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Dear Sirs and Madams,

Please do not cut MR. DERIGGE POSITION  
with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Prevention Program. It  
provides early intervention and treatment services to Alexandria's  
children. We really need to continue having Mr. DeRigge work with  
students so that we can help stop substance abuse and make sure we try to  
save as many of them as we possibly can--BEFORE THEY REACH  
ADULTHOOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
PLEASE REMEMBER-- YOU CAN  
SOLVE THE PROBLEM NOW OR PAY A MUCH HIGHER PRICE LATER.

**Comments:** PLEASE DO

NOT ABOLISH THIS PROGRAM. PLEASE LET HIM CONTINUE TO HELP AND SAVE  
OUR

CHILDREN.

FLOTTIE WILLIAMS

GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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Dear Mayor Euille, Vice-Mayor Pepper and City Council Members:

As the

City's primary nonprofit partner in ending and preventing homeless, Carpenter's Shelter would like to comment on the proposed FY10 budget. We appreciate your prior request to the City Manager to minimize cuts to the City's fraying safety net in these unprecedented economic times.

Many

of you know that Carpenter's Shelter has permanently ended homelessness for 90% of our clients who choose to participate in our post-shelter program,

Aftercare. These clients are now productive and contributing members of the Alexandria community. In good economic times, we did this through our case management outreach and education classes and by partnering with city agencies, other nonprofits, businesses and the caring Alexandria Community.

Until now we offered very little financial assistance to these individuals.

Our 80 bed shelter is full with working poor families, many who just a year ago never imagined that they would be living in a homeless shelter. Most are homeless because of job losses. Today, 25 children call the Shelter home. Full occupancy is a recent occurrence – just last April we were considering using some of the bedrooms for desperately needed classrooms. According to DHS, the requests for assistance are increasing dramatically. There are eight families current on a wait list hoping to get into city shelters. DHS also noted that since last fall, there has been a 50% increase in families on the wait list and a noted increase in the number of two parent families requesting shelter. Many of our Aftercare

families are struggling to maintain their housing. They are behind in their rent, utilities and are increasingly using our limited food pantry to feed their families. A case-by-case review of these families led our Board just last week to allocate \$50,000 of our “rainy day funds” to subsidize rents so these families do not return to homelessness. With a full shelter (and we anticipate it being so for at least 18 months) where would these families go if evicted?

Here are our biggest concerns about the proposed

DHS budget:

**Comments:**

- Most agree that FY10 will be a challenging year and expect an avalanche of anticipated human service need with an anticipated high increase in first time served. We disagree with the FY10 DHS number of projected people served - 16,000 unduplicated. This only an increase of 254 over actual FY08 when we were not in this economic crisis. Is this a realistic number or will the DHS well dry within the first months of FY10??? Who will serve these people? Will their needs (housing and other assistance) go unattended? DHS acknowledges that there will be 1/3 reduction in the safety net to prevent eviction, loss of utilities. Already stretched nonprofits can not mend this net!
- Many of those participating in the safety net are able to do so because of the receive money through the Fund for Human Services (Childrens' Fund, Community

Partnership Fund and Youth Fund). The propose budget reduces these by 14.5% and proposes to serve 20% FEWER NONPROFITS which will result in critical needs going unattended throughout the city. Already in contingency planning, without full funding from the CPF, Carpenter's (which pays real estate taxes to the City) will reduce its services to the City's most vulnerable. One suggestion is to shorten our day shelter hours and/or close for certain days. This is the program where those living on the streets of Alexandria can take showers and store their belongings.

Thank

you Mr. Mayor and Council. Carpenter's knows that you are committed to sustaining the core values of Alexandria in these difficult times, and your long standing commitment to the safety net must continue. Perhaps Council should consider a 1/2 cent increase in the real property tax rate increase over and above what is currently being considered and then designate that these funds be applied to DHS and their various services (Childrens' Fund, Youth Fund, Community Partnership Funds) in order to serve the neediest and most vulnerable children and adults in Alexandria.

Carpenter's Shelter

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Dear Mayor,  
  
My name is Audrey. I am 7 years old and my school is  
Tucker.  
Ms. Amalia is a nice person. She helps me and the other kids  
**Comments:** with our homework. Can she please work here at Brent Place and Tucker  
School?  
  
Love  
Audry Kwakye

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Subject COA Contact Us: Budget Proposal for ACPS and Stimulus Funds



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**Subject:** Budget Proposal for ACPS and Stimulus Funds  
Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper, and City Council Members,

My name

is Amanda Lilly and I'm a sophomore at George Washington University. I have been covering Alexandria for the past several months for my Advanced News Writing and Reporting class. Currently, I'm working on an article about the budget for ACPS and how stimulus funds may help the school board overcome the decrease in direct aid at both the state and local levels. Although I attended the Public Hearing last night to get some citizen reactions, I was sincerely hoping to speak with one of you with just four questions related to the 2010 FY budget and ACPS. I have listed the questions below. I would greatly appreciate if I could speak with whomever is available briefly over the phone, however I do understand how busy you all must be, so an e-mail response would still be of great help. Thank you so much for your time.

Here are the questions:

**Comments:** 1) Why was the budget appropriation for ACPS decreased by about 2% for the 2010 FY? How come City Council could not grant the school board its requested budget of \$165.5 million?

2) Since ACPS is fiscally dependent, did a decrease in state funds hurt the education budget, or did it come more from the local level?

3) Public education receives the largest percentage of the city budget; will it continue to remain a priority for City Council throughout the economic crisis?

4) I read in an article that ACPS expects to receive about \$5.4 million from the federal stimulus package, to your knowledge, is this prediction accurate? Will City Council help oversee the expenditure of these funds? How would you like to see the money be spent?

Thanks again.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Retention of Brent Place & Tucker ES Bilingual  
SAP Therapist

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Dear Mayor Euille and city council members,

Thank you for holding the

special work session last night and for encouraging public input during this most challenging budget process. We know you have the best interests of the City of Alexandria as a whole at heart, and we commend you for your attempts to find tangible solutions to real situations. With that said, I have included here my address to you during last night's meeting (March 11, 2009) in regards to retaining Amalia Quiones. All the best, Janice  
McLaury

Good evening and thank you for your time. My name is Janice McLaury, and I am here tonight on behalf of Tucker Elementary School's PTA. I am here to report the PTA supports the retention of Amalia Quiones, the Bilingual Substance Abuse Prevention Therapist based at Brent Place Apartments and Tucker Elementary School. And, on my own

personal behalf, I advocate for the retention of similar positions at Patrick Henry Elementary School as well as GW Middle School.

We respect

the challenging position you are in regarding the budget. We do, however, want to ensure you fully understand the positive influence Amalia is having on a making a difference in the lives of our youth and what the loss of her means to Tucker and Brent Place.

The total annual service loss at

Tucker Elementary School:

- 200 third and fourth grade students will

not receive the classroom-based LifeSkills Training science-based

prevention program;

- 50 at-risk kindergarten and first and second grade

students will not receive the AI's Pals and Too Good for Drugs science

based prevention program;

- 30 at-risk students will not receive

individual supportive counseling;

- of the 657 Tucker Elementary School

students, more than 30% are ESL or ELL learners, and that number

continues to grow rapidly. So, many Spanish-speaking, parents will not

receive resource

referral, school information, parenting information

and supportive counseling both at school and in homes;

- 657

students will not be exposed to twice yearly school-wide substance abuse

**Comments:**

prevention campaigns;

and

- 25 staff will not receive consultation

services that support parent/student/school connectedness.

Total annual

service loss at Brent Place Apartments:

- 480 residents will not

receive resource referral and supportive counseling, including home visits

which  
have proven instrumental in engaging parents with investing in

their children's education;  
• 100 residents will not participate in

twice yearly Health and Resource Fairs;  
• 160 residents will not

participate in two building-wide substance abuse prevention campaigns;  
•

150 residents will not participate in monthly resident workshops from City,

Schools and non-profits; and  
• 45 fathers and mothers will not

participate in parenting programs.

You have heard hear tonight from

families and students who live at Brent Place who depend on the services  
Amalia provides. Because many of these services are not provided elsewhere,  
this means some families won't get help because they will not understand  
how to navigate the system of city services.

Elimination of these

positions will most likely result in an increase of youth risk behaviors as  
well as a demand for more intensive and expensive treatment down the road.

You have heard tonight some thought-ful suggestions on how to potentially  
fund program and personnel requests. We ask that you consider in this case,  
recent research indicates that every dollar invested in substance-abuse  
prevention yields \$10 in savings. It's your responsibility as well as ours  
as a community to be fiscally responsible, to advocate for the children,  
and to provide the tools they need to invest in themselves to help them  
make good choices. Looking at both the short and long term, Amalia is their  
advocate, a proven resource, and an economically sound solution to a real  
situation.

Therefore, the Tucker PTA respectfully requests the mayor

and city council members reconsider and not eliminate the Bilingual

Substance Abuse Prevention Therapist based at Brent Place Apartments and

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Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper and City Council members: I was unable to stay for the entire budget hearing last night but my very brief statement, as Executive Director of Volunteer Alexandria and member of the Executive Committee of the Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations, would have been, "Thank you so much for your support of our organizations in past years through the Fund for Human Services. It exemplifies what has been my experience since taking this position of your recognition of the crucial role our nonprofit organizations play to meet basic needs. Volunteer Alexandria plays a supporting role by supplying volunteers to help these organizations carry out their missions.

**Comments:**

I also want you to know that new volunteer registrations have doubled in the past six months over the previous six months. At the \$19.72 at which volunteer time in Virginia has been valued by the Independent Sector, if each of those 400 NEW volunteers work the national average of 40 hours in the next

year, they alone will contribute over \$315,000 of work to the City. I believe that this increase in registrations is another indication that Alexandrians support the work of human service organizations and will do what it takes to help them succeed in this critical time, as well as support you in doing the same." Thank you, Melinda Patrician

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March 11, 2009

Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

My name

is Elizabeth Atkinson and I am the James K. Polk PTA President. I am speaking tonight to urge that funding for the Polk gym be restored.

As

you know, funding for the Polk Gym was approved for FY 2009 in the CIP budget. We were thrilled. I, along with other parents, worked diligently with the ACPS Facilities team; school staff; and architects to come up with a wonderful design scheme that will benefit Polk and the City in many ways.

It will provide a space for the children to obtain physical education; and allow organizations to rent the gymnasium thus creating a revenue stream for the city. The other KEY factor is it is designed to allow PE classes EVEN when elections are taking place or other events that require a multi-purpose space such as our science fair, colonial tea, and enrichment

programs. As we all know there are A LOT of elections coming up and EVERYTIME the community votes, our PE teacher loses her classroom.

Currently, the school system is facing growth at an un-precedented rate. While we've been able to cope in the past, our increased student population has stretched our resources to a breaking point. And based on the city estimates, this situation is going to continue.

My own

daughter's first grade class has 25 children in it. On Fridays they share PE time with another class of 24 students. This puts 49 children in a "multi-purpose" room that is below the state recommended gym size of 4,000 square feet as well as accommodating our treasured grand piano and racks and racks of folding chairs.

**Comments:**

You really need to see the multi-purpose room to understand how desperately a real Gym is required. There are numerous opportunities to witness the multi-purpose room in full use.

On Monday and Wednesday mornings our PE teacher holds a "Healthy Heart" class at 7am that is open to the older students, and it sometimes has as many as 56 children in attendance. Alternatively, you could join us for one of the several double PE classes. We will be following up with you in the near future to see when it would be convenient for you to visit Polk.

It is our understanding that the Polk Gym is on the stimulus funding "wish list" that the City has submitted, and we urge the City to continue to push for such funding since the Gym project could provide constructions jobs to help the economy and would provide benefits for our community for many years to come.

If it is not possible to obtain such funding, we urge City Council to raise the real estate tax rate by 1 cent as proposed by the City Manager since doing so will permit the City to fund the Polk Gym and several other beneficial projects. I certainly would be willing to

pay it.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Again, we  
recommend you visit Polk so you can understand why funding for the Gym is  
so critical.

Regards,

Elizabeth Atkinson



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Subject COA Contact Us: Proposed Colasanto Pool Closing

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Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper, and Council Members:

I write with

regard to the city's proposal to close the Colasanto pool. My husband, infant daughter and I live within walking distance of the pool, and we eagerly anticipated being able to visit it this summer for the first time.

Accordingly, we were disappointed to learn that under the FY2010 budget, the City plans to close the pool.

While we currently would be able to

make use of the pool during its existing operating hours, like many families, we would use it more often if it were open until 8pm and some Saturdays. If there is any money in the budget to keep the pool open, we

**Comments:** believe it would get more use if it were open from 2pm until 8pm (or 4pm until 8pm), rather than the current operating hours of noon to 6pm. It also would get a lot of use on any available Saturday hours. We definitely would be willing to pay a user fee to help offset the operating expenses.

We recognize that the budget is very tight this year and that you face tough fiscal decisions, but ask that you consider keeping Colasanto pool open -- even if for limited hours and with a user fee.

Thank you for  
your hard work for the City.

Best,  
Carolyn Greene McKee

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To Whom It May Concern:  
What can I possibly say to you that you have not already heard or read? I would like to speak from the children's point of view. The ones who can not speak for themselves, the ones who will be affected the most, the ones that some of us were sworn to teach, care for, and protect. The ones who have more challenges than you or I have ever had or could possibly imagine.

These are the comments that various children have made:  
I would like to have some one to talk to about my home situation. You see both of my parents are strung out on drugs.I have also begun to drink, abuse drugs and my body as well. Now, I feel so ashamed. "My parents can't read or wite, therefore there is no one to help me with my homework. "The peer pressure is so strong that I am tempted to

**Comments:**

participate in illegal drugs either through consumption or distribution." " You see no one in my household has a job or one of my parents is incarcerated. "I want to remain in school but because no one talked to me earlier about abstaining , college, self esteem, etc." I just got caught up in and /with the wrong group/individual(s). " I have a parent who is battling with a severe case of depression and is constantly talking about or attempting suicide."I am a child crying out in the wilderness and sometimes the only person(s) who listens to me or help me is an employee from one of the city agencies/school system."

"We, children, are having so many problems" and the school system and city ageny employees are already stretched, stressed, and overwhelmed with their myriad of responsibilities. So much so that there is a waiting list or a limited time frame for us to receive the necessary services. Now, because of the budget constraints/restraints, we are going to suffer even more.

I ask you most respectfully; what about the children, our future? What long term affect will these reductions in staff and services have upon them? I care not to share my visions of the children's possible future gloom. I hope that you can make "or find a way not to reduce the aforementioned agencies' employees.

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Ivan Medal. I am a 2nd

grader at Tucker Elementary School. After school I go to Brent Place to

Ms. Amalia Quinones' Mentoring and Tutoring group. In this group, I get

help with my reading and homework. I also learn about staying healthy and

**Comments:** away from drugs and other things that are bad for me.  
Remember this:

Teach a student today. Listen to a leader tomorrow.

Thank you very

much.

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Dear Mayor,

My name is Alyvia. I am 7 years old.  
Ms. Amalia Quinones

is special to the whole Brent Place. She helps all of us with our homework

**Comments:** every day. Please let her stay, it will be a big help to our families and  
us.

Thank you so much,

Alyvia



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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position

**Time: [Tue Mar 10, 2009 23:30:29] IP Address: [205.188.116.77]**

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

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**Last Name:** Rivera

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**State:** Va

**Zip:** 22304

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**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

My Name is Alexander. I am 10

years old and I want Ms. Amalia stay here because she Knows my family

specially my grandmother for years. Ms Amalia is working here with

different programs. I like the Tutoring and Mentoring group because she

**Comments:** helps students with their homework. If someone takes her place it wont be

the same. We all will be very sad. That is why We want her to stay at

Brent Place.

Thank you so much.

Sinceraly,

Alexander Rivera



**Kevin Torres**  
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03/10/2009 11:17 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms, Amalia Quinones/Position

**Time: [Tue Mar 10, 2009 23:17:15] IP Address: [205.188.116.77]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**Subject:** Ms, Amalia Quinones/Position  
Dear Mayorand Council Members,

**Comments:** I know Ms. Aamlia because of the Tucker  
School and she has taught me a lot of good things specially how to control  
my anger. Kow I am reasiving a good noticed from my teachers and the  
principal is giving me the happyness, so is my family they keep on saying  
keep up the good work. I do not want her to stop working in my school.  
She is a nice teacher. I am in the 5th grade. She prepares me for hard  
work. Without her, here we will never be the same. I want her to  
continue working at Tucke. I will be  
unhappy if they take her out of  
place.  
Please keep Ms. Amalia here.  
Thank you and please understand my  
notice.  
Kevin Torres





**Leslie Palma**  
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03/10/2009 10:56 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position

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

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**Last Name:** Palma

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**Zip:** 22312

**Phone:** 571-337-4110

**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com

**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position  
Muy respetable Sr.Mayor,

Mis mejores deseos que se encuentre bien de

salud al lado de quienes lo rodean. Que nuestro padre celestial lo colme

de bendiciones y sabiduria en cada desicion que Ud. deba tomar.

Me dirijo

a Ud. con respeto y humildad para pedirle de la forma mas sincera que la

Sra. Amalia Quinones continue en su cargo. Ella es una pieza fundamental

para nosotros. Esto lo digo por experiencia propia ya que mi hijo que

estudia en la Tucker School y se encuantra en el 5to grado ha teido

problemas muy grandes de disciplina y gracias a la sra. Amalia mi hijo a

cambiado de tal manera que el Vice  
Principal me ha llamado de la Escuela

felicitandome por el cambio que mi hijo ha tenido. Estoy tan agradecida

con la Sra Amalia que para mi y otras madres de familia seria un golpe

devastador que ella no continuara trabajando en su cargo. Ms. Amalia en

Brent Place es una pieza clave, aparte que ella nos escucha, ella se

identifica con cada uno de nosotros y nos apoya en la solución de nuestros problemas. Ella me refirió al psicólogo para que mi hijo recibiera ayuda.

Actualmente soy miembro del grupo de Madres Modernas que conduce Ms.

**Comments:** Amalia. En este grupo nos reunimos los Martes de 6 a 8 de la noche. Este programa me ha ayudado muchísimo. Hemos conocido autoridades de la ciudad que nos han regalado parte de su tiempo y nos han brindado conocimientos que la mayoría de nosotros ignorábamos. Este programa nos ha enseñado a ser mejores madres, y sobre todo hemos aprendido a ser mejores con nuestra sociedad. Tengo mucho que agradecer a la Sra Amalia ya que por seis años mi hijo pasaba inadvertido o quizás no le interesaba a nadie su problema.

Agradezco a Dios que haya puesto a la Sra Amalia en nuestro camino y es

por eso que me dirijo a Ud. Sr Mayor y le pido de todo corazón que ella

continúe trabajando en su cargo. Deseo muy fervientemente tome en cuenta esta petición de una madre agradecida a la Sra Amalia quien estuvo a tiempo en ayudar a mi hijo y no verlo perdido en pandillas, drogas y cárcel. Personas como ella son las que necesitamos en nuestras organizaciones y comunidad.

Dios lo bendiga.  
Atentamente

Leslie

Palma

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**Glenn Hopkins**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: FY10 Budget Public Hearing



**Time: [Tue Mar 10, 2009 19:03:43] IP Address: [209.155.213.214]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22314  
**Phone:** 703-480-4094  
**Email Address:** Hopkins@HopkinsHouse.org  
**Subject:** FY10 Budget Public Hearing  
Please see attached. I will deliver a much-abbreviated version -- on  
**Comments:** behalf of Hopkins House and The Campagna Center -- at the Public Hearing  
tomorrow evening. Thank you for the opportunity.  
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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 10, 2009

The Honorable William D. Euille  
The Honorable Redella S. Pepper  
The Honorable Ludwig P. Gaines  
The Honorable K. Rob Krupicka  
The Honorable Timothy Lovain  
The Honorable Paul C. Smedberg  
The Honorable Justin M. Wilson

Dear Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, and Members of Council:

I write to you regarding the City Manager's proposed FY10 City Budget. In the spirit of collaboration, both The Campagna Center and Hopkins House join in sending similar remarks under separate cover to you.

During this extremely difficult economic period, we are all pressed to make very difficult choices in the face of greatly diminished resources. Therefore we want to make it clear at the outset that, at least on the part of The Campagna Center and Hopkins House, we are not appealing to you for more money. Instead, we are asking that City Council to use this difficult period as an opportunity to strengthen the City's collaboration with nonprofits.

Through rather modest but significant changes in its grant-making process to nonprofits, the City has an opportunity to expand the funding resources available to benefit Alexandria residents. Foundations, businesses, and even the federal government have come to fully appreciate the value of "compounding" in nonprofit funding. That is, a grant from the City to a nonprofit may attract a matching grant from a foundation or business or leverage federal funds; and, with these combined resources, the nonprofit is able to produce a benefit to society at lower cost than if government were to do it. This is compounding in its best form.

With this notion in mind, we recommend that City Council consider the following:

1. Add to the existing priorities for the Alexandria Human Services Fund (AHSF) in FY10, projects that have a high likelihood of leveraging new, current, or additional private and public funds into the City (i.e. "compounding"). This

change can be implemented in the FY10 Budget process without disrupting the process.

2. Add to the existing priorities for AHSF grants in FY10, projects that offer a sustainability strategy that can be realistically accomplished within 3 years. (Inferred here is that grants to the same projects (as different from “Organizations”) should not be indefinitely renewed). This change can be implemented in the FY10 Budget process without disrupting the process.
3. Consolidate all of the AHSF grant funds into a single, coherent source of financial support to nonprofits with an overarching guiding principle: That the AHSF be used to demonstrate the benefits of public/private collaboration and to draw new and additional funds into the City for the benefit of its residents. This change can be implemented in the FY10 Budget process without disrupting the process.

Second, we recommend that City Council set aside a portion of the Children’s Fund FY10 allocation – in the range of \$400,000 or more:

- To help reduce the number of children on the City’s list waiting for Childcare Fee Subsidies; and,
- To help serve children ages 0-5 that are ineligible for federal/state funded programs (i.e. Head Start, Early Head Start, CCDF, VPI); and
- To match childcare “scholarship” funds raised by nonprofits. Nonprofits would be invited to launch or expand private fundraising strategies based on a City match.

We understand that the City’s Childcare Fee Subsidy waiting list has grown to well over 300 children. In this economy, if parents are denied help to afford childcare they will not have the help they need to find and keep jobs. Also, current eligibility requirements require that both parents be working and with the rising unemployment rate many families currently receiving Childcare Fee Subsidies will lose childcare. This will be heartbreaking for parents, tragic for their children, and costly for the City. Therefore, additional local funds need to be set aside to serve these families that are ineligible or do not have access to federal/state funding. Such an investment of City funds in FY10 could not help raise substantial private dollars to address the need but also demonstrate the clear benefits of public/private collaboration.

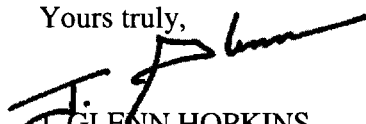
Third, we recommend that City Council conduct an examination of the extent to which Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) dollars are being fully and properly leveraged in the City. Based on information presented last fall to the Early Childhood Commission, it appears that Children’s Fund money, combined with other resources, are being used to draw down VPI dollars from the state. If this is indeed the case, the City is missing an opportunity not only to attract new and additional source of money but also serving fewer

children than it might. Also, with the new VPI funding model recently approved by the Virginia House of Delegates, it is important that these new dollars are leveraged and accessible to a wide range of programs and families. Indeed, by reprogramming Children's Fund money away from VPI draw-down may provide the resources to reduce the Childcare Fee Subsidy waiting list. The VPI program could become more of a scholarship program where the money follows the child to the parent's choice of program.

Fourth, we recommend that City Council convene a meeting of Early Childhood stakeholders to consider ways to streamline the coordination of early childhood public policy and funding in the City. There are several groups and organizations invested in early childhood public policy and funding. These groups include the Early Childhood Commission, nonprofits, and the Early Childhood Directors Group, and the newly formed Alexandria-Arlington School Readiness Council. In addition to these, the Alexandria Community Trust and the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation play an important role in funding early childhood programs in the City. The Alexandria City Public Schools and the City government have also recently put forth a proposal to add an administrative oversight layer for government funding of early childhood programs. This myriad of entities and groups not only consumes a considerable amount of human and financial resources in the City, but sometimes conflicts around policy. We believe the children and families of the City could be better served by a single, comprehensive framework that includes participation of all invested partners.

And, finally, we want to acknowledge City Council's past and ongoing commitment to the children and families of this City. Please know that your support has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

Yours truly,



J. GLENN HOPKINS  
President

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Subject COA Contact Us: Proposed Reductions in Staff for Alexandria's  
Children



**Time:** [Tue Mar 10, 2009 20:26:52] **IP Address:** [76.21.170.172]

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**Subject:** Proposed Reductions in Staff for Alexandria's Children

I am a grandmother raising 3 grandchildren. Their ages are 6, 7 and 9 -- all girls. I am raising these grandchildren as their mother is in and out of jail, the first in 2005 and the last release in December 2007. After the first year their mother was in jail, she got in trouble again. The middle child became quite uncontrollable, both at home and school. I was at my wit's end and turned to Mental Health Services to try to seek help for the girls. I was able to get some help for myself in the process. The middle child has gone from being hard to control in Kindergarten and First Grade to being an Honor Roll Student and Citizenship for every quarter so far this year. The 6 year old is still having trouble with her behavior and is still being seen.

Without Home Based Services and the CAC, I am not sure how these children would be. They have worked with the girls to get them to bond with me and hopefully not miss their Mommy so much, how good behavior can be rewarding and hopefully, break the cycle of not being

able to be a good Mommy. I have learned better ways to cope with these girls without having to strike them and thus have better behavior.

Therefore, I can keep the girls in the family and not have to put them in

**Comments:**

Foster Care.

I think there are a number of ways to raise revenue within the City to be able to pay these positions:

First, eliminate the free

parking in the City that exists in the area between North Fairfax and North St. Asaph Streets and Montgomery to Pendleton Streets, install multi-space meters and start charging parking fees.

Add an additional \$5.00 to the annual cost to purchase City vehicle decals.

Reduce recycling collection

from weekly to bi-weekly.

Raise the cost of the meters, or better, fix

the ones that are broken.

I hope you will take this matter under

consideration and do what's right for the children of Alexandria. After all, they are our future.

Thank You.

Patricia Anchors



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**Carmen Avila**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position



Time: [Mon Mar 09, 2009 22:46:10] IP Address: [64.12.116.203]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 671-405-0854  
**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com

**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position  
Apreciado Señor Mayor, Vice mayor and Council members,

Soy residente de  
Alexandria, Virginia, mas exactamente vivo en Brent Place ubicado en la 375  
South Reynolds Apartamento 311. Allí conoci a la distinguida Señora Amalia  
Quiñones quien realiza multiples actividades en nuestro edificio. Esta  
honorable Señora desarrolla muchos programas entre ellos Madres Modernas,  
Clases de Ingles, Clases de Computacion, Ferias de Salud y ayuda con las  
tareas a los niños. Lo mas importante para mi ha sido su apoyo ante un  
**Comments:** gran problema que me ha tocado vivir. Estoy hablandoles especificamente  
sobre el problema de violencia domestica. La Sra Amalia me ha orientado y  
me sigue brindando su apoyo. Gracias a su ayuda estoy saliendo adelante de  
esta dificil situacion.  
Señore Mayor y Autoridades, les pido  
respetuosamente el mantener la posicion de la Sra. Amalia Quinones ya que  
ella es como una madres para esta sociedad

hispana.

Atentamente

Carmen Avila

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**Gloria Skelton**  
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**Time: [Mon Mar 09, 2009 23:04:53] IP Address: [64.12.116.203]**

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**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-566-8782  
**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com

**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position  
Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Concl Members,

**Comments:** I am very sad about to hear  
the posibility to be cut the position of Ms. Amalia. I would like to tell  
you that Ms. Amalia Quinones is a very helpful lady. She helps a lot of  
spanish people that do not speak English. She is doing wonderful programs  
that are helping a lot of families at Brent Place. I wish that she can  
continue doing her job with us. I will apreciate your help allowing Ms.  
Amalia's position do not be cut. We need her.  
Than you for supporting  
this petition,  
Gloria Skelton

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Amira Mohamed  
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03/10/2009 06:55 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms. Amalia Quiones/Position



Time: [Tue Mar 10, 2009 06:55:11] IP Address: [205.188.116.77]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**Last Name:** Mohamed  
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375 South Reynolds St. #1112  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-566-8141  
**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com

**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quiones/Position  
Dear Mayor,

My name is Amira, I am 5 years old. Ms. Amalia is a good person. She helps us a lot. I really, really want her to stay with

**Comments:** us.

Thank you.

Amira Mohamed

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Ahlam Mohamed  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position



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**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**State:** VA  
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**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com  
**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position  
Deat Mayor,

**Comments:**  
My name is Ahlam, I am 7 years old. Ms. Amalia is nice to  
me. She helps me. She helps my family. She helps to all people. I like  
her. Please, don't let her go.  
Love  
Ahlam Mohamed

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**Abdelrahman Mohamed**  
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375 Soth Reynolds St.

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**Zip:** 22304

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**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com.

**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position  
Dear Mayor,

I am in the Tucker School and I have 8 years old.  
I want

Ms. Amalia to stay here because she is so nice. I don't want Ms. Amalia to  
leave. Ms. Amalia is so special. I love her classes.

**Comments:**

Thank

you

Abdelrahman Mohamed

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**Karen Morisato**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Elimination of Prevention Specialists Positions



**Time: [Fri Feb 27, 2009 11:44:34] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]**

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**State:** VA  
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**Subject:** Elimination of Prevention Specialists Positions  
Mayor Euille, Vice Mayer Pepper, and Council Members:

On behalf of the  
faculty, children, parents and families from Tucker Elementary School we  
are writing to request that the city not cut substance abuse and mental  
health prevention, early intervention, and treatment services to  
Alexandria's children. These services are invaluable and must be  
maintained. Recent research has indicated that for every \$1 spent on  
prevention yields \$10 in savings in higher level services. We believe most  
Alexandria residents would support maintaining these services to prevent  
greater need of services in the future, even if it means a tax increase  
during this difficult economic period.  
More specifically, Amalia Quiones  
has served the students from Tucker Elementary and the families of Brent  
place (formerly Essex House) for three years. As all of you know, Brent  
place has had a history of problems with substance abuse, high crime rate,

poverty, and mental health cases. Additionally, Brent Place has seen a high turnover rate of management and only sporadic city programs located in the complex. Ms. Quiones in her time has established numerous ongoing

**Comments:** programs for the children and families of Brent Place, as well as, recruited many residents to “give back” to their community by volunteering to assist others in need. Ms. Quiones has also networked with other city agencies and has consistently had programs available for the residents of Brent Place. The success of these programs is seen on a daily basis, both here at Tucker and at Brent Place. Ms. Quiones services have made a tremendous impact and cutting her position at this time would be detrimental to the children and families of Alexandria.

Please consider

the many advantages of keeping prevention services in place for the children and families of Alexandria. A continued investment at this time will significantly impact our cities future.

Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of the Tucker Community,

Loretta Scott,

Principal  
Karen Morisato, School Social Worker



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**Anna Tush**  
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Subject: COA Contact Us: Against Position Elimination

**Time: [Fri Feb 27, 2009 14:58:18] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** va  
**Zip:** 22302  
**Phone:**  
**Email Address:** anna.tush@acps.k12.va.us  
**Subject:** Against Position Elimination  
Don't cut substance abuse and mental health prevention, early intervention and treatment services to Alexandria's children! Elimination of these positions will result in an increase of youth risk behaviors (drugs, alcohol, smoking, sex, violence, gangs and their associated costs), as well as a demand for more intensive and expensive treatment. Without these services, the citizens of Alexandria will be at greater risk for future problems related to their health and safety.  
These services save money –  
preventing higher levels of services for children and families in the future. Recent research indicated that every dollar invested in substance-abuse prevention yields \$10 in savings.  
Please think about the children who will not be served by eliminating these positions. I know that in a tight budget year we have few options for how to save money. However, as a psychologist, I implore you to put children first!

Thank you,  
Anna

Tush

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Jose M Uceda  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Keeps Ms. Amalia Quinones position

Time: [Fri Mar 06, 2009 16:34:43] IP Address: [205.188.116.77]

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

**First Name:** Jose M

**Last Name:** Uceda

Brent Place Apartments

**Street Address:** 375 South Reynolds St. #1213

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com

**Subject:** Keeps Ms. Amalia Quinones position  
Respetable Sr.Mayor, Vice Mayor y Council Members:

Deseo comunicarle que

Ms. Amalia es una persona que viene ayudando a los niños y a las familias con los programas de prevencion. Quiero decirles que mi hijo Charly despues que Ms. Amalia empezo a ayudarlo en su programa de Tutoria, mi hijo mejoro notablemente su rendimeinto escolar. Yo y mi esposa no podemos leer ni escribir en Engles y ella nos ayuda todo el tiempo. Siempre ella esta alli para darnos consejos. Si ella faltara seria muy triste y perderiamos a una gran persona. Todos la necesitamos. Ms. Amalia ha traído a Brent Place muchas esperanzas para todos nosotros. Por favor mantengan la posicion de Ms. Amalia.

**Comments:** Mi esposa, mi hijo Charly y yo recomendamos los siguiente para aumentar el prsupuesto:  
-Eliminenel parqueo gratis en en la ciudad y usen meters, aumenten el costo de los parqueos.

-Anadan \$5:00

para el costo anual de compra de stiker para los vehiculos.

- Reducir la

recoleccion del reciclaje de una semana a cada dos semanas.

Muchas

gracias Respetables Señores, Dios los bendiga e ilumine.

Gracias

Jose M Uceda

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**Oneli D Ramos**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms Amalia Quinones/Position



**Time:** [Fri Mar 06, 2009 17:31:44] **IP Address:** [205.188.116.77]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Oneli D  
**Last Name:** Ramos  
**Street Address:** Brent Place Apartments  
375 South Reyenolds St.  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-622-8132  
**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com  
**Subject:** Ms Amalia Quinones/Position

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

I would like to please ask

you to let Ms. Amalia Quiñones to stay at Brent Place to continues doing her wonderfil labor helping kids and families. She is helping students after school with their homework. She is doing meetings, presentations from different organizations, health fairs also celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day, Children's Day and also Christmas time. I am in her group called Modern Mothers. we are 20 mothers. We are learning parent skills.

She is always supportive and comprensive. I am a parent with two children. She visits me and I am receiving her support. Everytime I need her, she is always there for me and my family. She helps me to stand up when I feel down or depress. I always share my happines with her. I don't know what Brent Place will be withoout Ms. Amalia present. I think here is a lot of people who needs Ms. Amalia's services. Many parents who do not

Speak English and have their children in the school are helping by Ms. Amalia. She helps them with their homework and giving them support in all the ways.

**Comments:**

I would like this letter to touch someone's heart and understand that this economy will get better soon. Just remember that not always everything is good. There are also bad days too, and we have to be prepared for everything. Please let Ms. Amalia stay at Brent Place and continue helping families and children in need.

Sincerely

Onelia

D. Ramos

Any question or concern regarding this letter, please feel free to

call me at (703)622-8132 cell.

I would like to let you know my support a

raise in taxes to preserve the position of Ms. Amalia Quinones.

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Eliminate the free parking at the City that exist in the area between North Fairfax to North St. Asaph Streets and Montgomery to Pendleton Streets, instant multi space meters, and start charging parking fees.

- Add an

additional \$5.00 to the annual cost to purchase City vehicle decals.

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Reduce recycling collection from once a week to once every week.

God

bless you.

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**Diana R Corzo Avila**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Amalia Quinones/Position

**Time: [Fri Mar 06, 2009 18:39:22] IP Address: [205.188.116.77]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Diana R  
**Last Name:** Corzo Avila  
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375 South Reynolds St, #311  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 571-405-0854  
**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com  
**Subject:** Amalia Quinones/Position  
Muy Señores Mios,  
Pertenezco al grupo de Madres Modernas el cual es  
dirigido por Ms. Amalia Quiñones quien nos viene ayudando mucho. Conozco a  
Ms. Amalia desde el dia que llegue a este lindo pais. Soy colombiana  
y  
vine a reunirme con mi madre despues de muchos año. Cuando llegue estaba  
totalmente desorientada y necesite su ayuda y fui atendida. Yo deseo que  
la posicion de Ms. Amalia no fuera cortada pues ella nos ayuda con  
orientaciones, charlas, con programas de prevencion. Cada vez que necesito  
hablar con ella, ella siempre esta disponible para ayudarme y darme su  
fuerza y animo psicologico. Ella ayuda a todos los niños mediante los  
programas que realiza. Ella nos ayuda cuando tenemos necesidad fisicas,  
emocionales y morales. como les informara yo llegue de mi pais  
recientemente y en ocasiones me siento desubicada y ella es como una fuerza  
no solo para mi sino para la sociedad hispana, afro americana que reside  
**Comments:** en este edificio. Señores les pido con mucho amor que mantengan la

posicion ocupada por Ms. Amalia que es tan importante para todos nosotros.

Como residente de Alexandria me permito recomendar lo siguiente para poder

mantener la posicion de Ms. Amalia Quiñones.

- Eliminate the free parking

in the city, install multy space meters, and start charging parking

fees.

- Add an additional \$5.00 to the annual cost to purchase City vehicle

decals.

- Reduce recycling collection from once a week to once every other

week.

- Add an additional 5 cents to the cigarrets boxes.

- Add an

additional 5 cents to the alcohol bottles.

Dios los

bendiga,

Atentamente

Diana R Corzo Avila



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Glenda Ovando  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position

**Time: [Fri Mar 06, 2009 18:00:17] IP Address: [205.188.116.77]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Glenda  
**Last Name:** Ovando  
**Street Address:** Brent Place Apartments  
375 South Reynold St. #703  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 571-282-5261  
**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com  
**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position  
Respetable Sr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,  
  
Les deseo pedir  
  
un favor muy inmenso: mantengan la posicion de Ms. Amalia. Ms. Amalia es  
un apoyo muy grande para mi y mi hija. Mi hija tambien esta en la escuela  
Tucker y Ms Amalia la esta ayudando alli  
a que mejore su comportamiento y  
  
a que mejoren sus calificaciones. Mii hija ha mejorado mucho. Estoy muy  
feliz con ello. Yo he tenido algunos problemas familiary ella me ha  
ayudado a salir adelante. En estos tres años que tengo la suerte de  
conocerla, ha sido muy buena persona y un apoyo para todos nosotros. La  
queremos mucho. Confio en que Uds. podran lograr que ella continue  
trabajando tanto en Brent Place como en la escuela Tucker. Le agradezco  
con todo mi corazon.  
  
**Comments:** Atentamete  
Glenda Ovando

Me gustaria dar

algunas recomendaciones ..

- Eliminate the free parking- Install

multi-space meters and start charging parking fees.

- Add an additional

\$5.00 to the annual cost to purchase City vehicle decals.

- Reduce

recycling collection from once a week to once other week.

- Make a colect

in the whole city to preserve this important service.

Gracias,

bendiciones



Olga Alvarado  
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03/08/2009 03:08 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms. Amalia Quinones-Bilingual Prevention  
Therapist

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**Time:** [Sun Mar 08, 2009 03:08:12] **IP Address:** [64.12.116.203]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Olga  
**Last Name:** Alvarado  
**Street Address:** Brent Place-  
375 South Reynolds St. #607  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Va  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703751-2386  
**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com  
**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quinones-Bilingual Prevention Therapist

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

I am a student at Hammond

Middle School and I know Ms. Amalia three years ago. I am helping Ms.

Amalia with the different programs that she is running at Brent Place.

She prepared me to be a volunteer. Children all ages, parents, and myself  
are asking you to let Ms. Amalia Quinones keeps her job at Brent Place and  
Samuel Tucker School. With out her we will never be haveing so much happy  
and fun with the partys and different programas she does at Brent Place.

The kinds of partys she has a Brent Place are Thanksgiving, Mother Day,  
Father Day, Eastern, Children Day, Valemntine's Day and also Christmas. At  
these partys Ms. Amalia makes goody bags for the childre and gives out  
prizes with the rafull tickets she gives out. She always has different  
programs at Brent Place for all ages. One very interesting program is Too  
Good for Drugs. It is a prevention for students and I help her. There is

**Comments:**

Modern Mothers which is for spanish and English mom's. Creating the community Club wich is for parents of differet race and are from different countrie. Tutoring and Mentoring Program that is for children that need help with their homework. Table Games Club which is for children of all ages; here she teaches students how to play nice with each other, respecting each other and having to take turns. She makes healthy campains: Do not smoke and children participate answered question and learning. She talks with the families and help them in different ways. This is why families and my self want Ms. Amalia to stay with us at Brent Place. With out of her we will never be abel to make lots of new friends and learn about to have a helthy live. She's the grates person we have in our life because she helps us out with our problems and we love and care for her as she does for us. So we all that live at Brent Place want to her to stay as long as she can. Please kkeep the position of Ms.

Amalia.

God bless you

Olga Alvarado

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**Alessandra Torres**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms. Amalia Quinones-Bilingual Prevention  
Therapist Position

**Time: [Sun Mar 08, 2009 03:33:38] IP Address: [64.12.116.203]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Alessandra  
**Last Name:** Torres  
**Street Address:** Brent Place  
375 South Reynolds St.#407  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-664-0547  
**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com  
**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quinones-Bilingual Prevention Therapist Position  
Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

I am a student at Samuel Tucker School and I also member of the Tutoring and mentoring Program at Brent Place. I'm a writing to tell you how important Ms. Amalia Quinones has been in my life. When I was a new student at Tucker, I had a problem with another student that bullied me. I did not want to go to school because of the problem. I told Ms. Amalia and she solved the problem by telling the principal and my teacher. After Ms. Amalia talked to them they talked to the student. Then the student stoped bopthering me. I was so thankful to Ms. Amalia for be kind and solving my problem. Ms. Amalia knows my family, she visits my home and help us. Ms. Amalia not only helps me, she also helps other students and other families, both at Tucker and at Brent Place where I live. Ms. Amalia does many different kinds of program where I live and at my school. My friends, family and I love her. Ms.

Amalia Quinones is the greatest person I had ever meet. I will just love her to stay with us at Brent Place.

Thank you and God bless you.

Alessandra Torres

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Linda Chavez <amalia42@aol>;  
com@www3a.alexandriava.gov

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Subject COA Contact Us: Keep Ms. Amalia Quinones'position



**Time: [Sun Mar 08, 2009 18:32:46] IP Address: [64.12.116.203]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Linda  
**Last Name:** Chavez  
**Street Address:** Brent Place  
375 South Reynolds St # 407  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-664-0547  
**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com  
**Subject:** Keep Ms. Amalia Quinones'position  
Apreciable Sr Mayor, Vice Mayor y Council Members.

Yo conozco a Ms.

Amalia Quinones desde hace mas de tres años. Estoy muy contenta comn el trabajo que ella realiza en Brent Place. Ella ayudo a mi hijo a que fuera una mejor persona y a mejorar su comportamiento. Mi hijo trabaja en los veranos, gracias a Ms. Amalia. Soy muy feliz porque ahora mi hijo es un joven respetuoso y de bien. Soy madre soltera y trabajo limpiando casas. Hace como un mes a mi me hicieron un trasplante de riñon y Ms. Amalia

**Comments:** siempre estuvo apoyandome, orientandome y ayudandome. Ms. Amalia es muy importante y necesaria no solo para mi y mi hijo sino tambien para todos los residentes de Brent Place. Se que Uds. son personas con mucha humanidad y que podran enecontrar la manera de hacer posible que Ms. Amalia se quede trabajando para nosotros y nuestros hijos y asi ellos puedan ser personas unas grandes personas en comidad. Dios los bendiga e

ilumine.

Linda Chavez



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**Carmen Santos**  
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**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Carmen  
**Last Name:** Santos  
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375 South Reynolds St. #703  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 571--282-5261  
**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com

**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quinones/ position  
Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Carmen and I am  
in the second grade at Tucker School. I am living in Brent Place. I want  
Ms. Amalia continues working at my school and at Brent Place. I was with  
Ms. Amalia in a program at my school where I learned good things. Ms.

**Comments:** Amalia takes to me all the times on Tuesday and she talks to me and teach  
me to be a good student and teach me how to improve my behavior. Ms.  
Amalia knowsmy motherand she helps her. Please let Ms. Amalia keeps  
working with us. I love her.

Love and peace.  
Carmen

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**Abdelrahman Mohamed**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position

**Time: [Sun Mar 08, 2009 23:12:18] IP Address: [205.188.116.77]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Abdelrahman  
**Last Name:** Mohamed  
Brent Place  
**Street Address:** 375 South Reynolds St.

**City:** Alexabdria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703-751-2695

**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com

**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

My name is Abdelrahman, I

am 8 years old and I am in the Tucker school. I want Ms. Amalia to stay

here

**Comments:** because she is so nice. She know my family. I was with her in the

summer program. I don't want Ms. Amalia to leave. Ms. Amalia is so

special. I love her class.

Thank you

Abdelrahman Mohamed



**Dolly Gonzales**  
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**Time: [Sun Mar 08, 2009 18:49:24] IP Address: [64.12.116.203]**

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

**First Name:** Dolly

**Last Name:** Gonzales

**Street Address:** 523 N Armistead #201

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703-380-6343

**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com

**Subject:** Keep /Ms. Amalia Quinones'position  
Respetables Señores,

Deseo comunicarles que necesitamos los servicios

de Ms. Amalia en la comunidad, porque ella nos ha dado mucho apoyo. Yo no vivo en Brent Place, pero tuve la suerte de poder haber sido aceptada por Ms. Amalia en el educativo programa llamado Madres Modernas. Ahora soy un miembro del grupo en el que nos reunimos todos los martes. En este grupo me siento muy bien y ella nos dice que nos veamos unos a otros como si

**Comments:** fuéramos una familia. Gracias a ella seguimos aprendiendo y tomando informacion de los servicios que ofrece la comunidad. Estoy muy agradecida con ella por todo lo que hace. Pienso que si no estuviera ella me hubiera perdido de mucha informacion importante. Por favor mantengan la posicion de Ms. Amalia.

Atentamente

Dolly Gonzales

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Ashwaq Mohamed  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position

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

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**Last Name:** Mohamed

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703-566-8141

**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com

**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quinones/Position

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

My name is Ashwaq and I am

10 years old. I am an student from the Tucker School. Ms. Amalia is

special, she help us with homework also Mr. Amalia helps our building be

**Comments:** better. Ms. Amalia is fun, nice, so please let her stay and help us even

more. Also the students at Tucker need her. Please, we need Ms. Amalia

to stay with us.

Thank you.

Ashwaq Mohamed

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**Gloria Fuentes**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Ms. Amalia Quiñones/Position

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**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Gloria  
**Last Name:** Fuentes  
**Street Address:** 523 Narmistra St # 202  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22312  
**Phone:** 703-534-4186  
**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com  
**Subject:** Ms. Amalia Quiñones/Position  
Respetable Mayor, Vice Mayor, y Council Members,  
Les pido por favor que  
permitan que Ms. Amalia continúe trabajando y nos siga apoyando. Nosotros  
necesitamos salir adelante y lo estamos logrando gracias a los programas  
de Ms. Amalia. En lo personal ella me ha enseñado como ser mejor madre,  
**Comments:** como tratar a mis hijos y me siento bien con su apoyo. Ms. Amalia es una  
persona que nos escucha y siempre está para nosotros. Por esa razón les  
pido de todo corazón que Ms. Amalia siga trabajando con nosotros.

Muchísimas gracias

Gloria Fuentes

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Lucia Atehortua  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Mantengan la posicion de Ms. Amalia Quinones

Time: [Mon Mar 09, 2009 00:10:08] IP Address: [205.188.116.77]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Lucia  
**Last Name:** Atehortua  
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375 South Reynolds St. # 203  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 571-213-0017  
**Email Address:** amalia42@aol.com

**Subject:** Mantengan la posicion de Ms. Amalia Quinones  
Estimadas y respetables autoridades,

Esta nota es para decirle que yo

vivo en Brent Place en donde la Sra Amalia me ha ayudado mucho con mis hijos y mi esposo mediante todos sus programas. A mi en lo personal me ha ayudado fisica, moral y emocionalmete. Actualmente estoy en el grupo de Madres Modernas que ella conduce. Por eso quiero pedirle a Uds. Senores,

**Comments:** que por favor dejen que Ms. Amalia siga trabajando y apoyando a la comunidad hispana ya que la necesitamos mucho. Siempre ella comparte su tiempo con la comunidad, siempre esta haciendo programas que benefician a los demas. Por favor mantengan la posicion de Ms. Amalia.

Se despide  
atentamente.

Lucia Atehortua



**Maria Fuentes**  
<amalia42@aol.com>

03/08/2009 11:54 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Por favor no corten la posicion de Ms.Amalia  
Quinones

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**Time: [Sun Mar 08, 2009 23:54:43] IP Address: [205.188.116.77]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Maria  
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**Subject:** Por favor no corten la posicion de Ms.Amalia Quinones  
Respetables Señores,  
  
Mi nombre es Maria Fuentes y yo estoy en el Grupo  
de Madres Modernas que conduce Ms. Amalia. Gracias a ella estamos  
conociendo diferentes organizaciones y aprendiendo como ser mejores  
madres.  
Ms. Amalia nos es de gran ayuda y gracias a ella estamos saliendo  
**Comments:** adelante. Por favor mantengan la posicion de Ms. Amalia para que continue  
con nosotros, dandonos su apoyo y orientacion. La necesitamos.

Bendiciones

Maria Fuentes

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Subject COA Contact Us: City Manager's Proposed Budget Cuts



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**Subject:** City Manager's Proposed Budget Cuts  
I am attaching a letter I have written for your consideration. I hope to be able to attend your session on Wednesday the 11th of March. Wednesday nights are my designated nights to cater to my mother, but I will make other arrangements as your budget issues are very important. I only wish I could have a larger role in what is done in our City. Please acknowledge receipt of my letter. Thank you for listening. Bea Porter

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1727 Cameron Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
March 3, 2009

Re: City Manager's Proposed Budget Cuts

Council Members:

In reading through Councilman Wilson's news letter, I am looking at the proposed budget cuts for our City. I, for one, am not pleased at all. As a long time resident of the City of Alexandria, I have always felt our City was one of the best for taking care of our young and our old.

With the following cuts:

- Children's Fund, Youth Fund, and Community Partnership Fund
- Elimination of an infant Development Specialist
- Elimination of several mental health and substance abuse therapists positions
- Elimination of a Residential Counselor providing services to those with intellectual disabilities
- Reduction to our budget for Substance Abuse counseling prevention services at GW, Patrick Henry, and Tucker schools
- Reduction of adolescent health clinic staffing
- Cutting back hours at recreation centers
- Closing Lee and Colasanto Pools
- Eliminating after-school programs at Maury and George Mason schools
- New fees for out of school time programs
- Elimination of a building inspector who responds to resident complaints
- Reductions in nursing at the Adolescent Health Clinic
- Reductions in the Emergency Shelter Services for the homeless
- Reductions in the Senior Taxi program
- Reductions in the Crisis Child Care program
- Reduction of Youth Recreation Services
- Reduction of Adult Recreation Services

It saddens me to see these cuts as they have so much affect on our children, and our elderly. I realize that the budget planning has taken some time and consideration by you and your staff, but these cuts will have a tremendous drawback on our community. We must work together to take care of our community. Our children need and count on these programs to help them learn and grow into good citizens. We have a lot of low and moderate income families that need these programs. Without them where will our children have to go when their parents are working, how will our parents work when they

are worried about their children. Who will take care of our elderly, sure we can always say someone will step up, but I know for myself, I am already taking care of my four daughters, my two grandchildren, my elderly mother, 85, two days a week, and a friend that is very sick. I need the accessibility that these programs afford me. I need to know there are programs in place that can get my friend to the doctor, or get her medications, provide services to her when I can not. By making some of these cuts, there will be no where for our children that are in families struggling with drug or alcohol abuse to go for help. They will fall into the life style around them, they will need more help from the City in the future if they can not receive the help we provide them now.

To withdraw staff from the clinics is only going to make it harder for our poor to get the help they need. The lines are already so long, and the waiting is forever. People are getting sicker, and are not getting the treatment they need because of these cuts. Our daycare programs for both the young and old need to stay in place, we can not let the minds or bodies decay or be left to fend for themselves. We all have families, we know what is needed to take care of them, but sometimes we need the help of the City to take care of us.

I take care of my grandson full time, in doing so, before I received help from the City, I had to spend all of the funds left to me by my father so I could have him in day care while I worked a full time job. I was worried I would have to stop working in order to take care of him, but with the help of the City, he is in a good day care program and will be able to get into kindergarten in the fall of this year.

My daughter is in public housing in the City, thanks to the City helping her. For over a year she was not able to use one of the bathrooms in the house because of a tree root that had grown through the pipes below the house. She called ARHA many times, by removing the position of the building inspector, when someone needs help to have the process move, it will take longer than the year she had to wait to have repairs made.

I know there needs to be cuts, the budget is tight, its like that for everyone at this time. We all have to cut back. But, we can not do this at the risk of taking from the people that need this help. I work long, hard days to be sure everyone I need to help is taken care of. I do the best I can, I am not the only one that is working like this to help others, but without the help of the City we can not do it.

I ask of you, please reconsider the cuts that I have listed from the listing that is slated for budget cuts to our City.

Bea Porter



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Subject COA Contact Us: Preserve affordable housing funding

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**Subject:** Preserve affordable housing funding  
Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council,

I would show to testify

for the hearing on March 11th, but unfortunately, I will be out of town for

work. I'll make this email brief:  
in this year's budget, please

continue to support the 1 penny for affordable housing. In fact, there

are many arguments to be  
made that this amount needs to be increased.

Cutting funding for affordable housing would be salt in the wound given the

bleak news on the economy. As a sample, here is the toll so far in my

well-educated, middle-class family: my aunt and cousin  
have been laid

**Comments:** off. My retired mom's 1-year part-time contract has not been renewed. My

brother survived a 20% workforce  
layoff in his company with more possible

layoffs on the horizon. Luckily my family will be fine- they have decent

savings and  
we're supporting each other. However, I know there are  
others who are less fortunate and are slipping. They may need the

cushion of decent, affordable rental housing that this 1-cent has  
provided and will continue to provide. Please reconsider  
cutting any

affordable housing funding in this year's budget.

Thanks for your time

and consideration,  
Michelle L'Heureux



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Subject COA Contact Us: Dont cut substance abuse and mental health  
prevention, early intervention posit

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**Subject:** Don't cut substance abuse and mental health prevention, early intervention  
posit

I am a social worker at TC Williams, a former intake officer with the  
Alexandria CSU, and a former employee of the CSB.

Prevention and

school based staff are mission critical. We are lucky to have the quality  
resources available to our students provided by the CSB. I could cite  
numerous examples where the CSB has responded immediately to students and  
families in crisis (attempted suicide, families who have lost members due  
to murder, and the like) but consider one aspect of the situation the City  
faces:

I have been involved (along with others) in documenting the  
numbers and needs of our students who are parents at the high school.

Presently, there are about 80. A coalition of community stake holders (CSB  
Prevention staff, Resource Mothers, Campagna Center, and others)

**Comments:**

collaborate with us at school to provide a support group to these young parents. This exemplifies the service they are providing: reaching out to those who need it most where they need it most. Our young parents are learning parenting and why it's better to avoid physical punishment. Their children, who are arguably some of the neediest and most at risk are directly benefitting. And relationships and a sense of trust is formed with community providers. This is just one example.

In short, without

the kind of quality services provided by the CSB to school and pre-school aged children, our jobs as social workers would be impossible. Please do what you can to preserve our investment in our youth.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Do NOT cut substance abuse and mental health  
prevention, early intervention and



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and

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Redella Pepper and respected council  
members,

I am writing as to implore you not to cut the 7 mental health,  
substance abuse prevention and early intervention positions from the city's  
Community Services Board that have been identified as part of the reduction  
in budgetary spending. I am an employee of one of the city's community  
health and family support centers and in my role as a therapist I have had  
countless opportunities to work along side these individuals, and to see  
the positive impact that their work has on the children of this  
community.

Without these positions, which focus on prevention and early  
intervention services, problems that might be identified and prevented or  
treated quickly and effectively will go unnoticed until they are too severe

to escape attention. At that time, the cost to the city will be much larger, as often these children become involved with police, court services, child protective services, etc. If the at-risk behaviors go unnoticed, they stand to develop issues that will require constant support (i.e. drug and alcohol abuse, violence, poor school performance leading to higher risk of poverty and dependence on city programs as adults).

**Comments:**

By

intervening with these children before their problems become unmanageable, many of them will learn positive coping skills and learn ways to manage stress that do not put them at risk. They will have more positive contact with strong adult role models, and go on to become effective, independent members of society. In short, the city will reap not only the financial benefits of having such productive residents, but will save thousands of dollars on the resources to correct and manage anti-social behaviors that these programs are designed to catch and prevent.

Thank you for taking

the time to consider the impact these services have on our children.

Although it may appear more affordable in the short-term to cut these services, in the long run, we cannot afford to go without them.

Respectfully,  
Courtney Riggle-van Schagen, LCSW  
Mental Health

Therapist



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Subject COA Contact Us: BUDGET cutbacks at Special Collections  
Division of the Alexandria Public Library



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BUDGET cutbacks at Special Collections Division of the Alexandria Public  
**Subject:** Library

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper, and Honorable Council

Members:

The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society is a local non-for-profit organization with over 300 members. We meet in the Hollin Hall Senior Center down toward Mount Vernon.

Our Society was established to encourage people interested in the pursuit of their ancestral heritage throughout the world, and to provide a forum for the sharing of knowledge gained by individual members in their own research. The Society provides instruction in the use of genealogical research methodology, and adherence to standards of accuracy and thoroughness in genealogical research, and

collects, preserves, and disseminates genealogical, biographical and historical information. More details about our Society is available at our website, [www.MVgenealogy.org](http://www.MVgenealogy.org)

Most of our members live in Alexandria and rely upon the Special Collections Division of your Queen Street Library for their own research and to help others. We are writing to call your attention to this somewhat unsung division within the Alexandria Library System—the Special Collections Division—in hopes that a better understanding of its importance will mitigate the impact of possible funding reductions. Your Special Collections provide unique genealogical resources available nowhere else. For example, when I first moved to Alexandria seven years ago, I came to the Queen Street Branch to find what I could about 210 Prince Street, a house built by a Revolutionary War ancestor of my husband. To my delight, I discovered that the woman who had restored the townhouse (and written a book on Old Town) had also spent years collecting the family history of Col. Michael Swope, and then she donated nearly half a foot of files on the house and family to Special Collections!

**Comments:**

The Special Collections Division is a well-known and much-respected resource among thousands of both local researchers and those from across the nation who are interested in the history of Alexandria. Patrons come to research their families, explore important aspects of Alexandria's African-American heritage, or learn the history of their homes in Alexandria's various neighborhoods. Among its patrons are City of Alexandria staff members from the Board of Architectural Review, the Planning Department, the Office of Historic Alexandria, and the Office of the City Manager, whose jobs require them to research a building, family, business or some other aspect of Alexandria from the 18th Century through the present. In order to provide such service, weekday and weekend hours are important, and adequate staffing is a priority. We know you value the Alexandria Public Library system just as we understand that you must find

ways to reduce spending. We hope that the intrinsic value of the Special Collections Division, and the support it has from its many patrons, will ensure that you give it every consideration as you shape Alexandria's budget.

Sincerely,

Linda MacLachlan  
President  
Mount Vernon

Genealogical Society

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Subject COA Contact Us: Affordable housing funds



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**Subject:** Affordable housing funds  
Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper and Council Members.

In these  
unprecedented times, we need to protect those who might return to  
homelessness due to job loss and low wages. Our shelter is full with first  
time homeless families as a result of the economic crisis. Where are more  
homeless families going to go in the City???

**Comments:** Carpenter's Shelter  
supports the Council's proposed level funding property tax of rate plus the  
addition of ¼ (0.25) a percent more in property taxes to protect funds for  
affordable housing, the Community Service Board, the Alexandria Fund for  
Human Services and other monies for the our most endangered citizens. This  
is the time for us to care for one another and protect those most in  
need.

Please call me with any questions!  
Fran Becker

Executive

Director, Carpenter's Shelter  
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Library Hours: I understand the need to cut library hours for the Local History/Special Collection Queen Street Branch but ask that you reconsider eliminating weekend hours completely. Please consider opening the library at noon one weekday so that the library could remain open one evening,  
**Comments:** closing the library at 5 pm on weekdays in order to add hours on the weekend, i.e., Saturday. Otherwise most people, who work, cannot use this valuable resource, nor can tourists who are visiting our fair city.  
Thank  
  
you for your consideration. Linda Greenberg

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Subject COA Contact Us: Proposed Reductions

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**Subject:** Proposed Reductions

PLEASE- DON'T CUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH PREVENTION,  
EARLY

INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES TO ALEXANDRIA'S CHILDREN!

I am

writing to you regarding the reductions that have been proposed by the

City/State, I am writing as a concerned Alexandria City resident, as a

parent of a child in ACPS, and as an ACPS employee.

I am aware and am very

pleased with the services that Alexandria offers to all of their families,

ESPECIALLY children. I have experienced some of these services, at work, at

school, and in my own personal life with family members. Because of all of

the experience I have with them, makes me even more concerned and deeply

regret that they are even "considering" reducing them.

They

are very important to the well being, education, and future of our

children, and all of us in the end. Without these programs and positions

that are being considered for reduction, there are many children left out and just plainly- left to their own luck! When in reality, we should

**Comments:** "PUT CHILDREN FIRST!"

By maintaining these programs and services, all of us, as a community, as a state, and as the human race- end up better, safer, smarter, and even save more money.

Instead of cutting these, and spending more time which equals more money on meetings and agendas, we should think of ways to save them. Even more so, on coming up with ideas to keep them and even come up with more ideas on "putting children first."

If Alexandria's schools are over flowing with children, should'nt that mean more money for our schools, their well-being and their future? Fund raisers, re-arranging funds, raising taxes, government funds, I think there are and we should consider other ideas and brainstorm on ways to keep "children first!"

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ariana Lara



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Subject COA Contact Us: Don't cut substance abuse and mental health prevention services.

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**Subject:** Don't cut substance abuse and mental health prevention services.  
Don't cut the Bilingual Substance Abuse Prevention Therapist position at Brent Place Apartments in Alexandria VA. Brent Place Apartments is 207 units of low income housing located at 375 S. Reynolds St. We have been privileged to receive the services from the City for the past couple of years and the residents have benefitted greatly because of this position. Brent Place consists of a huge multi-cultural community many of whom are new to this country (primarily from South Africa) and are working hard towards achieving the "American dream" of living happily and healthy in the United States. This goal does not come easily and many residents have been set back by hurdles with employment opportunities, language barriers, educational issues, child care and substance abuse issues.

**Comments:** Amalia Quinones, the City's Bilingual Substance Abuse Prevention Therapist has been a huge asset to the community and particularly the residents of Brent Place. With her support and direction residents become

gainfully employed, receive needed physical and mental health services, refrain from drugs/alcohol and overcome barriers that might otherwise set them back, therefore warranting City funds on another level.

I understand that budget cuts are a necessity and that funds are low, but I hope that the City takes into consideration the overwhelming amount of funds saved across the board by keeping this position on. Thank-you for your time and consideration of keeping this position. I hope that positive outcomes prevail rather than just a financial measure to break even.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Children's Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Services

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**Subject:** Children's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services  
I am the principal at William Ramsay Elementary and a resident of Alexandria City and I am writing to let you know that I do not support cutting the substance abuse and mental health prevention, early intervention and treatment services to Alexandria's children. These services are valuable and must be maintained so that we can continue to be a leading community in the Northern Virginia area. The services that are provided for our children in Alexandria will save money in the long run. We know that proactive adult intervention in children's lives will create productive citizens and continue the positive legacy we have created. When times are difficult this is when our children need our support the most.  
**Comments:** Adults can and do care for themselves but our children need positive adults who will advocate on their behalf and support their personal and academic growth. The recent research shows that for every dollar invested in substance abuse prevention programs and education this yields ten dollars in savings. As a resident of this city I support a raise in property taxes

to preserve these important services for our children. I see the impact,  
daily and over the course of the school year, that these individuals have  
on the lives and families of our children.  
Thank you for reading this

and considering my feedback on these important positions.  
Kathy Taylor

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**Subject:**

My name is Latisha Arrington and I go to T.C Williams High School and I think that you all should keep the prevention counselors at each school because they are a big help to the younger and older youth, those who want help and those who don't. Kids that don't have much help at home can always go to one of the prevention counselors and get the help they needed. When I'm in school that's the first person I go to for help and I have been since the 6th grade and always got the help I needed. It's good to have people at the school who care so much and deeply about what they do and who they do it for. I don't think it's a good idea if this program gets cut because I want to become a counselor and help kids out in my school area to give back to my community. Just like the help I got back then in my trouble days. They would form girl's or boy's groups and teach us about many different topics, help us with homework, and any outside issue we may have. So without this program who would be there to help the youth or older kids out? So I'm asking you please don't cut the positions at GW, Minnie Howard,

**Comments:**

Tucker and Brent Place. Please and Thank You!!!

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**Rivnee Ross**  
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03/03/2009 04:40 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: please dont cut school prevention counslor



**Time:** [Tue Mar 03, 2009 16:40:48] **IP Address:** [206.113.148.2]

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

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**Subject:** please dont cut school prevention counslor

My name is Rivnee Ross and I go to T.C. Williams High School. I'm writing this letter to inform you about the school base prevention counselor position being cut. I think prevention counselors shouldn't be taken out of the schools because they have helped people in many different ways; as in problems in their homes, teens having babies, teens trying to kill themselves, and issues with their teachers. They stop people from dropping

**Comments:**

out of school. There is no telling where these people would be at without the counselors. If we didn't have prevention counselor in school students wouldn't have any body to discus there issues with. Also a lot of students would have dropped out of school. Teenagers would be getting in a lot of trouble. So please don't cut the school based position at G.W, Minnie Howard, Tucker and Brent Place. Thank you

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Subject COA Contact Us: Please do not cut school counselor positions

**Time:** [Tue Mar 03, 2009 16:38:55] **IP Address:** [206.113.148.2]

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

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**Subject:** Please do not cut school counselor positions

My name is Antionette Harris and I go to T.C Williams High School and I am writing you this letter to let you know why I think you should keep the School Base Counselor Positions. I would like you to keep these positions because without them I don't know where some teenagers like me would be. I believe that if you take the school counselors away teenagers wouldn't have anybody to talk to and they might do something that they wouldn't have done had they had a prevention counselor to talk to. For example, if they have issues at home, they look to prevention counselors to help them figure out

**Comments:** solutions to their problems. But if they didn't have prevention counselors they could maybe go home and pack their bags and go live on the streets. I appreciate all the things that prevention counselors have done for me. For example, giving me the privilege to help younger kids and make the right decisions in life. All in all if we did not have this program a lot of teenagers wouldn't be where they are today so please do not cut the positions at GW, Minnie Howard, Tucker and Brent Place. Thank You



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**Time:** [Tue Mar 03, 2009 16:32:37] **IP Address:** [206.113.148.2]

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**Subject:**

My name is Shaniqua Thomas and I am a senior at T.C Williams High School and I think that we should keep the School Based Prevention Therapist positions. They have made a great impact on me and other students. I

believe that cutting or taking this program away would create huge problems in the schools. For example if we did not have them at our schools giving us their services who would we go to when we needed advice? They work so

hard to help kids or children who does not have the help or support they need at home, these kids go to them because they know that they can help them and won't judge them from their situations. This program helps kids

**Comments:**

make the right choices of not doing drugs or alcohol not committing suicide if they had any thoughts of it. They work really hard to make a difference in the communities and in the school's. I think cutting these positions would be a terrible thing to do. If this was to happen I think the schools would become corrupt because the kids would not have anyone to go to when they're in trouble. Who will they go to if they need help if there's nobody

at home that they can talk to? What will happen to those kids? Who will be there for them? So please be very mindful and don't cut the positions at GW, Minnie Howard, Tucker and Brent Place. Thank you.

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Amina Uwwais  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Please don't cut school based postions



Time: [Tue Mar 03, 2009 16:28:52] IP Address: [206.113.148.2]

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**Subject:** Please don't cut school based postions

My name is Amina Uwwais and I am currently a senior at T.C. William high school. Growing up in the Alexandria school system I've gotten very close to counselors and therapists. Every time there is a problem with me or any student it seems like these are the people to go to for help. I watch daily how people go to these counselors and therapists for advice. The school based counselor program is a dynamite program. I mean these people are so sincere in to what they do and their profession just allows them to work with people so well. I've seen people on the verge of committing suicide, drug addicts, and even people that are depressed go to a counselor and after talking to these people it looks as if their whole burden is knocked off their shoulder. It takes huge amount of dedication to work with a community with open arms, and I appreciate every bit of help I received from theses therapists. I strongly hope and wish that the positions at George Washington, Minnie Howard, Tucker, and Brent Place won't be cut. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter I really appreciate it.

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Subject COA Contact Us: city budget - preserving CSB services in schools



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**Subject:** city budget - preserving CSB services in schools

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council,

I am writing this e-mail

to respectfully request that you continue to invest in substance abuse and mental health prevention, early intervention and treatment services for Alexandria's children by not cutting these positions from the city's budget. I know how it would affect students I teach at George Washington Middle School where Benjamin DeRigge provides counseling and prevention services. Several of my students look forward to his boys' clubs, substance prevention group, and community peer mentoring programs and would be disappointed if these groups discontinue. They have made it clear that they are learning life skills that will help them in the future. Other students I teach learn coping skills in counseling sessions with him so they can make it through the school day. Beyond anecdotes, his services provide the intervention needed so that the children can focus on education and not choose the path of drugs, crimes, or teenage pregnancy, all of which would

cost the city more money in the long term than the prevention services cost now.

**Comments:**

GW has had a city counselor for more than two decades. In times of economic strife when families have to forego the cost of private counseling and extracurricular activities – if it was ever affordable for them – keeping this school-based position is of a high priority. The city should consider alternative ways to keep funds for it: benefit luncheons, private grants, tax revenue, or even involving the youth in the fundraising process so they can take ownership in these services. The Alexandria City Public Schools have committed to make budget decisions that put children first and the City of Alexandria should do the same. I am deeply concerned about what will happen to the youth involved in the prevention groups or receiving counseling services should the budget cuts affect the city counselor position at GW. Maintaining it will ensure that there is no gap in our obligation to provide a community that fully attends to the needs of Alexandria's children. Prevention and intervention services are necessary for these children and will yield long-term savings and benefits for the community.

Sincerely,  
Helena Payne  
ACPS Teacher

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**Hugh Van Horn**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Local History Collection



Time: [Tue Mar 03, 2009 11:09:48] IP Address: [71.191.28.61]

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H. M. Van Horn  
416 S. Pitt St.  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
3 March 2009

Mayor William D. Euille  
City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille:

I understand that, in response to severe budgetary pressures this year, the City of Alexandria is considering the elimination of staff positions and the drastically curtailing of hours of operation of the Local History Collection of the Alexandria public Library. While I realize that the current deep recession will require painful cuts in all areas of city government, I urge you to do everything in your power to minimize the damage to the Local History Collection.

Over the past several years, I have had numerous occasions to visit the Barrett Branch of the Alexandria Public Library to make use of the holdings of the Local History Collection. These include many unique records, some dating back to the city's origins more than two and a half centuries ago. My visits have occurred at random hours and on random days, and each time I have been only one among a significant number of patrons using these services. The expert and knowledgeable staff have always been uniformly and willingly helpful, enabling me to accomplish my research efficiently. If staff positions are cut too far, I fear that the institution may not be able to recover when the economy again improves, as it surely will. Similarly, curtailing the hours of operation will have a definite adverse impact on historical and genealogical research.

We are fortunate indeed to have available the marvelous resource that is the Local History Collection in our public library. As you well know, the City of Alexandria occupies a unique position among small cities in the United States, with an historic and intimate connection with our nation's capital. The Local History Collection helps to make historic information about this area available to all – residents and visitors alike – who have serious interests in these early records. Please do all you can to help our city preserve this vital resource.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh M. Van Horn

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Subject COA Contact Us: City Historian

**Time: [Fri Feb 27, 2009 09:51:59] IP Address: [69.140.72.209]**

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**Subject:** City Historian

Dear City Council,  
It has come to my attention that you are considering  
abolishing the position of City Historian on the retirement of Mike Miller.  
I believe this would be a major mistake. Preservation of our history in a  
publicly accessible form is the one thing that distinguishes Alexandria  
from all the other mid-size cities on the East Coast. Our rich history is  
a direct draw for visitors from all over the nation and from abroad, as  
well as a source of common pride and community in our city. Alexandria Old

**Comments:** Town is America's closest approximation to an old European city. Our  
emphasis on history is a reason I moved back here from California five  
years ago. I have West Coast friends who come here yearly to visit Old  
Town because of its unique ambiance.

Eliminating the City Historian  
position will seriously compromise our claim of taking pride in our  
history. Please don't do it.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Fund Mental Health and Community Support  
Programs



Time: [Mon Mar 02, 2009 20:47:34] IP Address: [72.83.184.20]

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**Subject:** Fund Mental Health and Community Support Programs  
Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper and Honorable City Council

Members,

Do not cut substance abuse and mental health prevention, early  
intervention and treatment service to Alexandria's children  
and youth.

As a teacher in the Alexandria school system, I have a first hand knowledge  
of the crucial need for such services  
by our city's children. The  
emotional and social wellness of our children and their families needs to

**Comments:** be supported more, not  
less by the City. Research shows, programs like  
these save money in the long run, make schools safer and happier places  
for ALL our children, enhancing education and preventing crime. Programs  
like these should be expanded, not cut. Why short-  
change the children? In  
doing so, we short-change ourselves.

Sincerely,  
Victoria Walchak

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**Yvonne Carignan**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Special Collections Division, Alexandria Library

**Time: [Mon Mar 02, 2009 20:38:02] IP Address: [70.110.23.142]**

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**Subject:** Special Collections Division, Alexandria Library

I am writing in my capacity as Library Director and Head of Collections for the Historical Society of Washington, D.C., out of deep concern about what I understand are proposed budget and staff cuts to the Alexandria Library's Special Collections Division. The Alexandria Library's Special Collection Division is one of the premier historical collections in Virginia and the DC metropolitan area. Having served as head of the Alexandria Special Collections from 1987 to 1994, when the collections were in Lloyd House, I know the importance the collections have, not only to Alexandria's many history oriented non-profit organizations – Alexandria Archaeology, the Office of Historic Alexandria, historic building museums, to name but a few examples – but to the tourism business in Alexandria. The Special Collections Division not only attracts many tourists who research their families in its rich genealogical collections, but these collections support the historical tourism community which cannot function without the resources Special Collections provide. Alexandria Library's Special

**Comments:**

Collections Division is key to the thriving business and culture of history that is so central to all that defines Alexandria. Please help to avoid cuts that would limit the star Alexandria collection to only a few open hours per week. Support full staffing to keep the Alexandria Special Collections open and staffed. Even in these tough economic times, the Alexandria Library's Special Collections Division, of critical importance to the City of Alexandria and beyond, should be fully funded. It cannot be spared.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Carignan  
Library Director and Head of

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Subject COA Contact Us: budget abd city trees

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**Subject:** budget abd city trees  
Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper, and members of the City Council:

I  
understand that this is a difficult budget year, and I wouldn't write this unless I felt it was important. But I am concerned about the proposed cut of more than one-third in the city tree budget for contracted services for tree removal and pruning (about \$181,000 out of the current year's \$495,000). Contractors do most of the tree maintenance on city streets and in parks and other public areas. About \$350,000 of the \$495,000 budget went to tree removal in the most recent year. Tree removal is the top priority, because of the need to remove downed or unsafe trees. Yet if the need for tree removal is at the same level in fiscal year 2010, the budget cuts will mean that the pruning of trees in public areas could effectively be eliminated.

Proper care is critical to the health of an urban forest.

Lack of care undermines the investment we make in planting trees in the

first place. I urge you to ask staff about the repercussions of so severely cutting the tree maintenance budget. Is this a case in which because of short-term cuts, we end up paying even more in the longer run to repair the damage?

The new Urban Forestry Master Plan (in the city manager's possession for some months now) makes clear that we have been significantly underinvesting in tree care for a long time, and this is contributing to the declining health of our urban forest as a whole.

The plan also makes

clear that while we have been busy designing an Eco-City Charter and an Environment Action Plan and winning awards for our "green" initiatives, the city has actually become less green—literally. In just this decade, the overall tree canopy has declined from 34% to 30%. The tree cover is expected to decline even further without a significant new city investment. According to the report, "Failure to make this investment could have serious long-term consequences for the city's environmental quality of life."

**Comments:**

I realize that you can't provide the investment called for in the report right now. But our tiny arborist staff is struggling to meet even its very basic responsibilities. Virtually all of staff time is spent reacting to problems or potential problems. Virtually no time is devoted to proactive activities designed to enhance the urban forest.

I suggest

that after the budget work is done that you ask staff for creative suggestions for how we can move forward—planting more trees and caring for more trees—even in a difficult fiscal environment. Could the day-to-day responsibilities of our three arborists be altered in ways that allow them to focus more on tasks that will enhance our urban forest? What is the possibility of developing public-private partnerships with civic or business groups to plant more trees and care for more trees? How can we make more effective the contributions of the budding volunteer group, the Tree Stewards of Arlington and Alexandria?

Thank you for your

consideration.

Bill Hendrickson, Member, Urban Forestry Steering

Committee

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Subject COA Contact Us: Request to Keep Ben DeRigge's Position



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**Subject:** Request to Keep Ben DeRigge's Position

I would like to write a note to request that we keep Ben DeRigge as a social worker at George Washington Middle School. He has been an exemplary worker at George Washington Middle School. Mr. DeRigge has assisted with numerous activities. He co-lead a boys transition group with me where we focused on academic skills and organizational skills. We did a pre test and post test and the data showed that 80 percent of the students improved

**Comments:** academically and organizationally. He also assist with our Homework Help program after school to tutor and mentor students at GWMS. For this and many reasons, I would like for Mr. Ben DeRigge to remain at GWMS.

Thanks  
for your cooperation!  
Stacey Thomas  
Sixth Grade Counselor



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**Christianne Storm van Leeuwen**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: School-aged Prevention and Early Intervention  
Therapist Position

**Time: [Wed Feb 25, 2009 17:07:20] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]**

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**Subject:** School-aged Prevention and Early Intervention Therapist Position  
Please..... Don't cut substance abuse and mental health prevention, early intervention and treatment services to Alexandria's children. As a school psychologist at George Washington Middle School I have been closely working with the school-aged prevention and early intervention therapists for many years and have witnessed the wonderful work they do with our children. Their focus in the school setting is on prevention and consequently they are essential members of our school support teams. Every day, children seek out Mr. DeRigge when they need help; moreover, he has been involved in many counseling groups, and also consults with schoolstaff. He is a valuable member of our support services suite (consisting of social workers and psychologists) and plays a very important part in our service delivery model. Mr. DeRigge's services save money as they prevent higher levels of services for children and families in the future. Recent research indicated that every dollar invested in substance-abuse prevention yield \$10 in savings. I would like to suggest that before raising taxes, the City

Council may want to go over the budget with a fine toothcomb and find other areas to raise revenue instead of taking away these very important services.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Early Intervention and Treatment



Time: [Wed Feb 25, 2009 15:37:58] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

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**Subject:** Early Intervention and Treatment  
Please do not cut substance abuse and mental health prevention, early  
intervention and treatment services to Alexandria's children.

**Comments:** I have had  
the privilege of working with the prevention specialists at the middle and  
high school levels in Alexandria for eight years and I see first hand the  
services that they provide, which are different from those that are  
provided by the school-based mental health staff. These services save the  
City money in the long run. Specifically, recent research suggests that  
for every dollar spent on prevention, the City saves \$10 on later substance  
abuse treatment costs.  
Please reconsider cutting these positions.

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**Susan Russo**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Cutting services for children

**Time: [Wed Feb 25, 2009 14:27:43] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]**

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**Subject:** Cutting services for children  
Don't cut substance abuse and mental health prevention, early intervention and treatment services to Alexandria's children. A position at our school is being cut that is desperately needed. Mr. DeRigge is constantly meeting with students who are engaging in risky behaviors that endanger their futures. He works diligently with staff to identify and intervene with our students every day. He builds positive relationships with students that literally keep them in school and able to reach their goals. Eliminating his position based on seniority does a disservice to our children. What is dubbed as a cost-saving measure will cost our community tenfold in the future.  
**Comments:**  
Thank you for your time and consideration.

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02/24/2009 05:04 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Library Budget



Time: [Tue Feb 24, 2009 17:04:51] IP Address: [98.169.252.228]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**Subject:** Library Budget

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council;  
I write on behalf

on all library patrons and especially the patrons of the Special

Collections Branch of the Alexandria Library.  
I was a life long

resident of Alexandria, graduating from George Washington High School and  
very proudly worked as a librarian II for 20 years while the Special

Collections Branch was located in the Lloyd House.  
Library schools

and the American Library Association teach and advocate that during times  
of fiscal stress libraries (and parks) must remain open and available to the  
public because they provide information and recreation; both essential for  
good physical and mental health of their citizens.  
Alexandria prides

**Comments:** itself on its historic properties and much of the research material for  
documentation of those properties and much of the information for the  
writing of the history of Alexandria - so important for tourism - is only

available in the Special Collections!  
The photograph collection

housed there makes money when photographs are sold for reproduction.

The branch must be kept open during hours when people can do their research

which means Saturdays as well as during the week.

Along with safety -

Police and Fire Departments, the Library is an essential for citizens

use.

Please consider carefully any budget cuts to this important

service.

Sincerely,

Sandra S. O'Keefe

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Subject COA Contact Us: Budget hearing April 13th



Time: [Tue Feb 24, 2009 08:04:02] IP Address: [70.18.242.42]

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

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**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703-751-6909

**Email Address:** jonjam3@msn.com

**Subject:** Budget hearing April 13th

**Comments:** Gentlepeople, I was a regular at hearings in the mid-80s. This year I am coming back for the first time in 2 decades. I will speak to the issues of homelessness, aging, and human services generally. As a property owner and tax payer(with my wife), I will pay my taxes as adjusted willingly as long as good human services continue in Alexandria. I count on you to do the morally right thing. Thank you, John Smucker

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Subject COA Contact Us: 2010 budget



**Time: [Sun Feb 22, 2009 18:46:55] IP Address: [69.143.46.26]**

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**Subject:** 2010 budget

I wanted to ask if the City would consider cutting the traffic calming program out temporarily in light that we are in a budget crunch...

I would also like to ask about the subsidized funds that we contribute to the Metro bus drivers, I was told that the Metro drivers retirement system if based on the drivers overtime pay in addition to their regular salary, if this is true, this is an unusual generous subsidy. I have never heard of

**Comments:** any retirement that is based on overtime pay! All involved jurisdictions should get together to look at this and make an adjustment. From what I hear, Dash drivers are not afforded the same benefit. Perhaps the above two items are not going to affect our budget much but every little bit helps.



Thanks for listening

Alex.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Budget impacts



**Time: [Mon Mar 09, 2009 09:43:31] IP Address: [76.21.172.158]**

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**Subject:** Budget impacts  
I recently received a message from the Friends of Alexandria Mental Health Center concerning budget cuts to the various programs for those in need of mental health services. I am wondering if there is any way to leverage any stimulus monies to ensure that the level of service is commensurate with the need. Is this particular service cut something that will be under discussion at the March 23 meeting? Thank you. Paula Lader, Chalfonte Drive, Alexandria 22305

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**Nancy Lorentz**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Selling or Swapping Field Near GW



**Time: [Mon Mar 09, 2009 13:58:54] IP Address: [76.21.205.219]**

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**Subject:** Selling or Swapping Field Near GW  
Dear Mr. mayor and City Council Members,

I know we are in a very cash  
strapped situation and you are looking for ways to come up with cash, but  
this proposal is incredibly short-sighted and ill-conceived. I BEG of you  
to drop this plan immediately. The children of GW, as well as other  
children and adults in our city - which is already starved of open spaces -  
deserve better than this.

**Comments:** My daughter, now at Minnie Howard, plays on  
the field for the TC Williams Girls Soccer. When she was at GW, they used  
the fields for PE. I see many neighborhood folks out using the fields for  
a variety of reasons during those afterschool hours and I know the REC uses  
them also. That land is GOLD and is too valuable to all the citizens of  
our city for you to trade away. Once land is gone, we can't get it back -  
EVER.

Please, stop this madness: KEEP THE GW FIELDS.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Lorentz

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Subject COA Contact Us: Don't cut substance abuse and mental health  
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**Time: [Mon Mar 09, 2009 17:01:45] IP Address: [98.218.145.168]**

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

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Don't cut substance abuse and mental health prevention, early intervention

**Subject:**

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Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members:

I am writing after recently

learning of the city's proposed reduction of early intervention and

treatment services to Alexandria's children. Please don't do it! In

particular, do not eliminate the part-time Community Services Board's

(CBS's) Outreach Prevention Specialist position.

Along with the other

much-needed services provided by the Prevention Specialist, I can

personally speak to the positive impact that the community playgroups have

had on my family.

My three-year-old son was referred to CSB's

playgroups through Alexandria's Parent Infant Education Program. He and I

have attended sessions since November 2008. With the help of our Outreach

Prevention Specialist, Glenda Petho, I have seen enormous development in my

son.

**Comments:**

His ability to play with, cooperate, and communicate with his peers has increased significantly. He more readily uses words rather than physical outbursts to voice his needs and dislikes. He is willing sit in a group setting and follow directions.

As a first-time mom, I'm gaining invaluable guidance and support from Glenda. She has been instrumental in offering suggestions on challenging parenting issues. The other moms and caregivers are great resources as well.

I've noticed that interest and attendance have grown and have been more consistent from the time I first joined the group.

Please reconsider any decision to eliminate Glenda's position.

Thank you for your time.

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Subject Protect Alexandria's Affordable Housing Preservation Program

March 10, 2009

Dear Mayor Euille  
And Members of the Alexandria City Council:

The many friends of Housing Action request that the City Council standby its commitment of one-penny for affordable housing preservation as approved in 2006. **Specifically, we urge the Council to abide by its commitment to issue the remaining \$7.1 million in bond for affordable housing and to continue to dedicate the remaining 0.3 cents of the one-penny fund to the preservation of affordable housing.**

The continued commitment to the one-penny fund (or equivalent funds) is essential. Some monies, even if modest, must be available to initiate the implementation of the recommendations of the Mayor's Affordable Housing Initiatives Work Group, expected to be presented to Council within the next month.

Two key recommendations of the Work Group are that the City initiate efforts to preserve:

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Now is not the time to cripple the preservation program. The present decrease in housing values presents the City with opportunities to achieve key housing goals at reduced cost.

We thank you for your commitments over the past three years to maintain Alexandria's population diversity and healthy business environment by stabilizing the affordable housing stock. As a demonstration of our commitment, both of us would support a modest increase to the Manager's proposed property tax adjustment to meet the unfunded costs of protecting the our

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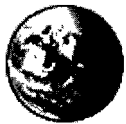
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Subject COA Contact Us: proposed closing of Colasant pool



**Time: [Mon Mar 09, 2009 17:09:38] IP Address: [69.140.86.188]**

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

**Subject:** proposed closing of Colasant pool  
Dear Mayor Euille and City Council members:

The proposed city budget

calls for closing the pool at the Colasanto Center in FY 2010. In light of this proposal, I recently asked members of two list serves in Del Ray their views on the value of the pool. I received many responses, virtually all of whom would like to keep the pool open, with different hours and perhaps a use fee. Currently, many (and perhaps most) parents in Del Ray are unable to use the pool because it is only open afternoons on weekdays in the summer.

I urge you to vote to delay any closing and ask staff to meet with the community to explore alternatives for keeping the pool open,

**Comments:** including different hours and a use fee. I believe that far more people would use the pool if it was open from late afternoon to early evening and on weekends.

The pool could become a valuable community resources, not

just for swimming but as a place for the community to gather on summer nights. But to close it now because it is not being used even though most of the people who could use it are not available during the hours that it is open makes no sense.

I have attached the comments that I received.

Thank you.  
Bill Hendrickson

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To: delraycitizens@yahooogroups.com  
From: whendrick@aol.com  
Date: Thu, 26 Feb 2009 21:40:57 +0000  
Subject: [delraycitizens] Proposed Colasanto pool closing

The proposed city budget proposes not opening the Colasanto pool in fiscal year 2010 because of inadequate use and the high costs of maintaining an older pool. The pool is only open during the day on weekdays for a couple of months in the summer. It seems to me that this pool would get much wider use if it was open at different hours, say from late afternoon to early evening on weekdays and during the day on weekends. I'm curious as to what people think about this pool and whether it is worthwhile trying to save.

The city is now considering doing away with some of the existing outdoor pools in the city and replacing them with spray parks. But this would not happen until fiscal year 2014, and the plan is to replace the pool at Ewald Park with a spray park. But even that plan depends on money, and there is a big shortfall in the city's capital budget projected for the next five years.

Bill Hendrickson

We used that pool almost every afternoon this past summer. What can we do to convince the city not to close it?! Elizabeth Davenport <elizabeth\_davenport@yahoo.com

I agree that Colasanto pool is much better for young kids than Warwick. I have long been disappointed that we can't use it more because of the schedule. My daughter and I were only able to go three times last summer when I took days off from work and so we were home when the pool was open. For what it's worth, all three times I thought that it was fairly busy without being overcrowded. We did use the Warwick pool in the evenings and on weekends, but I would have loved to have been able to have the more clam (and certainly more walkable for us) Colasanto pool as an option. I would love to see it available for use (by kids, not just adults) on the weekends and during weekday evenings. As others have said, I wouldn't be adverse to paying for it, either. Jennifer Atkins  
jsandsatkins@yahoo.com

WRT the question about what is the basis for our belief that more people would use the pool if it were open other hours, that can only be anecdotal, but could easily be beefed up by an unscientific poll. I presume that if you posted some sort of poll here, you could get enough responses to have some convincing data for use in broader discussions.

In my case, I moved to DelRay before we had children, and it was a couple of years before I knew that the pool ever opened. Since I was at work all day, I only saw a mysterious, strangely empty pool. I finally asked someone on the street what was going on with the ghost pool and they explained its limited operating hours.

Frequently, even without kids, wished that it had hours that would accommodate swimming for people who work full-time. As a dual income family, now with kids, I wish that even more. Mary Brazier <mary.brazier@gmail.com

We live around the corner and would love to have a pool to go to during summer evenings. If the pool was able to stay open till 7 or 8pm a couple of nights during the week I would definitely bring my son out.

I grew up in Richmond and nights at the neighborhood pool were a favorite growing up.

Liz Cherry  
[ebcher1@yahoo.com](mailto:ebcher1@yahoo.com)

My children and I have used the Colassanto pool every summer except last summer. My children and I go to the pool together; I go with just my youngest; or my older children take my youngest. My information is based on my past observations and not information I received directly from the city. The pool is a neighborhood pool that is open to children 14 and under and parents/guardians accompanying younger children. There is no charge to use the pool. Most of the children who use the pool are African-Americans and Hispanics. The lifeguards, I think, are employed by the city just as lifeguards at the Cameron Street/Old Town and the Warwick pools are. The Warwick pool is a city pool not limited to use by residents in Warwick Village any more than parks in one part of town are limited to nearby residents. Stephanie Campbell <sjcampbell@comcast.net

I would be very sad if the Colasanto pool closed. I have two children, and we went there almost every day. Colasanto does not get the busloads of kids or adults and teenagers playing basketball like Warwick and so it's easier to let my kids practice swimming. It's relaxing.

Most days that we went to Colasanto pool it was pretty crowded--particularly in the afternoon. It closes earlier than Warwick and in the summer of 2007 some days when we would show up it would be closed because they had difficulty staffing it. That didn't seem to be a problem during the summer this past year.

I do think the pool hours and rules could be restructured if needed. Right now, Colosanto is for children, which is great. It's also free. I'd hate to see some kids be turned away because they couldn't pay, but I would have been happy to pay as much as I do at Warwick (if not more). Maybe it could remain a free pool for kids during the day during the week, but adults could pay in the evening hours and on weekends. I would LOVE to have access to a pool later in the evenings.

As far as the splash park goes, as nice as they are, I'd rather not see a pool become a splash park. I love this area, but having grown up at the Jersey shore, I get a little sad when the hot, humid days of summer hit. I don't want to sit in the air conditioning, and I don't want to run around at the splash park in my bathing suit. Getting in the Colasanto pool with my sons brought back a love for summer I had been missing.

Thanks,  
Heather Martin, [heather\\_martin22305@yahoo.com](mailto:heather_martin22305@yahoo.com)

We live very close to Colasanto pool but don't use it as a family. That being said, Creative Play School uses it quite frequently and it would be a real loss for them. It might be better used, as suggested if the hours were better.

We would be very upset though if they closed the Olde Towne or Warwick pools. Having moved from Falls Church where there were no public pools, and not having the budget to join a private pool, we have found these public pools to be a blessing. If we have a voice in this we would certainly argue against closing them. [markaudra@verizon.net](mailto:markaudra@verizon.net)

The City operates the pools themselves. Many of the managers/head lifeguards are local teachers, either in Alexandria or Fairfax County. The lifeguards are usually high school and/or college kids, so they tend to be short-staffed by Labor Day weekend - it's unfortunate, since the pools could probably remain open on weekends only through September (I've lived in condo/apartment complexes where this occurred, since the weather is usually good).

I don't have kids and thus, have never had occasion to utilize the Colasanto pool. It seems like extending hours, even once or twice a week, would do a lot to boost attendance.

That said, I'm a regular on the weekends at the Warwick pool, which is usually packed on Sunday afternoons. Saturdays tend to be hit or miss - depending on whether it's a holiday weekend, the weather, etc. Unfortunately, there does not seem to be a concerted effort by the City to improve the pool; to the contrary, the City seems reluctant to spend any money or effort on the pool - there are about 1/3 of the needed amount of lounge chairs there (no matter how empty/crowded the pool is, there aren't enough seats), there have been no upgrades to the pool (other than paint) in my 6 years in Del Ray, the diving area is not always open, there is no dedicated lap lane, there always seems to be an excess of lifeguards doing nothing, kids/tweens are allowed unaccompanied by parents, the rules aren't always clear, and even when the rules are clear, they aren't always enforced.

Regardless of my complaints, I enjoy having access to the pool and utilize it as often as possible. I'd be happy to pay more for the privilege if it led to improvements. IMO, this is a community, and the pools are just another part of that - it's a place to see your neighbors and meet new people. Just like everyone has a vested interest in improvements to our schools, parks, business district, and homes, it's

important to keep the pools well maintained. Beyond that, I don't have any answers.... [halliebrok@aol.com](mailto:halliebrok@aol.com)

It really depends on who uses the pool and for what purpose. I and others who would use the pool to swim laps will find that the pool is of no use no matter what the hours are. We will go to the YMCA or other such facilities. That just leave those splashing around to cool off. My I make a suggestion then.

Try moving the hours to try to boost usage. If this does not show improvement over the summer, then close the pool and replace it with a spray park but as a fountain. I have acutally seen in some cities a decorative fountain that had no basin and the people and kids used it to cool off in the summer. We are looking for public art in Del Ray, how better to kill two birds with one stone. (Portland, OR comes to mind)

Yes, there could be leagal concerns I am sure but I thought I would throw this out into the ring.

Arthur Johnson, [arthur.johnson@comcast.net](mailto:arthur.johnson@comcast.net)

We've lived in the neighborhood for one summer and only discovered with a few weeks left that this is a neighborhood pool! We came as much as we could after we found out, but agree that late afternoon and/or weekend hours would be great. Even if we had to pay 50cents a person, we'd still be a fan.

On the other hand, we also frequently headed into Arlington to the spray parks - they're \*great\* for moms and kids (no drowning and a variety of play equipment are a plus :)!

Thanks for sharing the conversation!

Tara Lewis, Del Ray mom of two, [tara\\_june@yahoo.com](mailto:tara_june@yahoo.com)

Based on the information provided, my kneejerk reaction would be to agree with an assessment the Colosantos pool would serve the community better with hours that correspond to dual working parent households.

But invariably I'd want more information. I'd appreciate having facts presented that leads to the conclusion the Colosantos pool is worth or not worth saving.

- What segment of the population does the pool currently serve? How many visits? What duration? What is the operating cost per visit?
- What is the basis for believing that if the hours were extended, dual income parents would utilize the pool more?
- Could the Warwick Village pool be made more attractive to non-Village residents?
- Colosantos Pool is in poor condition, as are the tennis courts.

Marlin Lord once proposed rehabilitating and enclosing the pool to increase usage. Is that viable long-range thinking?

I could go on but I think everyone get the gist. Amy Slack <alsdmf@earthlink.net

I have always had concerns about the smaller pools that are only open on weekdays. I am not around during the week to see if they are used heavily, but I know on weekends the other outdoor city pools are not terribly crowded. I would think given the financial situation, it would be wise to close the smaller pools down. There is a relatively high cost to operating a pool that goes beyond the lifeguards and electricity to run the pumps. They also have to be insured.

I also wonder if the city operates the pools themselves or if they are "outsourced". It might be less costly to pay a pool management company to staff and operate the city pools.

Sarah Haut <hautsl@yahoo.com

We would definitely use the pool more if it was open at more convenient hours, i.e. afternoon through early evening on weekdays and during the weekends. The problem with this pool is that it's not open when most of us can use it. JC Herz <jnhq@yahoo.com

I have to say that I've always found it odd that this pool isn't open on weekends. Not sure what the rationale is; and the limited hours that it is open was also strange.

However even with increased hours, I doubt my family would use it (we usually go to a pool on base). It's a bit of an eyesore most of the year. My vote would be to do something else with that space. Might be a more central/visible spot for the Farmers Market?

Pia Cantoni <pia@adswag.biz

I could not agree more that Colasanto pool should be open much more, not less.

Hope M. Harrison, hopeharr@gwu.edu

I agree about the hours- the pool closes at 5 p.m. - only stay-at-home parents are able to enjoy it. I for one would love it if the hours were (I think they are 10-5 now - so 7 hours) Noon - 7 p.m. - then those of us working could enjoy the pool as well.

Also - some hours on the weekend would be nice. Germaine Schaefer <germaineschaefer@hotmail.com

We have never gone to Colasanto because the hours are not congruent with our working schedule. However if they were to change them to those similar to Warwick Village, I would much prefer walking 3 blocks versus getting in the car to go to the OT or Warwick Village pools.

One thing for the city to consider is that swimming is a life skill - one that everyone should have. We live in an area with a lot of water and having the ability to swim can save lives. Even the small pools such as Colasanto can provide a place for people to become comfortable in the water so when a situation occurs they do not panic.

Closing pools for 'spray parks' while it would save funds doesn't sound like a good idea to me. Again, if they changed the hours I think a lot of people in Del Ray would use the small pools, even for a fee.

Jill Vanselous Murphy <capsrock2001@yahoo.com

I scratched my head for the 8 summers i've lived here as I never saw it open. Then last summer when i was home from work with our young daughter I finally checked it out. I agree making the hours more flexible and allowing others to use it would make it a nice benefit for the neighborhood.

I think the current policy also only allows kids to use it because of its small size. There were a nice group of kids both times we went last summer including a group of kids that seemed to be in a summer camp or perhaps city program (so maybe cutting day hours would take away from the mission?) I did notice there were 3 staffers which seemed like a lot for such a small pool but maybe its legally necessary?

Tovah

Tovah Ravitz <tovah\_ravitz@yahoo.com

My personal view is that the pool is not that important to this community. There are two other pools [one behind Warwick Village, one at the Y] that serve the area. Since there is no possibility of changing the hours to the weekend - which I agree, makes a whole lot more sense - than I think the funds should be used to support more critical needs in our city. Shirley, Shirley Marshall <marshallkab@yahoo.com

I would be very very disappointed if the pool closed. The hours were difficult. I could not go often b/c of the age of my youngest, but was really looking forward to this summer when it will be much easier. Let me know if there is anything I can do to assist in a protest of the proposal.

Bridget Gorman Wendling  
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I actually proposed exactly what you have suggested during last year's budget process. I didn't get any support from my colleagues. It would have cost about \$18k last year.

Here's the budget memo:



<http://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/budget/info/budget2009/memos/memo10.pdf>

Justin M. Wilson  
[justin@justin.net](mailto:justin@justin.net)

I agree it would get a lot better use if we could have it open later afternoon to early evening and weekends. We would definitely use it.

Julie Forsht, [juliecardamone@comcast.net](mailto:juliecardamone@comcast.net)

Me too.  
Andrea Bigner <[bignera@hotmail.com](mailto:bignera@hotmail.com)>

Hi Bill - I saw the pool item in the budget cuts and agree that opening pools during the most frequented times is a good approach.

We use the Lee and (Warwick Village?) pool frequently in the summer and Creative Play School, one of the few reasonably priced summer camps, uses the Colasanto pool just about every day it is open. The staff and students walk to the pool during the day hours but, even if the hours were switched to late afternoon, the Creative children and others could use the pool.

I also think that college students often rely on these summer jobs to help pay tuition and it will be tough enough to find a job in this economy as it is. If there is a way to keep the pools open with fewer hours, I would certainly support the effort. Young people need to be engaged during out of school time and there is a documented increase in neighborhood petty crime during out of school time.

Thanks for collecting information on this.  
Patrice & Paul Linehan <[pml2kc@yahoo.com](mailto:pml2kc@yahoo.com)>

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**Subject:**

Community Lodgings Prevention of Foreclosure: Since November, our  
bilingual certified housing counselor, Karina Wiggs has worked with FOUR

**Comments:** FAMILIES who were facing foreclosure and did not know where to turn. She  
was able to work with their mortgage companies to renegotiate or modify the  
terms of their loans in order to prevent them from becoming homeless.

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Abuse & Mental Health



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**Subject:** Reductions in Services - Children's Substance Abuse & Mental Health

Dear City Council,

As are many other City residents, I am very distressed about the proposed budget cuts. Please don't cut substance abuse and mental health prevention, early intervention and treatment services to Alexandria's children.

I have witnessed and shared in the work and services conducted by Ms. Amalia Quinones in the School-aged Bilingual (English/Spanish) Prevention Programs based at Brent Place Apartments and Tucker Elementary School. The positive effects these programs have had on the children have been undeniable. Ms. Quinones has a natural nurturing demeanor about her that the students respond well to.

**Comments:** Through her programs, she has been able to foster and improve self-awareness and self-confidence among the children. Having such

services at the elementary level saves money – preventing higher levels of services for children and families in the future. Recent research indicated that every dollar invested in substance-abuse prevention yields \$10 in savings.

As a resident of the City, I support a raise in taxes to preserve these important services.

Thank you for saving the future of our children.

Sincerely,  
James Pondolfino

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Subject COA Contact Us: GW Field for profit



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To the Mayor and Council Members,  
I strongly oppose the sale of GW Middle

School's property in exchange for a short-term fix to financial woes. This proposal appears to have been without any serious consideration to the effects it will have on the neighborhood, school, school board, and community in general.

Alexandria has presented itself as a wonderful place to live for families and singles. Its success depends on its continuing growth as a result of this belief and way of life. I am not opposed to growth. Your selection of where it is to take place is most baffling and alarming. We entrust you with our tax money to provide a good education for our children as well as community benefits. How can you take away space for the school children as well as the community who need this space for recreational use? At a time when GW Middle School actually has a chance to improve its academic reputation and reputation as a safe place to go, you create another reason not to attend a public school. Why go to a

**Comments:**

school that already has a very bad reputation (true or not) and add to it two years of construction, more congestion, and a less than conducive environment of safety.

Is the city so keen on filling every piece of green with a building? It's shameful and completely embarrassing enough to play sports on any of the city's fields. Is the goal to only retain those families who can afford private schools? I don't believe that's the case but you have not provided any sound explanation.

Our family plan is to send our son to GW next year. Give him a school experience he can remember in a positive way. It's time to start thinking outside the confines of Alexandria and look to other counties' successes on commercial growth and how to integrate it with a community.

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Mount Vernon Genealogical Society  
1500 Shenandoah Road  
Alexandria, Virginia 22308  
3 March 2009

Mayor William D. Euille  
Alexandria City Council  
Alexandria City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria VA 22314

Re: For the March 11<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper, and Honorable Council Members:

The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society is a local non-for-profit organization with over 300 members. We meet in the Hollin Hall Senior Center down toward Mount Vernon.

Our Society was established to encourage people interested in the pursuit of their ancestral heritage throughout the world, and to provide a forum for the sharing of knowledge gained by individual members in their own research. The Society provides instruction in the use of genealogical research methodology, and adherence to standards of accuracy and thoroughness in genealogical research, and collects, preserves, and disseminates genealogical, biographical and historical information. More details about our Society is available at our website, [www.MVgenealogy.org](http://www.MVgenealogy.org)

Most of our members live in Alexandria and rely upon the Special Collections Division of your Queen Street Library for their own research and to help others. We are writing to call your attention to this somewhat unsung division within the Alexandria Library System—the Special Collections Division--in hopes that a better understanding of its importance will mitigate the impact of possible funding reductions. Your Special Collections provide unique genealogical resources available nowhere else. For example, when I first moved to Alexandria seven years ago, I came to the Queen Street Branch to find what I could about 210 Prince Street, a house built by a Revolutionary War ancestor of my husband. To my delight, I discovered that the woman who had restored the townhouse (and written a book on Old Town) had also spent years collecting the family history of Col. Michael Swope, and then she donated nearly half a foot of files on the house and family to Special Collections!

The Special Collections Division is a well-known and much-respected resource among thousands of both local researchers and those from across the nation who are interested in the history of Alexandria. Patrons come to research their families, explore important aspects of Alexandria's African-American heritage, or learn the history of their homes in Alexandria's various neighborhoods. Among its patrons are City of Alexandria staff members from the Board of Architectural Review, the Planning Department, the Office of Historic Alexandria, and the Office of the City Manager, whose jobs require them to research a building, family, business or some other aspect of Alexandria from the 18th Century through the present. In order to provide such service, weekday and weekend hours are important, and adequate staffing is a priority. We

know you value the Alexandria Public Library system just as we understand that you must find ways to reduce spending. We hope that the intrinsic value of the Special Collections Division, and the support it has from its many patrons, will ensure that you give it every consideration as you shape Alexandria's budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda MacLachlan", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Linda MacLachlan

President

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society



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Subject COA Contact Us: Raising Taxes



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**Subject:** Raising Taxes

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council,

Thank you for your creative problem

solving during these difficult economic times for our city and  
country.

I am writing to you to express my total disagreement in raising  
city taxes. I am in total disagreement with raising taxes 8 %based on  
housing assessments dropping. If the tax base changes, what we spend on  
changes. I know cutting programs does not make politicians popular, but it  
is sound fiscal policy in lean times. Like our family budget, if we don't  
have money coming in, what our family spends on and participates in changes  
as well. I understand certain cuts have been taken to date, but they do not  
meet the 8% and therefore are not enough.

The lower housing assessments

takes money from our family as we seek refinancing, like the many families

**Comments:** surrounding us. We do not show the equity in our home we showed a year ago,

making our mortgage rates 2% plus higher, taking money out of our pockets to spend in our lovely city. The lower assessment has already impacted families in the west end, to take a second hit on our family budget will negatively impact our spending.

During these tough economic times, it is best to leave 8% in my pocket so I can shop and enjoy the restaurants in Cameron Station and Old Town. Our community is mindful of the significance of spending local to support Alexandria and local charities, using our hard earned dollars as we see best.

Respectfully,

Leslie Johnston  
5017

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**Youth Sports Advisory Board**  
**Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities**

Judy Guse-Noritake  
Chair, City of Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission  
1108 Jefferson Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Madame Chair:

We are writing to you as the parent organization for our Youth Sports Advisory Board. The Board wishes to express its concern over the potential impacts of cuts in the budget for the City of Alexandria on the ability for the youth in Alexandria to maintain a healthy lifestyle. A major part of that healthy lifestyle – and a major deterrent to childhood obesity - is having the fields necessary to accommodate the playing needs of our youth.

The City has made a significant effort over the past several years to develop a long-term, balanced approach to upgrading the level of fields in the City. Given the nature of a City dynamics, there is a constraint on the amount of space available for fields. The City has recognized that and is seeking to maximize use of the existing space. This primarily involves installation of artificial turf and engineered grass fields. Such fields can accommodate up to four times the usage of our existing grass fields. That represents a tremendous step forward in meeting the needs of our youth and other residents.

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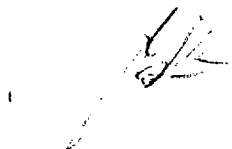
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The City has done its due diligence in developing and starting to implement a plan for success. We must make sure that plan is allowed to continue. Our specific recommendations are:

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President  
Youth Sports Advisory Board

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cc: Members of the Youth Sports Advisory Board

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The following Board members have endorsed the January 13<sup>th</sup> letter from President Gibson to Judy Guse-Noritake regarding fully funding artificial turf fields in Alexandria:

Sincerely,

Jim Gibson  
Alexandria Titans Football Program

John Timmons  
Alexandria Soccer Association

Brian Donegan  
Alexandria Lacrosse Club

Jeff Murphy  
Alexandria Rugby Association

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Dennis Burstein  
Alexandria Public Schools

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At Large Member

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Youth Baseball

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Youth Basketball

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Youth Basketball

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Youth Track Program

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At-Large Member

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Tenants & Workers Committee

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Subject COA Contact Us: School staff cuts

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**Subject:** School staff cuts

Please do not cut substance abuse and mental health prevention, early intervention and treatment services to Alexandria's children. As someone who is currently working closely with students, I have seen the impact of these services and am afraid of the possible consequences the school system will have to cope with if such services are lost. These services are incredibly valuable and necessary. In addition, some studies have shown that spending money on substance abuse prevention ends up saving money in the future. Although the idea of a tax raise is not that brings joy to

**Comments:** most, I believe that it would be useful to investigate whether raising taxes would help provide revenue to keep these services in our schools. If provided the right information about the value and cost saving features of these services, the public may be more willing to pay a slightly higher tax. (Maybe \$1.00 per taxpayer would provide enough revenue without costing too much for the tax payer.) Again, please do not cut these vital services from our schools! The children are the individuals who will suffer the most



from these cuts while maintaining these services can help them to flourish.