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Rosemary Webb
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To Nancy.Coats@alexandriava.gov
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Hi Nancy,

Please forward the attached letter from Ms. Folkerts to the Mayor, City Council, and Mr. Hartmann.

Thank you,

Rosemary Webb
Clerk of the Board



Letter to Mayor and City Council.pdf

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Alexandria City Public Schools

April 23, 2009

The Honorable William D. Euille
and Members of City Council.

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Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council,

I am writing to formally advise you that, at the April 16, 2009 School Board meeting, the Board voted to reduce the requested City appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2010 operating budget to \$164,594,674, a year-to-year reduction of 2 percent from FY2009. The Board will adopt the final FY 2010 budget on May 21, 2009, after we have conducted work sessions and public hearings per the outcome of your budget vote on April 27.

Superintendent of Schools
Morton Sherman, Ed.D.

The Board is mindful of the current economic conditions our city is facing, yet simultaneously is committed to ensuring higher achievement for each and every Alexandria student. As you know, we previously requested an operating budget for the next fiscal year which represented a 1.5 percent reduction from current dollars. However, with the increase in our state funding allocation for next fiscal year, we are confident that we can further reduce our request to the city without sacrificing services to our students.

School Board

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We appreciate the difficult decisions you are facing in your budget deliberations and are hopeful that you can effectively use our decision in your add-delete process prior to your April 27 vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Yvonne Folkerts'.

Yvonne Folkerts
Chairman

Cc: School Board Members
Morton Sherman, Superintendent
Jim Hartmann, City Manager



Mary Elizabeth Atkinson
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04/28/2009 10:01 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Thank You

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Subject: Thank You

Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

Thank you for all of the

work you've done on the budget this year, I realize it was not an easy set
of choices in our challenging economic times.

Thank you for taking the

time to come to JKP and visit the site itself.

Thank you for listening

to parents, community leaders and most of all our wonderful Polk children
during City Council Meetings and other events.

Comments:

The James K Polk

community is thrilled the \$1.4 m gymnasium line item was added back into
the budget. There is a big sigh of relief and a renewed optimism in our
community.

We couldn't have done it without you.

Respectfully,
M. Elizabeth Atkinson

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MOTIONS

Docket Item #2

Motion to Adopt the Annual Operating Budget for FY 2010 (including Schools) and the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2010 – 2015

Mr. Mayor, I move the adoption of the annual general fund operating budget for FY 2010 of \$530,003 018 with the following amendments to the City Manager's Proposed Budget. The details of each amendment are described in the April 27, 2009, memo from the City Manager accompanying docket item #2 "FY 2010 Budget Adoption – Draft of Tentative Actions for Monday Night":

Technical expenditure decreases (net of increases) of \$315,325

Other expenditure increases (net of decreases) of \$6,046,299

Revenue Re-estimate decreases (net of increases) of \$537,497

City Manager recommended increase in the use of Fund Balance of \$230,000 and

Tax and fee rate and new revenue increases of \$6,038,471.

The total increase in expenditures compared to the City Manager's Proposed Budget is \$5,730,974, including an increase in cash capital funding of the FY 2010 – 2015 Capital Improvement Program of \$3,700,038 and an increase in Contingent Reserves of \$1,543,160.

The FY 2009 operating budget requires an appropriation from Fund Balance of \$2,315,347, and an increase in the real property tax rate of \$0.058 (five point eight cents), from \$0.845 (eighty-four point five cents) to \$0.903 (ninety point three cents).

In addition, I move that we authorize the City Manager to make technical adjustments to each affected Departmental Budget from the Non-Departmental Budget to reflect the proper allocation to departmental budgets of the adjustments related to items such as health insurance premiums, supplemental retirement for new employees and pension administration. The details of these adjustments will be presented for approval by City Council in the context of the FY 2010 Appropriations Ordinance in the June.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE REVISED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Mayor, I move the adoption of the proposed FY 2010 to FY 2015 Capital Improvement Program of \$397,382,563 in total and \$383,919,241 in local funding, with \$78,991,710 in total and \$72,285,573 in local funding in FY 2010, \$85,881,320 in total and \$84,009,883 in local funding in FY 2011, \$54,110,738 in total and \$52,889,301 in local funding in FY 2012, \$61,812,556 in total and \$60,591,119 in local funding in FY 2013, \$56,168,436 in total and \$54,946,999 in local funding in FY 2014, \$60,417,803 in total and \$59,196,366 in local funding in FY 2015. The detailed changes for the FY 2010 CIP are described in docket item # 2.

Docket Item #3

Motion to Establish the Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2009

Mr. Mayor, I move final passage of an ordinance to set the City's ²⁰⁰⁹2008 real property tax rate at \$0.903 (ninety point three cents) on each \$100 of assessed value, an increase of \$0.058 (five point eight cents) from the 2008 rate. Personal property tax rates remain unchanged from 2008. **The sum of \$0.007 (seven tenths of one cent) on each \$100 of assessed value of the \$0.903 (ninety point three cents) real property tax rate, continues to be dedicated for affordable housing purposes to continue to pay budgeted debt service on affordable housing bonds, beginning July 1, 2009. This change will be reflected in a subsequent ordinance amending City Code Section 3-1-5, to be introduced in May. In addition, the sum of 0.3% (three tenths of a percent) of real property tax revenue will continue to be dedicated to the Open Space Trust Fund to continue to pay budgeted debt services on borrowing for open space purposes.**

Docket Item #4

Motion to Increase the Annual Fee for the City's Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste, Yard Debris and Recyclable Materials

Mr. Mayor, I move that we adopt this resolution to increase the residential refuse fee from \$301 per household to \$331. This increase enables the City to continue the City's policy of 100 percent cost recovery of the full cost of residential refuse collection and disposal.



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04/28/2009 12:19 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: 2010 Budget Vote last night

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Subject: 2010 Budget Vote last night
Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Friends,

Thank you for making

Seminary Valley a bit brighter today by putting aside CIP funds for the Polk gym addition. I simply can't thank you enough! I feel certain that once we get this project rolling, we will realize benefits throughout the city and school district that we had not counted on.

Comments:

Many, many

thanks, and congratulations for putting forth a budget that is fiscally sound, and that all Alexandrians will be able to come together on.

Best,

Suzanne Johnson

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05/04/2009 11:50 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Preserving Prevention Positions at ACPS



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Subject: Preserving Prevention Positions at ACPS
Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council-
I am teacher with ACPS and

Comments: work closely with the Prevention Staff Members in the school system. I have witnessed the essential work they do with children at risk. Together, through after-school programs and in the safe havens they establish in the schools, the prevention staff continue to redirect young people towards lives with the promise of success and away from certain failure. These young can do considerable harm to themselves and our city if we don't have compassionate and strong-willed people vigilantly looking out for our city's at risk youth. Please consider funding these positions as they are sometimes the last recourse before our court systems get involved, a more costly remedy in terms of human and economic capital. Thank you.
Robert

McDonough
Teacher
George Washington Middle School