>).

Thanks and good luck with the budget. I know you  
have a very tough job this year!

Maria Wasowski  
A Show of Hands  
Del

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**Subject:** FY 09 budget and CFNC

I am writing to request you include adequate funding in the FY 09' budget to allow organizations like CFNC to fill the gap in our community's preschool initiatives.

The many Income-eligible families that are not able to meet the eligibility guidelines for either Head Start or the Fee Subsidy Program can be referred to CFNC. However, this can only work if there are additional dollars available to help cover the costs of our program.

CFNC has steadily worked to fill the educational gaps in the city over past five years, but over the same fiscal period, CFNC has not received a corresponding increase in the level of funding from the Alexandria Children's Fund. Unfortunately, CFNC has reached a point where financial burdens are mounting. Without additional support from the city, CFNC will have to cut back on the number of children we serve.

**Comments:** CFNC has

the vision, leadership, proven program outcomes and the opportunity to create lasting change in the lives of even more 3- and 4-year-old children living in poverty in Alexandria. However, the best package of comprehensive services in the world will not help one child succeed if CFNC does not have enough funding to sustain our efforts.

A wonderful new facility like TC can only work when the children it serves have the basic foundation and skills needed to get there. CFNC provides this for your most at risk constituents. Let's spend the right dollars today to avoid the exponentially larger costs down the road if we fail to do so now.

Thank you for efforts here and on behalf of all the citizens for

Alexandria.  
Peter Gartlan  
CFNC Board Member



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Subject COA Contact Us: 2009 Budget -- Senior Citizen Request

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**Subject:** 2009 Budget -- Senior Citizen Request

A substantial increase in senior citizen residents is projected for Alexandria over the coming years.

Though the budget is tight, we urge

Council to make provisions in the 2009 budget for two vital actions:

1.

staffing (part time?) of a task force to refine those projections and to

develop a plan for meeting the service and shelter needs of citizens

who'll need some assistance in the coming years. The plan should also look

at how our seniors could be further engaged in helping our community.

**Comments:** Seniors can give as well as receive. Increasingly, seniors are population

that fill needed volunteer jobs whether they be tutoring youth, assisting

with food programs for the homeless and elderly, or volunteering at the

hospital.



2. Also, please consider the requested "anywhere"  
needed taxi service.

Seniors are a key component of our cherished  
diversity.

Nancy Carson and Jim Hoben  
Housing Action



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Subject COA Contact Us: Saving the City Money

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As you prioritize City programs and activities to meet fiscal resources, I propose substantial reductions in the traffic calming program. See  
**Comments:** attached letter.  
Thank you for your consideration,  
Brian O'Connell  
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Brian O'Connell  
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April 12, 2008

Dear Council Members:

I write with a proposal that would **save money** for the City and improve traffic safety. It is time to terminate the "traffic calming" experiment, or the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (NTCP) as it has moved into bureaucratic stasis, and allow the streets to serve the purposes they were designed for.

With only spotty coverage in the region's primary newspaper, the *Washington Post*, and limited readership of the several Alexandria newspapers, I have the sense that all this traffic calming came into being without widespread public discussion or support. It all seemed to start a few years ago with those annoying "speed tables" on Russell Road. Those obstacles function in the same fashion as airport security screening: everyone must endure the inconvenience whether or not they are drivers of vehicles who would otherwise exceed the posted speed limit were it not for the 100 percent requirement that all drivers must pass over. The implied message is, "since we can't trust any of you to stay within posted speed limits, we will make it so that none of you *can* exceed the limits."

City elected officials in the past have referred to Alexandria as a "pass-through" city that is subjected to drivers from adjoining jurisdictions who transect Alexandria on a repetitive basis and constitute the great bulk of our traffic. Thus, it is somehow fair game to take measures to make such use by the outsiders unappealing. No doubt, the same attitude is seen in neighborhoods that are subjected to "cut-through" traffic. I live off of West Braddock Road and always wonder where all those cars come from. No doubt, there are "outsiders" passing through, but aren't we all using those streets, too?

The FY 2009 Budget proposes to spend \$344,089 for Traffic Calming, up from \$313,738 in FY 2007. Accounting for inflation, that looks like level funding. But, is it not the nature of the traffic calming projects, that with a fixed street network doesn't there come a point where we have achieved traffic calming saturation? Is it somebody's goal to calm all traffic one way or another? I have not delved into the costs of the various projects, but are there cost-benefit analyses done for them?

In addition to those devilish speed tables, I have identified some particularly dubious traffic calming installations in the attached table. They suggest to me that we have spent taxpayers' dollars on projects that do have the effect of slowing down traffic, but also present, in my view, some negative results as well, including increased public safety risk. In case of one installation on Braddock Road, I believe it is unsafe and should be removed immediately.

I hope you will reconsider whether the Traffic Calming is providing a needed service to the City. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*/s/*  
Brian O'Connell

Copy to: City Manager

## Traffic Calming Applications of Questionable Value

If a cost-benefit analysis had been done on these projects before they were built, it is assumed that the benefits expected might have been “improved safety.” The cost is easier to determine, of course. Now that enough of these installations are in place, it would be interesting, although determinative, to know whether there has been any reduction in accidents in the locations involved. It would seem difficult to conclude that the calming was a factor in “accidents/injuries” that did not occur.

Here are four examples of traffic calming installations that may have a negative effect on safety:

### 1. Monticello Boulevard at Russell Road

This is an example of installing bump-outs to allow the theorized pedestrians wanting to cross busy Russell Road a total of maybe ten feet more sidewalk and a corresponding less amount of roadway. I suppose that is good for pedestrians, but the downside of it is cars turning from Russell have to make a sharper turn, especially if there is a vehicle on Monticello waiting to enter Russell. One also wonders what the cost/benefit of the little “islands” along Russell toward Arlandria that are planted in grasses.

### 2. Valley Drive at Gunston Road

Anyone riding the AT-4 DASH bus toward the Pentagon has seen how the drivers have to negotiate a series of roadway narrowings and recontoured traffic circles. You should take that bus and experience for yourself whether the bus has to drive up on to the sidewalk. With the high-density housing in the area, this is an instance where there seems to be a lot of pedestrians, dog-walkers, etc. But, do the traffic calming devices really help provide benefits to justify the expense?

### 3. Braddock Road at Timber Branch Parkway

This is a clear case of the cure being worse than the initial “problem.” Some time ago, it was decided that what Braddock Road near Timber Branch needed a longitudinal raised section of concrete—a sort of, but not-quite curb—in the eastbound direction. When first installed it had a orange, spring-back pylon, but that was either damaged repeatedly or stolen and has long since been removed. In 2005 I wrote to the Director of Transportation and Engineering Services complaining about this particular installation. I believe it to be unsafe and that it **should be removed**. Have you ever driven eastbound by this section at night in the rain with the lights of oncoming vehicles reflected from the slick roadway? Is that the point at which someone unfamiliar with this odd “calming” feature should encounter an unexpected chunk of concrete? Worse still, try it when it is snowing and the device is even less visible.

#### 4. Janney's Lane at Taylor Run Parkway

This one is almost comical. As though undecided whether this installation should be permanent, there is some curbing extended into the Janney's Lane roadway. The oddity is that this is a bus stop. This means that bus-riders must step over the curbing to board the bus, which stops the traffic behind it when it picks up passengers. Shouldn't the ideal bus stop be a wider section of road instead of narrower? Since the curbing seems temporary, it should not cost much to remove it.

Glancing through the traffic calming information on the City's website there is an indication that the Fire Department reviews all proposed calming projects. Looking at some of the sharp turns these installations require, that seems hard to believe. I have seen City school buses having difficulty negotiating some of these sharp turns.



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Joblessness is up. Gas is towards \$3.50/gallon. Foreclosures at a record

high. Small business are leaving Old Town in droves. And our fair city

council wants to...

Raise taxes??

Now is the time for fiscal

conservatism and tax relief - when the economy is at such a nadir. You

should have been socking funds away each year - not spending recklessly.

Now, because of your poor planning and irresponsible budgeting, you

**Comments:**

expect us citizens to bail you out from your dismal fiscal management?

Shame on you all.

This is what we get for having a one party system.

100% Democrat rule. 0% checks and balances. Being an elected official is

not a game of monopoly. Alexandria deserves better.

Regards,

The

Stull Family





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Subject COA Contact Us: Early Childhood Funding

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**Subject:** Early Childhood Funding

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

I wish I could make these

comments in person at your Monday budget hearing, but teaching obligations at the University of Maryland prevent me from doing that.

First, I trust

that the budget will include sufficient money for Child Day Care Fee Subsidy that every family and child eligible for the subsidy will indeed receive it, forestalling the distressing situation of a long wait list.

Second, as you are aware, there is a large number of at-risk children that are not eligible for the subsidy, mostly the poorest of the poor. I urge you to include in the budget funding for

(a) Assuming

the City's fair share (which I would put at 50%) of the cost of present preschool classrooms serving these children. This would put the finances

of the organizations providing this public service on a sounder footing and ensure that these services will continue to be available to the children who desperately need them.

**Comments:**

(b) Opening additional classrooms to serve, if not all, at least a large percentage of the children in this group. In particular, it is vital that the two classrooms in the Charles Houston Recreation Center be reopened when the Center opens again and then be funded into the future.

In the spirit of full disclosure I should mention that 2009 will mark my 25th year as treasurer of the Child and Family Network Centers (formerly the Alexandria Community Network Preschool) whose position in providing high quality preschool education and related comprehensive services to almost 200 children - a vital public service - would be strengthened by such funding.

What we do not pay now for early childhood education we will pay manifold later in terms of special education, crime, and lost economic opportunity due to lack of an educated work force.

Sincerely,

Dagobert Soergel

PETITION TO SUPPORT FREE PRESCHOOL FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN ALEXANDRIA

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2	Ansley	Shackelford	302 Cloverway	Ansley Shackelford	4/9/08
3	HYam	Abdelhameid	4600 Duke Street	<del>HYam</del>	4/9/08
4	LENISE	VOGEL	305 S. PAINES ST. 22314	Lenise Vogel	4/9/08
5	Bianca	Cygan	14133 Station CT	Bianca Cygan	4/9/08
6	Iris	Molina	3809 Executive Ave #1122	Iris Molina	04/09/08
7	Alicia	Villatoro	601 Four Mile Rd Apt 113	Alicia Villatoro	04/09/08
8	Alba	Rivas	3911 Bruce St #1	Alba Rivas	04/09/08
9	Lydia	Bates	14324 Madrigal Dr.	Lydia Bates	04/09/08
10	Marina	Castro	5424 Jolian St Springfield	Marina Castro	4-9-08
11	Lenora	Parker	3508 Park Ct	Lenora Parker	9 April
12	Sonia	Gonzalez	6308 Indian Run Pkwy	Sonia Gonzalez	4/9/08
13	Morena	Parada	3201 Landover St #101	Morena Parada	4-9-08
14	Maria	Lara	3921 Elbert Ave #302	Maria Lara	4/9/08
15	Tonya A	Johnson	1522 Princess St	Tonya Johnson	4/9/08
16	Tiffannie	Carey	6104 Edsall Rd. #202	Tiffannie Carey	4/9/08
17	Manah	Cruz	2608 Popkins L.A Alex Va	Manah Cruz	4/9/08
18	Ana	Hernandez	718N Concord Ct Sterling VA	Ana Hernandez	4/9/08
19	Dama	Bain	3304 Landover St. Alex	Dama L. Bain	4/9/08
20	Dora	Ortiz	3914A Bruce St	Dora Ortiz	4/9/08
21	Yosonia	Reynos	402 Four mile	Yosonia Reynolds	4-9-08
22	Sadia	Nazir	4550 Seminary Rd.	Sadia Nazir	4-9-08
23	Lee	Jackson	3701-A Mawtlenon Ave	Lee Jackson	4/9/08
24	Kate	Lynn	2960 S Columbus St #25	Kate Lynn	4/10/08
25	Sara	Winters	11700 Reed. Ln.	Sara Winters	4/10/08

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2	Doris	...	301 ...	Doris ...	
3	Ruth	Diaz	601 Four Miles NW DC 20010	Ruth Diaz	04-9-08
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7	Fredys	Armando		Fredys Armando	4-01-08
8	Tanyar			Tanyar ...	4-09-08
9	Tanyar	Carraza	104 E Reed Ave No VA	Tanyar Carraza	4-9-08
10	Nicole	DeKoyser	449 N Armistead Apt	Nicole DeKoyser	4-8-08
11	Jose	Santos	Cortillo	Jose Santos	4-9
12	Isata	Kabby	5375 Duke St Apt 916	Isata Kabby	4/9
13	Carica	Boquedeno	5051 Derby Ct Apt 21	Carica Boquedeno	4/9
14	Wahar	Chowdhry	5428 Acorn Ave, Apt 52	Wahar Chowdhry	4/9
15	Brandy	Smith	4281 Duke St Apt C3	Brandy Smith	4/9
16	Hestie	Whiteside	3602 Edison St #3 Alex VA 22305	Hestie Whiteside	4/9
17	Gloria	Lewis	3743 Mark Dr. Alex	Gloria Lewis	4/9
18	Miguel	Lopez	3743 Mark Dr. Alex	Miguel Lopez	4/9
19	Claudia	Castro	1505 Colchester Rd	Claudia G. Castro	4/9
20	David	Castro	" "	David Castro	4/9
21	Eric	Boven	3574 13th St NW DC 20010	Eric Boven	4/9
22	Miriam	Soto	157 Dale St Alexandria	Miriam Soto	4/9
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3	kesha	James	Alexandria Va 22314	<i>Kesha James</i>	4/9/08
4	LARRY	JONES	112 Reed St	<i>Larry Jones</i>	4/9/08
5	Stacey	Zen	2020 E. Randolph Ave.	<i>Stacey Zen</i>	4-9-08
6	Rebecca	Whitely	20 Kennedy	<i>Rebecca Whitely</i>	4/9/08
7	Michael	Nolasco	2945 Sycamore St	<i>Michael Nolasco</i>	4/9/08
8	Michael	Carroll	3008 Manning St Alex VA 22305	<i>Michael Carroll</i>	4-9-08
9	Dixon	Ortiz	102 E. Mason Ave A1 Alexandria VA 22301	<i>Dixon Ortiz</i>	4-9-08
10	Gloria	Zamora	102 E. Mason Ave A1 Alex VA 22301	<i>Gloria Zamora</i>	4-9-08
11	Ann	Villatoro	45 Kennedy St VA 22305	<i>Ann Villatoro</i>	4-9-08
12	Oscar	Ortiz	231 Tennessee Ave, VA 22305 Alexandria	<i>Oscar Ortiz</i>	4-9-08
13	Aida	Melaku	4315 Columbus St #313 VA 22314 Alexandria	<i>Aida Melaku</i>	4-10-08
14	Bandra	Lopez	45 Kennedy St Alexandria	<i>Bandra Lopez</i>	4-10-08
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16	Scott	Allan	4901 Seming Rd #1150	<i>Scott Allan</i>	4/14/08
17	Darwin	Calix	106 East Mason Ave #209	<i>Darwin Calix</i>	4/14/08
18	June	Suazo	288 S Whiting St #62	<i>June Suazo</i>	4/14/08
19	Claudia	Ramirez	3916 A Bruce St 201	<i>Claudia Ramirez</i>	4/14/08
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2	Enzo	Flores	924 MONROE RD # 201 ALEXANDRIA VA 22305		4/9/08
3	Kris	Alonzo	7809 23rd AVE. HOTTVILLE 22793		4/11/08
4	Mario	Webb	708 MUNCY RD LANDOVER, MD 20785		4/9/08
5	Nicole	Dubois	2223 PRINCESS ANNE LN. SUDBURY VA 22191		4/9/08
6	Xavier	Campbell	5428 DEAL DR OXON HILL MD 20745		4/9/08
7	Whitney	Russell	13842 JEFFERSON PARK DR #12108 HERNDON, VA 20171		4/9/08
8	Courtney	Golden	2807 NORTH GIEBERD BOX #371 ARLINGTON, VA 22207		4/9/08
9	Raeyann	Smith	936 N QUESADA ST. ARLINGTON VA 22205		4/9/08
10	Ronette	Moton	839 Xenia St SE WASH. D.C. 20032		4/9/08
11	Vivian	Wilson	4300 CIA ST NW WASHINGTON, DC 20019		4/9/08
12	Carolyn	Blackford	4955 G ST #3 WASHINGTON DC 20014		4/9/08
13	Edwin	Zepeda	2317 N. 46th St. Arlington VA 22201 Apt 202		4/9/08
14	Michael	Williams	1026 S. Highland Street		4/9/08
15	Alan	Arriaga	2201 N. EARLY ST.		4/9/08
16	Carlos	Espinosa	3723 MARK DR. ALEX.		4/10/08
17	Erin	Osler	AUG Alexandria VA 22304		4/10/08
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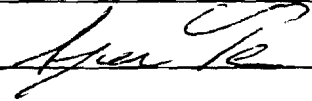
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4	Martha	Carbado		Martha Carbado	4/9/08
5	Muribel	Jimenez	3807 executive Dr	Muribel J	4/9/08
6	Arlene	Lemus	208 SOUTH JENKINS ST. ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304	Arlene Lemus	4/9/08
7	Pilar	Diaz		Pilar yessenia Diaz	4/9/08
8	Modesta	GONZALEZ	5431 Sheffield Ct #50	ful	04-10-08
9	Joyce	Rawling	327 Westmond Drive 22305	Joyce D. Rawling	4/10/08
10	KATSER	BITUYAN	5445 N MORGAN ST. #203	Bituyan	4/10/08
11	Ordia	Vusket	3860 Florence DR Apt 2	<del>Ordia Vusket</del>	4/10/08
12	Maria	Gonzalez	3814 Florence Dr apt #1	<del>Maria Gonzalez</del>	4/10/08
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1	ANA TAMM	109 1/2 EAST / ALEXVA APT 22305		4/9/00
2	Consuelo Hevero			
3	Rosmar Beena			
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1	Barbara	Davenport	3317 Alabama Ave, Alex	B. Davenport	4/8/08
2	Karen	Taylor	3438 Martha Custis Dr	Kc e 7/2	4/8/08
3	Kate	Walters	8 East Mason Ave.	K. Walters	4/8/08
4	Diane	French	412 Underhill Pl. Alex.	Diane H French	4/8/08
5	Stephen	French	412 Underhill Pl Alex	Stephen A. French	4/8/08
6	Jose	Lopez	1400 So Ends st.	Jose Lopez	4/10/08
7	Leopoldo	Gonzalez		Leopoldo Gonzalez	4/10/08
8	ROXANA	CASTELLANOS	3816 OLD DOMINION BLV.	Roxana Castellanos	4/10/08
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5	Ana	Pérez			
6	Rosibel	Abular			
7	Cina	Maritime			
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Subject COA Contact Us: Budget for Youth Services

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**Email Address:** cherringlaw@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Budget for Youth Services

Attached is a letter submitted on behalf of the Youth Policy Commission.

**Comments:** Thank you.

**Attachment:** 358b743a52a26187e6d4a60a552e3376.doc



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April 8, 2008

Honorable William D. Euille and City Council  
Alexandria City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

***Re: Fiscal Year ("FY") 2009 Proposed Budget***

Dear Mayor and City Council:

The Youth Policy Commission ("Commission") has reviewed the City Manager's proposed budget for FY 2009. The Commission respectfully requests that you support the City Manager's efforts to maintain support for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (for the Youth, Children's and Community Partnership funds) at least at its current funding levels through. We request that you support the funding allocated for the child care fee system in the Manager's alternative budget.

During these fiscally challenging times, The Commission also thanks the City Manager for maintaining funds for youth services at current levels. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charniele Herring  
Heather Martin  
Alison DeCoursey  
John Chapman



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Subject COA Contact Us: Children's Fund in Budget

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**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703 548 4107  
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**Subject:** Children's Fund in Budget

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Please add my voice to those at the

April 14 hearing to ensure that \$500,000 is added to the budget to support the Children's Fund. I have volunteered at the Child and Family Network preschool on Mt. Vernon Avenue for over a year and witnessed first hand the incredible benefits of pre-school education to those who can least afford it in this city.

Whatever the council can do to continue to financially support preschools in Alexandria should be a top priority.

**Comments:** This year the Network preschool was forced to actually cut children from the program due to lack of sufficient funding.

City support of very high quality preschool programs like Network can repay our tax dollars many times over by helping young children make the first steps towards responsible citizenship, not just in our city, but in our state and nation.

Thank you for your continuing budget support of this valuable and necessary resource in our city.

Sincerely, Dr. Dennis Hardy



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Subject COA Contact Us: Property Taxes

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**Last Name:** Halla

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6101 Edsall Rd, #

**Street Address:** 1502  
5911 Edsall Rd, # 411  
5340 Holmes Run Pkwy, # 1609

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703-927-6970

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

**Subject:** Property Taxes

Hikes in Property Taxes will cause Property Values to fall further. Hikes in taxes will also cause a rise in delinquencies and your own set of

**Comments:** foreclosure issues. Controlling costs and reductions in spending for the next 5 years is the best solution to the tax budget problem.

David Halla





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Subject COA Contact Us: property tax hike

**Time: [Wed Apr 09, 2008 21:54:18] IP Address: [68.84.6.193]**

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**Last Name:** Abendschein

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** 703-931-3093

**Email Address:** bfa629@gmail.com

**Subject:** property tax hike

Please do not raise property taxes in Alexandria. The place is becoming too

expensive for middle class people to live here. It is never wise to drive

the middle class out of your town. Please think it over and find another

**Comments:**

way to balance the budget.

Sincerely,

Barbara Abendschein



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Subject COA Contact Us: 2009 Budget Hearing

**Time: [Wed Apr 09, 2008 00:06:49] IP Address: [68.55.177.95]**

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**Phone:** 571-221-5729  
**Email Address:** shauntae79@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** 2009 Budget Hearing  
Patrick Henry Recreation Center was on the budget for renovations and then  
**Comments:** removed with no foreseen date of when it will be added back on and the  
center renovated.  
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Fax: 703.838.6433

Dear Mayor and City Council,

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I am hoping to gain your support in voting to have the Patrick Henry Recreation Center reinstated to the 2009 Budget for renovations and expansion.

Thank you for your time and I appreciate any help you can provide with this matter.

Sincerely,

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**DJ Nordquist**  
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04/08/2008 05:53 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: tax hikes now?!?! NO

**Time: [Tue Apr 08, 2008 17:53:15] IP Address: [170.97.67.91]**

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**Subject:** tax hikes now?!?! NO

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

This is absurd. When the economy

is down, joblessness is up, gas is \$3.50/gallon, it is precisely NOT the time to increase taxes...and by increasing property taxes, you are punishing the very homeowners and taxpayers who played by the rules and are forcing us to make up for the loss of revenues on the foreclosed properties by people who got in over their heads. And punishing small businesses also makes them less competitive...and they eventually force those increased costs back onto their customers. So that is extremely regressive.

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**Comments:** needs to be a plan for rainy day funds when the coffers are high, or the budget needs to be cut elsewhere. That's how the rest of us do it.

Even the city manager, according to today's Washington Post, proposed a \$534.8 million budget with no tax-rate increase, maintaining it at 83 cents

for each \$100 of assessed value. So why would the elected officials propose to raise the tax rate by as much as 3 cents?!? I urge you to NOT raise my taxes and stick to the City Manager's budget.

Thank you,

DJ

Nordquist

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Subject COA Contact Us: taxes

Time: [Tue Apr 08, 2008 14:46:14] IP Address: [68.83.213.233]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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**State:** va

**Zip:** 22314

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**Subject:** taxes

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Thank you,  
Nancy S. Knisley



**Ken Nahigian**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Taxes

**Time: [Tue Apr 08, 2008 14:01:13] IP Address: [70.208.244.84]**

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**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-212-9407  
**Email Address:** ken@nahigianstrategies.com  
**Subject:** Taxes

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing in response to the Washington

Post article indicating that the City is contemplating several tax increase

options. I am appalled by the fact that the story does not indicate that

the City is not considering a cut in spending as an alternative. The

Nation is at war in two countries, our markets are in turmoil, our

disposable income is being sapped by high energy prices, and our ability to

raise a family without even a greater burden of local, state, and federal

taxation. Please give us a break. The City benefited greatly over the

**Comments:** past 10 years from artificially high property assessments, and if the

Council was not wise enough to set aside funds in good times, well then you

must bear the consequences of your failure in the bad times. But don't

correct your mistakes on the backs of the people of the City.

Thanks for

your attention to this matter. I urge you to support the proposed budget

of the City Manager.

Ken Nahigian  
703-212-9407





**David Kosar**  
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04/07/2008 04:21 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Budget

**Time: [Mon Apr 07, 2008 16:21:25] IP Address: [71.178.104.176]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**Last Name:** Kosar  
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**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703-836-5483  
**Email Address:** david.kosar@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Budget

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

Attached is a letter from

the Del Ray Artisans president and vice president regarding the city's  
continued support of nonprofit arts and cultural organizations.

If you

**Comments:** have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate  
to contact either Linda Elliff or myself.

Respectfully

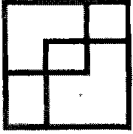
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David A. Kosar  
Vice President  
Del Ray Artisans

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# DEL RAY ARTISANS

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*Celebrating  
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Making*

April 7, 2008

AS SOCIETY ARTS

The Honorable William E. Euille, Mayor  
Members of Alexandria City Council  
301 King St., City Hall, Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

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Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

AND FUNCTIONAL

On behalf of the Del Ray Artisans, we are writing to thank you for the continued generous support that the city provides to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations in Alexandria. The Del Ray Artisans is the primary nonprofit arts organization in the Del Ray section of Alexandria.

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COMMUNITY

Through the city's generosity, it is evident that arts and culture are thriving in Alexandria, and in return for the city's investment in these nonprofit organizations, they have become instrumental in generating additional revenue to the city and other businesses, even during this economic downturn.

The recently released study, *The Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts and Culture Organizations and Their Audiences in the City of Alexandria, VA (FY 2005)*, reports that audience spending by those attending nonprofit arts and cultural events, exhibitions, galleries, etc., in Alexandria, was \$66.4 million. This figure also represents audience spending beyond fees for attending paid events or purchasing artworks at nonprofit art groups, such as the Del Ray Artisans, supported by the Arts Commission of Alexandria. It is reflective of these audiences spending at retail businesses, restaurants, hotels, etc., while visiting Alexandria.

The aforementioned figure generated \$3,072,000 million in tax revenue for the city. The city's investment in these nonprofit arts and cultural organizations through its grants program during this period was \$209,937. That equates to a 14.6 percent return to the city on its support of nonprofit arts and culture. As you can see, Alexandria's nonprofit arts and cultural organizations not only have a positive economic impact on the financial health of the city overall, but they also generate the same impact and provide valuable services for the neighborhoods in which they are located.

We do realize that increasing funding may not be possible this year because of the current state of the economy and fiscal restraints that City Council may be facing as it proceeds through the budget process. At a minimum, however, we encourage you then to keep funding at the same level as for FY 2008.

We look forward to working with you in this partnership between the city and the nonprofit arts and culture industry, and again, very much appreciate the generous support that you provide.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. And as always, you are most welcome and cordially invited to visit with us at the Del Ray Artisans gallery, in the Nicholas Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave.

Sincerely,

Linda Elliff  
President

David A. Kosar  
Vice President

April 8, 2008

## **Renovations and Expansion to Patrick Henry Recreation Center**

**To:** Alexandria City Mayor and City Council Members

**Issue:** Patrick Henry Recreation Center was on the budget for renovations and then removed with no foreseen date of when it will be added back on and the center renovated.

**Background Facts:**

Patrick Henry Recreation Center should be reinstated to the 2009 Budget for renovations and expansion. This recreation center has not been renovated since 1997. The center houses the most adolescents of all the recreation centers in Alexandria and always has children on a waiting list to attend the after school and summer programs. It does not have the amenities that the other Alexandria Recreation Centers have. There is not enough space or any equipment to provide additional activities to the kids such as homework time, tutoring, dance or any access to computers. They do not have enough rooms to separate the kids appropriately by age group and the kids are sitting in one of three rooms for long periods of time daily. There is no space to provide any activities or a weight room for the adults. This center is also not secure due to fact that the door is not visible from the staff desk. Overall this recreation center is not serving the needs of the community and the Department of Recreation is not fulfilling their role.

**Type of Action Required:**

Patrick Henry Recreation Center needs to be reinstated to the 2009 Budget for renovations and expansion.

**Petition:**

Please sign this petition in support of having Patrick Henry Recreation Center reinstated to the 2009 Budget for renovations and expansion.

Petition: Please sign this petition in support of having Patrick Henry Recreation Center reinstated to the 2009 Budget for renovations and expansion.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Property Tax Increase

**Time: [Tue Apr 08, 2008 11:18:32] IP Address: [156.33.8.10]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** va

**Zip:** 22314

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**Subject:** Property Tax Increase

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

The Washington Post today states,

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**Comments:** cents, to 86 cents." I urge you to NOT raise my taxes and stick to the City Manager's budget.

Thank you,  
Lee Carosi Dunn



**Brendan Dunn**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Proposed Tax Increase

**Time: [Tue Apr 08, 2008 11:41:35] IP Address: [156.33.142.32]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Thank you,

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Subject COA Contact Us: Proposed Real Estate Tax

**Time: [Mon Apr 07, 2008 12:05:24] IP Address: [68.34.7.3]**

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**Subject:** Proposed Real Estate Tax

Members of the Council, I read with great interest an article in the March 27th edition of the Alexandria Times that reported that you are considering a tax increase on real estate. Specifically the article said:

"An uncertain state budget coupled with economic hardships- especially in the housing market- had city council members proposing a tax increase on both residential and commercial properties Saturday."

The operative phrase here is "economic hardships- especially in the housing market". It amazes me that you would even consider such. This city should do what its citizens are doing in this period of "economic hardship" CUT EXPENSES. When we're faced with such we cut our costs by eating out less, maybe deferring the family vacation or putting off a new purchase. Why can't our city do the same? You should take some time off from spending the tax dollars and instead

**Comments:**



help the citizens of Alexandria by actually cutting their costs. Congress is looking at stimulus packages that will restore the financial health of those facing hardships by putting some money back in peoples pockets. The city should do the same.

Ray Billups



Michele Evans/Alex  
04/03/2008 06:11 PM

To Jackie.Henderson@alexandriava.gov  
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Subject Fw: Letter to City officials from EMS Council

**budget public hearing letter**

----- Forwarded by Michele Evans/Alex on 04/03/2008 06:11 PM -----



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04/03/2008 05:16 PM

To undisclosed-recipients ;  
cc  
Subject Letter to City officials from EMS Council

Dear EMS Council members:

Attached please find the letter from the EMS Council, the body of which was sent to the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and Deputy City Manager as discussed at the EMS Council meeting of March 24, 2008.

All the best,

Pamela



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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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April 3, 2008

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

From: Pamela Copley, Chair,  
Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council

It has been proposed that the City of Alexandria includes four supplemental items addressed in the City Manager's Alternative Budget, plus increase the ambulance fees which the City of Alexandria currently charges in keeping with charges of surrounding counties, as well as matching new Medicare allowances. The Alexandria Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council supports these items:

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- The Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council also supports an increase of the ambulance fees which the City of Alexandria currently charges to match new Medicare allowances of \$400 for Basic Life Support (BLS) calls (currently \$300); \$500 for Advanced Life Support I (ALS I) calls (currently \$400); and \$675 for Advanced Life Support II (ALS II) calls (currently \$550).

The Council respectfully requests that the four items in the City Manager's Alternative Budget be approved, and that the ambulance fees be increased in keeping with regional and Medicare charges.

The approval of the above items will assure that the City of Alexandria maintains its renowned and unparalleled pre-hospital care to all residents, workers and visitors.



**Pamela Copley**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Emergency Medical Services requirements

**Time: [Thu Apr 03, 2008 16:50:01] IP Address: [70.88.139.118]**

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**Subject:** Emergency Medical Services requirements

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the Alexandria City Council:

Please

find attached, as a PDF file, a letter from the Alexandria Emergency

Medical Services Council.

With best regards,

**Comments:** Pamela

Pamela

Copley  
Chair, Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council.  
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**Anita Winsor**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Funding for the Arts

**Time: [Thu Apr 03, 2008 16:11:35] IP Address: [205.188.117.77]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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**Last Name:** Winsor

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**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** 703 549-1727

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

**Subject:** Funding for the Arts

First I would like to thank you for your support for the arts. As a resident of Alexandria, an arts "consumer" and a member of the NVFAA Board, the Alexandria arts community has impacted my family and friends' lives in a big and positive way. THANK YOU!! I also am pleased to see Old Town increasingly becoming known an "arts destination" for people who live outside Alexandria. This also is thanks to your support for our local artists and artistic institutions.

**Comments:** I know you are facing many economic restraints as you face the current budget deliberations, but I hope you consider a percent of it for Alexandria's arts program. It is a sound investment that benefits local businesses and our citizens.

Thanks

for your consideration,

Anita Winsor-Edwards



April 1, 2008

The Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor, and  
Honorable Members of the Alexandria City Council  
City Hall, 301 King St.  
Alexandria, VA 22314

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Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members:

As the President of the Eisenhower Partnership Board of Directors, I am writing to indicate the Board's opposition to the City's proposal to impose a commercial add-on tax for commercial real estate above that imposed on residential property. Since 1994, the Eisenhower Partnership has represented the Eisenhower Valley area in its mission to promote sound economic and community development.

The primary recommendation of the 2007 Mayor's Economic Sustainability Work Group Report was to restore balance to the real estate tax base. The group advised that ideally the tax base should be a 50-50 split between commercial and residential properties instead of the current situation where the base is tilted heavily towards residential. The more detailed recommendations discuss methods that should be used to accomplish this goal, such as implementing programs to attract more commercial development to locate in Alexandria and boosting revenues through economic growth. Like the Work Group, the Eisenhower Partnership supports these methods as a way to rebalance the tax base. We do not support efforts to realize this goal by simply raising the tax rate on the existing commercial property owners and businesses.

Another goal of the Sustainability Report is to create a business friendly environment in the region to counteract the negative business reputation the city has garnered over the years. We do not believe that raising the commercial real estate tax rate assists in creating a business friendly environment and may impact efforts to attract new commercial entities to locate here. Further, it will have an adverse impact on those businesses already in Alexandria that are striving to be robust enterprises in these challenging economic times.

We support the essence of the Economic Sustainability report to attract more commercial development in the City and pledge to work with you to move forward on that effort. As the Mayor has noted many times, Eisenhower Valley is the economic engine of Alexandria. The Partnership is committed to keeping that engine running smoothly. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andres Domeyko". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Andres Domeyko, President  
Board of Directors

Cc: James Hartmann, City Manager

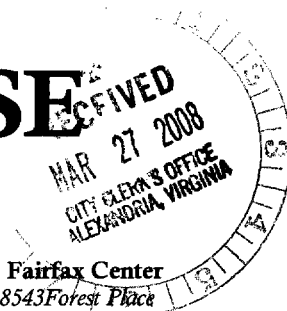
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*A Learning Center for Children, Youth, and Families*

**Alexandria Center**  
1224 Princess Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

**Fairfax Center**  
8543 Forest Place  
Alexandria, VA 22309



March 24, 2008

The Honorable William D. Euille  
Mayor, City of Alexandria  
And Members of the City Council  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council,

On behalf of the Hopkins House trustees and members of our Community Outreach & Public Advocacy Committee, I write first to thank the Mayor and Members of Council for allocating \$887,000 in the FY08 City Budget to clear the list of children from low-income, working families waiting for government childcare assistance. Your action ensured that the more than 300 children on the waiting list this year were afforded access to quality early care and education in our City.

However, we note with alarm that the proposed FY09 City Budget does not include similar funding. We assume that this omission is an oversight.

We are keenly aware of the financial situation the City finds itself in and of the myriad of competing interests you must evaluate. However, in any such competition for limited funds you have repeatedly shown that you share our view that at-risk preschool children and their education is a high priority in this City and for the City Council.

We urge you to correct this omission and include an allocation of funds in FY09 sufficient to keep Alexandria's waiting list for childcare fee subsidies clear.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bergen,  
Chair,  
Community Outreach & Public Advocacy Committee



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03/18/2008 11:22 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: real estate tax increase

**Time: [Tue Mar 18, 2008 11:22:50] IP Address: [151.200.13.252]**

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**Subject:** real estate tax increase

I am a homeowner in Del Ray and I want you to find another source for funds

rather than increasing real estate tax. Our property taxes have increased

exponentially and our raises never exceed 2 or 3%. Each year we have more

expenses and less income. It is getting harder and harder for middle

**Comments:** class to live in the city of Alexandria. Please cut expenses of things that

are not essential, like water-front development. We are desperate for a break.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Young

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03/19/2008 04:45 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Real Estate Taxes

**Time: [Wed Mar 19, 2008 16:45:21] IP Address: [64.12.117.77]**

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**Subject:** Real Estate Taxes

Dear Mr. Mayor & City Council Members,

I am sorely disappointed and

surprised that with all of the talk of what a tight budget situation the city faces this year and in the near future, that you decided this week to re-zone the Hooff property so as to facilitate its condemnation and use by the Alexandria Sanitation Authority. Pray tell what are you thinking when your actions remove from the tax rolls an 11 acre property which is currently valued at \$30-40 million and with development could be worth several times that amount so as to facilitate the expansion of a water treatment facility that primarily benefits Fairfax County?

**Comments:**

According to press reports, 60% of that facility's capacity is utilized by Fairfax County, which unlike Alexandria, is not constrained by limited acreage. It seems to me that within the existing footprint of the current facility, the water treatment plant should be upgraded to meet recent state regulations.

Who do you guys work for -- city residents or Fairfax county tax payers?

Given your recent action, surely you can't expect to raise tax rates by the nearly 4% that you published last week!



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Subject An Adjustment

Dear Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of Council,

In March 2006 the City Council was informed that general employees' pay was fully behind the comparator jurisdictions. In May 2006 general employees received only a 2% market adjustment, compared to a 5.5% market adjustment for sworn public safety (Police, Fire and Sheriff) and approximately 8% for the Schools at the same time.

General employees were denied an additional step at the end of our pay scales last year, because the City could not afford both a 1.5% COLA and the Q step. Now the City is studying compensation and pay structures with the hope of implementing changes for FY 2010. In the meantime, another market salary review soon will be conducted for sworn employees, not for general employees who have now been fully behind our comparators for 3 years.

General employees are currently 13% below the cost of living in this area (Feb 2008 Worksession on Employee compensation, page 13). With 4.9% inflation in 2007, we will be far worse off, and worse off than other employee groups, unless we receive a 5% COLA in July. We are particularly concerned about rising gasoline prices, increasing costs of groceries, and higher costs of health insurance.

The Schools are asking for a Q step and more pay increases. The City has given the School system larger budget increases than all of the City combined for many years. The Schools should get the same percent increase as the City departments, and no more.

General employees have traditionally been the last group of employees to receive market adjustments, behind the schools and the sworn employees. And we get the smallest market adjustments. This year we need to be the first in line. We are requesting that general employees receive priority consideration for a cost of living adjustment that will merely enable us to pay our current bills, mortgages, health insurance and the costs of getting to our jobs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mary Craige  
City Employee



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03/18/2008 09:41 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Our City Tax Dollars!

**Time: [Tue Mar 18, 2008 21:41:13] IP Address: [68.100.221.1]**

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**Subject:** Our City Tax Dollars!

I have been a resident of the beloved city for my entire life. I have worked hard, and sacrificed much since the age of 16. I am a home owner and I pay my taxes on a regular and timely basis. The only thing I ask of city is to not waste our tax dollars. You are doing a great job! But. . .

The other day, 3/17/2008 around 1:45 p.m., I entertained lunch at the recent opened "Famous Daves BBQ" on Richmond hwy in fairfax county with the Director of one local MARRIOTT Hotel Chain. I noticed a city vehicle parked in the parking lot. Truck Number 7597 and it was a Ford Escape in blue. I joked to the gentleman with me that the food must have been so good that they (the city employee) had to stay later for more.

Later as time went by I noticed the vehicle was still there. It was now 3:00 p.m. and I started to wonder. This vehicle has now been here for more than an hour and no one has moved it. I left the resturant at 3:30 and waited in my car to

see who was driving. Around 3:40, two women exited the establishment and started talking outside in front. At 3:45 the woman with the short styled hair got in the city vehicle and made a phone call. I pulled off and left.

**Comments:**

The reason I am writing this is to address the issue of city time/property use and abuse. I personally dont mind that city employees use city vehicles to go out for lunch on their time. The problem is when the individual spends 2-4 times the allotted time the city gives for lunch. This vehicle was also in Fairfax county and I dont think that a city vehicle should leave city limits unless there is business, i.e. Police, Fire, Materials, Supplies, etc.. The city is self insured, so if this individual was to get into an accident the city is responsible. I think that any citizen who pays taxes, which are high, can understand what I am getting at.

We pay for a service, not to serve someone. If this individual was making 50,000 a year on the city half hour lunch policy and two 15 minute breaks for a total of one hour, we just ate 25.00 an hour, plus gas and vehicle wear and tear. Dont forget travel time to and from alexandria to fairfax and back. I would loved to get paid to eat at Famous Daves, wouldn't you. I am sure the city has this under control. I think.



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03/17/2008 12:48 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: proposed tax increase

**Time: [Mon Mar 17, 2008 12:48:38] IP Address: [208.253.81.135]**

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**State:** VA

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**Email Address:** weber@pwcsa.org

**Subject:** proposed tax increase

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

Please think long and hard

before proposing any increase in our taxes. In spite of a seriously declining real estate market, the City has increased the assessment on my home as well as my neighbors. A 5% increase on our homes is not realistic, but to increase the tax rate as well is certainly unfair, and extremely

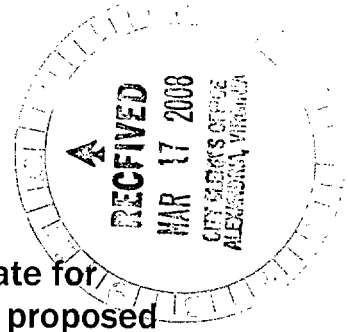
**Comments:** burdensome to us.

Let's consider the radical concept of cutting some of the unnecessary expenses that exist within the proposed budget.

I

appreciate your consideration of holding the tax rate at its current level.

Charles R. Weber



Dear Mayor William D. Euille:

It was recently reported that the Washington region inflation rate for 2007 is estimated at 4.9%. Despite this, the City Manager has proposed no, or a very small pay adjustment once again for FY-2009. The charts in the proposed budget presentation show that the General City employees Market Rate Adjustments and in-steps have totaled 13% below the real cost of living since 2002.

School employees, as well as sworn and first responders, have received much larger Market Adjustments over the past few years (around 10% and 8% respectively, with some getting as much as 14%). This is compared to General City employees who received between 2 and 3% during the same time period. Because of this adjustments, those employees are better positioned to deal with a lean budget this year and the continued spike in the cost of living.

Nearly 20% of the General City employees (those that are long-term loyal employees) will not receive an in-step next year. Those of us who have been loyal employees for many years depend on a reasonable Market Rate increase or COLA to keep pace with the ever-rising costs of living.

We are the people who pick up your trash, clean the bathrooms in your office buildings, keep the parks neat and clean, repair and clear the snow from your streets, keep the heat and air-conditioning working, answer the phone in the middle of the night when you need help, enforce your parking laws, manage the budgets, collect the taxes, produce the documents needed to keep the City running, and everything else to make Alexandria a nice place to live and visit.

**We need a Market Rate adjustment this year of at least 5%. We know that this is a lot to ask considering the current economic outlook. If you cannot fund this Market Rate adjustment for all employees, then we respectfully request that you give General City employees priority consideration for a pay adjustment. It would cost about \$1.4 million for each 1%, if applied only to the full and part-time General City employees. Thank you.**

Respectfully,

*SPO Hilda Sereno*  
APD





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03/16/2008 09:43 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Proposed Real Estate Tax Rates

**Time: [Sun Mar 16, 2008 21:43:54] IP Address: [69.140.79.253]**

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**Subject:** Proposed Real Estate Tax Rates

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to voice my

strong opposition to the City's proposed real estate tax rate increase.

Although I am aware that the proposal is intended to reflect the maximum possible tax increase, I believe that any increase is unwarranted and inappropriate.

As a threshold matter, a rate increase is unwarranted given the fact that the rate of real estate appreciation has dwarfed the rate of inflation over the last decade. The assessments on our house have nearly tripled in the last several years, with increases approaching 20% in some years, while the rate of inflation was generally between 1 1/2 and 3 1/2 percent. Although my wife and I are Democrats who support proper funding for important programs, we believe that Alexandria needs to keep this historical perspective when it considers the burden it is thinking of placing on its citizens. Spending seems out of control, and and this

proposed increase signals that the city management did not plan for the inevitable leveling off of the market, and that it now lacks the fiscal discipline to make the hard decisions. Although the years of double-digit increases in real estate assessments may be gone, the revenues that the

**Comments:**

City enjoys today after those years of increases are certainly still substantial enough to provide Alexandria with excellent services.

Of

course, I recognize that a comparison of inflation and the increases in assessments do not convey the entire picture. There are uncertainties with the state budget process and the area's transportation needs as well, just to mention a couple of items. But by proposing a tax increase now you are leading with your chin in Richmond, which will view your proposed increase as an acknowledgment that you have the ability to endure further cuts from the state legislature. It is not only strategically unwise, but premature as well.

I respectfully ask that you please reject any proposed increase in the real estate tax rate.

Thank you for considering my views.

Matthew Morrison



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03/14/2008 07:58 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us:

**Time: [Fri Mar 14, 2008 19:58:36] IP Address: [72.205.53.169]**

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**Subject:**

I am writing to ask that you consider a three cent increase in the property tax for FY09. Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Prince William County, Falls Church City and Fairfax City have all proposed tax increases (some as much as 20% and 26% over last fiscal year). A three cent increase would give the City an extra \$10.5 million in revenue and City residential property owners would incur an average increase of \$68 in their tax bill.

This money can then be used to fund shortfalls in the budget, like a respectable Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for City General Scale employees. We are asking for at least a 5% COLA for FY09 to make up for inadequate market rate adjustments from previous years. For every 1% COLA funded, the City pays roughly \$1.4 million. A 5% COLA would cost the City roughly \$7 million. A three cent increase would help to offset this cost.

**Comments:**

Your City staff is falling farther and farther beyond regional comparators - please take this

opportunity to pay City employees for their service, dedication and strong work ethic. Without a 5% COLA, City General Scale employees will take home less money in their paychecks on July 1st.

Please consider a tax rate

increase of three cents. Thank you.



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03/14/2008 02:31 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Tax Increase

**Time: [Fri Mar 14, 2008 14:31:16] IP Address: [206.113.148.2]**

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**State:**  
**Zip:**  
**Phone:**  
**Email Address:** marycraige@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Tax Increase  
Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of Council,

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that you consider a three cent increase in the property tax for FY09.

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As a City employee and a City tax payer, I am respectfully requesting a three cent increase in the tax rate. I am willing to pay the increased tax to benefit my fellow City employees!

Sincerely,  
Mary Craige  
City Employee



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Subject Please fund a COLA!

Dear Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of Council,

The budget season is upon us and General Scale employees are urging you to fund at least a 5% cost of living adjustment. As a City employee and a City tax payer, I implore you to please take the comments below under consideration during budget work sessions and discussions.

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (US Department of Commerce), 2005 projections show that Alexandria, VA ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in the United States for Per capita personal income – data available April 2007.  
<http://www.bea.gov/regional/reis/drill.cfm?table=CA1-3&atable=CA1-3&lc=30&years=2005&rformat=display&areatype=LOCAL&sort=1>

**1. If we are one of the 'richest' cities in the United States, how come we have a woefully underpaid General Scale workforce?**

The City of Alexandria has proposed the lowest property tax per \$100 in the Northern Virginia area for FY09. This is compared to Fairfax County's proposed 3 cent increase, Arlington County's 2 cent increase, Loudoun County's 26 cent increase and Prince William County's 22 cent increase. (data available from county websites)

**2. If we are one of the 'richest' cities in the United States, why do we tax our residents at the lowest rate in Northern Virginia?**

City of Alexandria Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) failed to keep pace with area jurisdictions over the last 10 years. The inflation rate for the DC metro area compounded over the past 10 years is 37.8% and City employees have only been compensated at 24.9% adjustments. This has created a large gap in salaries that have caused City employees to fall far behind their regional counterparts.

In FY09, City employees will shoulder 10% of health care costs. If no COLAs are granted to general scale employees, many will take home smaller paychecks starting July 1.

Since only 10% of the City's workforce live in Alexandria, the majority of employees could be affected by rising property taxes in their 'home' jurisdiction. The rise in property tax, coupled with no or little COLA and the need to shoulder 10% of health care costs will put General Scale Employees even farther behind area comparators.

**3. Why does the City refuse to stay competitive with neighboring jurisdictions regarding pay and cost of living adjustments? Why has this issue been ignored for so long and when will it be effectively remedied?**

The City of Alexandria pays for:

- a Poet Laureate
- free leaf bags for residents
- gridlock reduction programs
- laptop computers for all high school students
- and a host of other programs that Counties like Fairfax and Arlington do not provide.

**4. How can the City continue to provide these frivolous services to residents and**

**propose new projects like an All City Sports Complex, when it refuses to fairly compensate its employees? Surely the money paid for a poet laureate and free laptops can fund some piece of a COLA!**

Stop balancing the budget on the backs of City employees! General Scale employees should be given at least a 5% COLA to compensate for increasing health care, years of lackluster compensation and the excellent customer service provided to the residents of Alexandria!

Sincerely,  
Mary Craige  
City Employee





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Subject COA Contact Us: Property Taxes

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Council members: Re your meeting yesterday: I am opposed to an increase in the property tax rate. I do not believe the City Council has properly managed the City's budget for the past several years. When you had an excess, you (or your predecessors) squandered it on things the City didn't need. If the budget were properly managed, we wouldn't have a shortfall.  
**Comments:** With all of the new construction, and the exhorbitant rate we pay now, you should have plenty of money to run the City if it's run properly.

Kathi Kahoe



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03/12/2008 11:35 AM

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**Subject:** \$\$\$\$\$  
Why do you continue to spend money that you don't have? My pocketbook is not open-ended. Nor am I a money tree. You can get only so much from us poor taxpayers. The money for the trolley (ridiculous to begin with)  
**Comments:** could be had by reducing the extra money you gave the schools. I personally don't think any of the State's transportation \$\$\$\$ would actually go to improving the City's roads anyway. Try a little financial restraint NOW. bhickey



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Subject COA Contact Us: Real Estate Taxes

**Time: [Wed Mar 12, 2008 01:32:20] IP Address: [71.191.22.91]**

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**Subject:** Real Estate Taxes  
I just read the article in the Post about the Council considering raising real estate taxes to cover an anticipated transportatio shortfall.

Apparently one of these expenses is a trolley for tourists on King Street!

**Comments:** As a retired resident in the far West End, I do not want my taxes raised to pay for a trolley for tourists! If the trolley is supposed to attract tourists, let the businesses who will benefit pay for it. Better yet, sell it. It's hard enough to navigate King Street as it is!

Sincerely,

Dorothy E. Beck



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Subject COA Contact Us: NVTA Refunds

**Time: [Fri Mar 07, 2008 10:24:17] IP Address: [63.242.160.144]**

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**Subject:** NVTA Refunds

According to media reports, it may take as long as three years for the NVTA to refund taxes illegally taken from Alexandria residents and other Northern Virginia taxpayers. The NVTA's arrogance in collecting the taxes while a constitutional challenge was pending is really astounding. You'll note that a transportation authority in Hampton Roads wisely decided to wait and not collect their new taxes while the court challenge was pending.

**Comments:**

We hope that Alexandria's elected leaders will publically take a stand for our right for more speedy refunds, after all, justice delayed is justice denied. Is there anyone on City Council ready to stand up for our citizens' constitutional rights on this issue?



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03/07/2008 10:23 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: No COLA for City Employees?

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**Subject:** No COLA for City Employees?

Dear Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of City Council,

It was

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Respectfully,

Mary

Craig  
City Employee



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Subject COA Contact Us: Pay & Benefits for General Salary Scale  
Employees

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**Email Address:** Chaiforme@Verizon.net  
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703-887-3373

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Subject COA Contact Us: Petition regarding potential commercial property tax hike

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**Email Address:** ersalexandria@msn.com  
**Subject:** Petition regarding potential commercial property tax hike  
**Comments:** List of Alexandrians who signed the petition along with their comments.  
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- 31 Craig Miller
- 32 Lisa De Pasquale
- 33 Marci Weis
- 34 Brendan Steinhäuser
- 35 Lauren Daugherty

I thought we were trying to FOSTER new business

please...enough is enough!!

- 36 Robert Crockett
- 37 Kent Lassman
- 38 Allison Kasic
- 39 John Varghese
- 40 Mike Anderson
- 41 Diane Miller
- 42 Edward N. Brown
- 43 Sara Salupo
- 44 Laurie Wirth
- 45 Timothy Lee
- 46 Melissa Moskal

Lower taxes comparable to other local jurisdictions will drive business to Alexandria, not away!!!

The Westin East Management Company

- 47 Joseph E. Davis
- 48 Gwendolyn Jo M. Carlberg
- 49 Center for Individual Freedom

May have to vote for a Republican candidate the next election if you keep raising taxes. Try curbing spending for a change, like stopping the Safe Haven program on Patrick. That alone will save a half million in "taxpayer" money for people who don't pay taxes, an annual cost that is guaranteed to exceed a million in just a few years. Your nice-to-have social programs are going to be the end of an Old Town Alexandria that took three decades to create. Or perhaps you want Old Town to return to the shadows again? Why don't you increase the parking police staff and focus on all Old Town streets, not just those with meters around King Street. Raising taxes for businesses and residents while ignoring a cash cow is just plain ignorant of fiscal realities and financial potential.

50 Scott C. Humphrey  
51 Lynne Weigle-Snow  
52 Mark A. Potter

I find this to be a discriminating Tax. Will not be a good message for attracting new business. I think as a business that supports all kinds of city endeavors I will reduce all charitable contributions in an amount equal to the amount of the discriminatory tax. Ofcourse I will explain that City Council is responsible for my reduced contributions.

53 Troy Englert  
54 Debra Monahan  
55 Pat Dunn  
56 Eric Hilleman  
57 ISABEL MOSQUERA  
58 Rodrigo Restrepo  
59 Alonso Castano  
60 Henrik Rasmussen

New business in old town this could jeopardize the business.

Please dont make taxes higher  
Keep taxes down!

61 Sandra Levy  
62 Katia Miniovich  
63 Iris Henley  
64 Dina Clevenson  
65 Sheri Bergen  
66 Linda Lloyd  
67 Nearman Financial Consulting Inc.

I am a resident and business owner, and an increase would hurt my business. You can raise taxes, but we cannot raise prices and remain competitive. Our employees, who work on commission, would surely suffer.

68 Steve Nearman  
69 Lynne Reid

30\% is really excessive and not in anybody's best interests here  
TOO HIGH FOR SMALL BUSINESSES NOW!  
With the new Harbor about to open across the river Alexandria needs to do ALL IT CAN to sustain the viability of its small businesses.

70 Angela Cannon  
71 Sharon Shoch  
72 Jody Manor  
73 Pamela Prevar

74 Pete Sepp

I hope elected officials will stop trying to play these kinds of shell games. "Taxing businesses" means taxing people!

75 Troy Clayton  
76 Gail McCurry  
77 Dan Hazelwood

As I have seen over the years, if property values go up, the city takes the increased taxes, and spends more. If the property values go down, or remain flat, the city puts up the tax rate and spends more. It is time for a responsible budget, without undue burden on business.

78 Mary Longacre  
79 Eileen Cross

The city can raise additional revenues from its commercial base by making this a MORE business friendly environment, supporting existing businesses by helping them increase revenues, which will increase BPOL tax collections - everybody wins. If you raise the property tax rate, rents will go up, and more small businesses will be forced to close - everybody loses!

80 Lamar Brown

This increase will hurt small business owners such as myself.

81 Kyle Roberts  
82 L. Lauritzen

I agreee with this petition. The city has enough funds to function. I will have to move my business to avoid these taxes.

83 Richard Geiger  
84 Paul Winn  
85 Alise Frye  
86 LEO SALOM  
87 John Wirth  
88 John W. Britten III

I would have to move my private business office outside of Alexandria if the proposal is adopted.

89 Beth Aberg

We are heading into a downturn now is NOT the time to be raising any costs on businesses.

90 Steve Aberg

Do not increase business costs as we head into an economic downturn.

91 Andre Prue  
92 Richard Gallagher  
93 Dr Julia Wray  
94 sheila mc gurk  
95 Joe Miller  
96 Lesley Golenor  
97 Chris Sigg  
98 Marianne Stonefield

A raise this high is likely to put my business out on the street.

Reside at 208 S. Henry Street, Alexandria

99 Catherine Kyriacou Bradford  
100 Stephen Harvey

Don't increase taxes...Parking is very difficult in Alexandria....Very few shoppers in town...Christmas business is very slow

101 Ronald Battocchi

Alexandria businesses offer good value, but price increases will likely make them less competitive.

102 Kent Scholla  
103 Adrien Cotton  
104 Eleanor Krause

As a business owner that is considering expansion to downtown DC, Bethesda, Chicago and even New York City, Alexandria has some of the highest costs my team has encountered (even when compared to New York City). Please reconsider this strategy. As the economy stutters and City Hall raises taxes, subsequent price increases from merchants will cause consumers to re-think spending their discretionary income in Alexandria, not to mention making it harder to attract solid businesses to our neighborhood.

105 Ginger Mickelson  
106 Thomas P. Silis

As a member of PWBA and a Del Ray business owner, please think twice about raising commercial property taxes. It hurts the landlords who've invested in Alexandria and when passed on to us, hurts business. If my rent is increased up to 30%, it will affect prices to consumers and commissions to my contractors. I may even have to move my business elsewhere.

107 Robert Tillman  
108 Jonathan Rick  
109 Heather Grutzius

When you think of that mom & pop store on the corner that has been there since you were a child, when you think of the community that thrives around & because of these shops, when you think of the centuries of Old Town built on the shoulders of independant retailers struggling to provide a service for their community and etch out a living for themselves in the process.... when you think of them, understand that taxes like this will be sure to thank them for all of their hard work by putting them out of business. Bravo!

110 Manorama Andrea Rakhmanov  
111 Craig Shirley  
112 Paul S. Stevens

I work for a small business called Alexandria Myotherapy Inc. We are a low-profit business and an increase to our rent could adversely affect our business.

113 Meredith Ellsworth  
114 Gary Schleuger  
115 Brent M. Eastwood  
116 Lisa Miller  
117 Stephen E. Dreikorn

Additional business costs just get passed on to consumers--

118 Collin Lee  
  
119 Janette L. Scott  
120 Jennifer Smith  
121 Scott McCandless  
122 Shaun McGee  
123 maria penaloza  
124 Roger Waud  
125 Anthony Costanzo  
126 roger kaplan

Commercial taxes are simply passed on to the consumer in the form of higher prices. Please don't raise Alexandria's prices, slow spending, and chase our business and jobs to other localities. NO NEW TAXES, drive business away and you drive away prosperity for all!

127 P. Ann Kaupp  
128 Peggy Marchbanks  
129 Rebecca Holian

We have some small unique and quality shops that offer special service and merchandize. If they should have to leave because of tax increases then Alexandria will have less to offer both residents and citizens.

130 Gregory Ogden  
131 Allison Wise

Raising taxes runs counter to competing with National Harbor. High taxes will drive more businesses away, rather than encouraging them. Many in the past 20 years have left because of high taxes and other costs. We increasingly are an Old Town of restaurants and "tee shirts". Bad news. No class at all. Keep taxes low.

132 Roger Fons  
133 Jesse W. Biggers

Call me as I can try to get more signitures 202-253-6900

134 Todd Healy

every one in city hall should lose their jobs!!!!

135 Creighton Byrnes

I own Diva Boutique on 116 S. Pitt St. and feel very strongly about the fact that we as a City need unique, small businesses to preserve the flavor of Alexandria. If small businesses are continually asked to be the ones ante-ing up, we are going to end up with a city of Walgreens, Gap Outlets and 9 west outlets. Not even mall-worthy stores. Please reconsider the idea of raising these taxes--look how many small businesses have gone out of business this year--the trend will sadly continue if we are hit with this along with all of the other City fees.

136 Cindy McCartney  
137 michael Anderson  
138 Jennifer Donohue  
139 Meshelle Armstrong  
140 Michael P Kirby  
141 Jeremy Gersh  
142 Jay Thomas  
143 Carrie Ruggles  
144 Angela Lorinchak

President Kwik Kopy Printing and Mailing

I agree - enough is enough!

Resident and business owner. Another tax hike. Alexandria is not a city that wants small business.

145 Steve Cann  
146 Cecilia Guay  
147 Amanda Lasker  
148 matthew sellers  
149 Rachel Hughey  
150 DAVID A CHENAULT  
151 Sarah Davis  
152 Timothy Davis  
153 Laura Shelton  
154 Karen S. Stone  
155 Jim Makinen  
156 Erica Jones  
157 Anthony Felli

Gossypia

158 Lynne Weigle-Snow  
159 Scott Marchand

Increased commercial property tax is killing small businesses!



160 Mark Allen  
161 Rebecca Marchand

Prediction: City Council will proclaim success by holding the tax rate to its current level, while adopting the "add-on" commercial tax rate of at least \$.15 per hundred. There is no rationale for increasing real property taxes on commercial property only. After all, they don't require the infrastructure that residential development does, such as schools, parks, etc. In fact, commercial developments actually generate revenue. Perhaps we should take a hard look at cutting some spending, such as the budget for "refugee assistance" we have now.  
Small businesses already pay enough tax !

162 P. Elizabeth Pirsch

163 R.C. Fields Jr.

164 Deborah Malkin  
165 Andrew Hepburn  
166 Michael H Huhn

I own two townhouses in Alexandria City, one in Del Ray and one in Oldtown. I can't replace my air conditioner on my roof in Oldtown without a city permit. I pay high real estate taxes. I donate my time to charitable organizations, including the Alexandria Police Foundation. The only request I made of the City was to investigate a robbery that I had in my office by prior employees and the tPolice did nothing regardless of the fact that the employees admitted that they had files of mine. Fairfax City police had an arrest warrant issued for a client of mine in similiar circumstances. I think my area is quaint but what am I paying for ? If Alexandria raises its taxes, I am definately moving. The City needs to tighten their belt. We are already taxed for every pencil we own.  
business license taxes on gross income is vicious and counterproductive towards business owners and the local economy.

167 Frank H. Fannon IV  
168 Peter Mikoniatis

If you are going to increase the commercial tax you should have the residential tax increase along with it and not discriminate against the businesses. With the state of the economy in 2008 we need ways to spend less money as opposed to increasing taxes. Many o f the local business are running on tight margins and a tax increase could send some business under and cause jobs to be lost.

169 John F. McGinley Jr.  
170 john crowder  
171 george crowder

Fiscal responsibility means don't spend money you don't have; not tax someone because you doubt that they will vote against you since they "only" work in Alexandria.

172 Joseph M. Egerton  
173 Stephen Baer

Property taxes are passed on to the tenants of owners' buildings. Small business in Alexandria operate at 50\% of the square footage take of our neighboring regions. Any additional tax could cause more unique businesses to close, thus lessening the charm that attracts visitors to the city.

174 Judith Baer  
175 Ben Ward  
176 Raphael Botbol

Don't raise the taxes! Our business is already considering whether or not it makes sense to be headquartered in Alexandria for this very reason. Find other ways to raise revenue other than taxing quality small local businesses.

177 John Henry Loomis  
178 Wilhelmina T. Loomis

Does anyone really expect the Council, which always cries poverty, to practice restraint? Isn't a recession a great time to raise the cost of business? Be prepared to open your wallets as the Council doesn't know the meaning of restraint - except when it comes to depriving its citizens of economic prosperity. In a few years the city will wonder what happened to the small retailers.

179 Debra Sabourin  
180 Michael Gaw

Alexandria cannot keep businesses as it is. Find ways to attract business, don't drive it away. Alexandria is justly known as an overpriced, bureaucratic nightmare.



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Subject COA Contact Us: Petition regarding potential commercial property  
tax hike

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**Subject:** Petition regarding potential commercial property tax hike  
Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I have attached a pdf

file of a memo I provided to the Ad Hoc Commercial Transportation Tax  
Option Study Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2008.

The memo includes the text of a petition signed by 180 Alexandria business  
owners and residents as of February 13, 2008. I believe the text of the  
petition, which takes a position similar to the one expressed by the  
Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, is self-explanatory.

You can verify the text and observe any new signatures to the petition via  
our web site at [www.atuonline.org](http://www.atuonline.org).

**Comments:** I will send a second  
e-mail to you shortly with a pdf file containing the names of Alexandrians  
who signed the petition, along with the comments they included with their

signatures. (I would have sent this as one document, but your e-mail systems limits us to one attachment per e-mail.)

We will

provide you with updates as events evolve and more signatures are added.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Bud Miller

Alexandria Taxpayers United

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Memo to: George Foote, Chairman  
Mark Feldheim  
Lois Walker  
John Renner  
Paul Friedman



Alexandria Taxpayers United  
[www.atuonline.org](http://www.atuonline.org)

Copy to: The Mayor, City Council

From: Bud Miller  
President, Alexandria Taxpayers United

Date: February 14, 2008

Subject: Petition to City Council regarding proposed commercial property taxes

I have attached a copy of a petition signed by 180 Alexandria business owners and Residents as of February 13, 2008 opposing proposals to increase commercial property taxes. (You can verify the text and observe any new signatures via our web site at [www.atuonline.org](http://www.atuonline.org).)

The petition reads as follows:

***We urge Alexandria City Council members NOT to increase commercial property taxes.***

***Increasing commercial property taxes will drive away new and established businesses as they search for friendlier jurisdictions. Alexandria shouldn't be chasing off the good local jobs attached to these businesses.***

***Alexandria's unique economy, especially the small independent businesses concentrated in Del Ray and Old Town, will be inordinately damaged by another tax increase in these economically challenging times.***

***Should the City Council increase commercial property taxes, Alexandria consumers will face the prospect of higher prices as businesses pass along the costs. Higher prices will especially hurt low-income and less-mobile residents who have a harder time shopping around for lower-priced goods.***

***Alexandria can capitalize on the recent commercial property tax increases in some other Northern Virginia localities by simply keeping the current tax rate the same. This will naturally drive business and consumers to Alexandria. The City's leaders can use this opportunity to foster a reputation for Alexandria as the most pro-business jurisdiction in Northern Virginia.***

***Please, protect our small businesses and consumers by rejecting any increase in the commercial property tax.***

***Sincerely, The Undersigned***



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Subject 2008 Report on activities at Carlyle House



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March 1, 2008

Mayor Euille and Members of City Council,

During this season of budget deliberations, I wanted to give you an update about activities at Carlyle House Historic Park during 2007-2008.

In 2007, 2,605 school children were given tours by our specially trained docents, some of whom are retired educators. These tours meet SOL requirements. That is 1000 more children served than in 2006. This is due to an extensive outreach effort by our staff and the new policy of free admission for all Alexandria and Northern Virginia public and private school children.

Our Docents Association has over 60 dedicated volunteers who give tours of the museum. Most are Alexandria residents. Our Friends group has over 300 families and an active dedicated board.

Our adult visitation is holding steady at about 20,000 for daily tours, special events and family programs. Carlyle House collaborates with City owned museums as a part of the block ticket program, candlelight tours and other events. For example, several hundred people participated in the "John Carlyle Funeral" reenactment at the end of October. They joined the march from Carlyle House to the Old Presbyterian Meeting House burying ground. The museum players also reenacted "George Washington Comes to Dinner" as a kickoff for the GW Birthday events.

Please stop by the Friends of Carlyle House Garden Day Herb and Wildflower sale on April 19, 2008. We will again feature both culinary and decorative Herbs from the Mount Vernon Greenhouses. In response to the resurgence of interest in native plants, this year's sale will include native plants and wildflowers. The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia will host a Plant Clinic from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be games and craft activities for children from 11-2 pm. Live entertainment will include music from Alexandria Pipes and Drums, the Irish Breakfast Band and period music from the McLean High School's Girls Choir.

Carlyle House is a wonderful educational resource. Our staff is professional and energetic. We hope you will fund our parent organization, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, as requested. We look forward to continued cooperation with City owned museums in promoting and increasing "historic tourism" in Alexandria.

Thank you for your support,

Rosalind Bovey  
President, Friends of Carlyle House



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Subject COA Contact Us: Transportation Tax Option

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**Subject:** Transportation Tax Option

I received the attached error from the City's web site when I sent the following e-mail to: [budget@alexandriava.gov](mailto:budget@alexandriava.gov)

When will the City's web

site be updated regarding the status of the "Transportation Tax Option" and the intentions of the "Ad Hoc Committee"?

Bud Miller

As of this

time, I have not received a response from my previous inquiry sent to [transportationtaxoption@alexandriava.gov](mailto:transportationtaxoption@alexandriava.gov) (However, I did not receive a

**Comments:** "bounce back error message" so I assume that they have it.)

How is the

general public supposed to educate themselves on these issues when e-mails are either bounced or ignored and the web site isn't updated in a timely manner? [As of this time, the minutes from the February 4, 2008 meet remain "forthcoming" and there is no reference to other meetings.]



Thank  
you for your consideration.

Bud Miller

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02/13/2008 12:09 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Budget, New Taxes

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**Subject:** Budget, New Taxes

Thank you for providing the proposed budget online.

I write to point

out that even a 2.9% budget increase as proposed is not the whole story - as residents of Northern Virginia, we are subject to \$336 million per year in new taxes levied by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority ("NVTA"). Thus, even a zero percent increase in this year's budget amounts to a large increase in light of new local taxes that have been enacted indirectly thru the NVTA. This year, we're hit hard by the NVTA taxes, and

**Comments:** will see a large tax increase even if you don't increase the property tax rate. These new NVTA taxes increase the actual budget items for transportation and WMATA subsidies, yet are not reflected in the budget as published.

I encourage you to provide even greater transparency by adding the new NVTA taxes in, or as an addendum to, the budget report, and to hold on-budget revenue growth to less than 2.9 percent in recognition of

the off-budget revenue growth from the new NVTA taxes.



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01/09/2008 01:15 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: City Budget

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I was quite dismayed to read on the City's website that the 2009 budget assumes a 5% increase in city spending and school spending. It is incredulous the amount the budget continues to grow each year at the expense of home owners. Last year, more money was appropriated for schools than what the schools asked for.

The real estate assessments

coupled with the tax rate has become an overwhelming burden for home owners. I keep looking for articles in the Washington Post local news of

**Comments:**

the City reviewing the budget process to ease homeowners's pain. I've found articles that other local jurisdictions are reviewing this, but not Alexandria. Perhaps the Governor and the State Legislature will help with their 20% proposal. That would be nice, assuming the City doesn't jack the rates up or assess other fees to home owners to negate it.

Please

cut us a break. We don't have to fund everything people want, nor make so

much be gold-plated.



**David Lord**  
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02/04/2008 05:33 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: City Budget Proposed Cut

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I recently received my copy of CityNews, the bi-monthly newsletter for City of Alexandria employees. Every time this document is released it seems to provoke a discussion about whether it is a worthy use of the City's limited resources. Given the potential of economic recession coupled with the downturn in the real estate market, I can imagine that the City is going to be faced this year with again making painful budget cuts. I would suggest that as you are looking for potential "fat" to cut, CityNews should be viewed as an inviting target. I do not mean to denigrate the efforts of the four editors, the design and layout person or the seventeen content contributors, as these people no doubt put many thankless hours into producing this publication. However, given that the publication has virtually no impact on core services provided by the City and its elimination would not result in any noticeable deterioration of the quality of life among city employees, it does not seem justified to continue

**Comments:**

appropriating funds to this project. This is particularly true as the



publication is a 12 page, glossy, full-color production. The extent to which sharing such news items as pictures of the Fire Department's intramural football team and information on the City's new copy request forms is viewed as important is surely overcome by the cost of the publication. I imagine that the need to share this news is already largely accomplished by the email version of this document that is sent to City workers. I found it particularly ironic that there was an article in the most recent version of the newsletter that encouraged employees to change the margins in documents in order to reduce consumption of paper given that the City chooses not only to send this 12 page multi-color document to every employee but also emails it to them as well. Surely, elimination of the hard copies would do far more toward eliminating paper waste than altering margins by 1/4 of an inch as suggested by the recent article.