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I was very disappointed to read that City Council has decided to increase taxes on most if not all Citizens.

For me (even with my lowered assessed value) this increase means a tax increase of about 6.8% from last year's tax rate. Then, there are other forms of tax increases for services such as the trash collection fees etc.

Have my taxes ever decreased? No, never.

I am a blue collar worker.... I am taking a pay cut via increase cost of benefits and loss of part time income...

6.8% more in Taxes is a substantial increase especially during such hard times.

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Subject COA Contact Us: RE taxes

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Shame on all of you----this is not the time to raise the real estate tax rate, which raises my taxes \$183.00. Do any of you know the meaning of the words "stop spending?" Somehow, you have all need to be voted out of office --- and it can't be too soon for me! Your continued actions are disgraceful. bhickey

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Subject COA Contact Us: DO NOT CUT 10A Metrobus Service AT ALL



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There is a 3,000-pound elephant in the Council chambers and that is the truly, senseless \$800,000 plus expenditure on the TOURIST

"Trolley" Bus that someone managed to talk this legislative body into. The winners are the Gold Line that sold those ridiculous junkers to the city, Martz, who operates them, and finally, last but not least, the lawyers who are going to sue when the things which operate topless, and lurch to a stop with people standing on them, will have a tourist flying across King Street into some shop window. In fact, it appears that that might be the only way that a tourist might be persuaded to enter one of those shops.

The tourists have been notified that if they want to go to National Harbor, there is a shuttle bus that will take them from King Street to a point on the Potomac River where they can take a Water Taxi to National Harbor. They then board the shuttle buses to hear someone harangue them about the wonders of Old Town Alexandria. Do they get off the

bus to shop or dine? No.

For this, the city raised the hotel tax. What a rip. If I were Paris Hilton's father, I'd fire my lobbyist.

Seriously, this is a rip from everybody's angle. I understood from Paul Smedberg's office that he was going to investigate this \$800,000 hole in DASH's pocket because DASH used to operate tourist buses and there was revenue in it for DASH. Now, a company in Nokesville, VA, namely MARTZ, operates them.

I am suggesting that this city might have what they used to call in the days of Woodward and Bernstein, "corruption" here. Even if no actual crime has been committed, there is something wrong here.

Why did this city lose revenue for its bus line by giving the contract to operate those buses to MARTZ, then turn around and ask council members to cut the bus service that the taxpayers need in order to get to work?

My comment on the DASH bus service itself is that its priorities are skewed, (I fear there is an  missing in the word I just wrote.) just as the managerial coup to run the trolleys was skewed.

Most of the poor ride the Metro Bus, since it goes to the places where the poor reside. Most of the rich ride DASH because it goes to the places where the rich live, by and large. The majority of DASH buses go, not to the projects, where the poor live, nor the Chirilagua where the poor immigrants live, but to Russell Road and to Old Town. One DASH route which the poor did use was already cut nback. The 7 bus that goes to the area near Old Town East, a project. was cut back a few years ago. The 10A serves Old Town East, too, and that is a Metrobus.

**Comments:**

So I say that if Rich Baer who is the head of Transportation and Environmental Services wants to cut his own bus system, let him do it. It is apparent to me that he has no

interest in transportation, the environment, nor service to the City of Alexandria by giving the DASH contract to Martz and for cutting the number 7 bus to Old Town East over a year ago, and for proposing these service cuts to DASH. I say perhaps we should ask for his resignation or for his bonus to be cut before we get cuts to the 10A Metro bus.

I am a

Democrat, the daughter of New Dealers who came here before there was a Pentagon. My mother worked for Admiral Nimitz during World War II when he was head of the 7th Fleet in the War in the Pacific and I am very proud of her. Let me tell you something. If you voted for these cuts in whatever you do there at City Hall, I am going to go out there and organize so that the whole lot of you eventually are defeated. That is how strongly I feel about your messing with my lifeline, that 10A bus. My mother was blind in one eye and never drove, because she could not get a license. She took the bus, she took me down Pennsylvania Avenue when I was 11 on the REAL trolley and you should all be ashamed of yourselves for calling yourselves Democrats, running on a platform of cutting spending, and then cutting the bus.

The Examiner had a story on April 30 that indicated that even members of Congress in Maryland are concerned about Metro's plans to cut Maryland bus service and have gone it bat for its citizens. That's the kind of government I want. You know, I am from the Sixties and I saw the word "Crypto-Nazi" used by Gore Vidal to describe a leading figure of the day who proceeded to go and sue him. Well if that term was coined by Vidal, it certainly applies to the likes of you.

REAL Democrats don't

nickel and dime the poor and run for office on budget cutting platforms.

You have no sense of decency or what the Democratic party stands for.

Shame on you.

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To All,  
Thank you so much for the unanimous vote to fund the soccer  
**Comments:** fields upgrade. What thrilling news!  
Gratefully,  
Susan Apgar



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Subject COA Contact Us: CSB budget

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**Subject:** CSB budget

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,  
Thank you for the funding to restore

\$300,000 to the CSB FY 2010 budget. Our Board heard the pleas of the community with respect to restoration of the prevention positions and we have restored the Therapist I in SA Prevention that provides services at Brent Place and Samuel Tucker Elementary School. We have achieved this restoration by cutting the funding for the substance abuse residential treatment program from \$100,000 to \$37,879. The senior leadership of the

Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse and our Board were devastated by the level of cuts to CSB positions in the FY 2010 budget and we have worked diligently over the past several weeks to prioritize positions for possible restoration. Our ethical guidelines were used in this exercise to determine which positions and programs impact youth and adults with the most urgent and pressing needs. As an example,

one of the positions that our Board has recommended for restoration is a

therapist in Substance Abuse Youth and Family Outpatient Services who provides direct services (individual, family and group treatment) to youth at Minnie Howard who have severe emotional disturbances and/or substance use issues. This position also provides consultation and training to school personnel on risk assessment and behavior management. Since the school does not have staff to provide these services, the loss of the CSB position would be catastrophic.

Another example is a therapist who provides case management services to persons with intellectual disabilities. Without this assistance, clients, many of whom are alone or have aging, and often ill parents, can be at risk. The case managers see to it they get the services they need including vocational training, counseling and jobs; money management; housing help; medical help and transportation services. This is also a revenue-generating position. As more and more individuals are being diagnosed with autism, we expect caseloads in this unit to increase. Without the restoration of this position, revenues will be lost, and more importantly, clients with high-level needs will not receive services.

**Comments:**

Another program that serves some of our highest-need clients is substance abuse residential treatment. This program has been decimated by the cuts and our Board felt it critical to maintain as much of this program as we could. Without these funds, scores of clients who need a residential placement will not receive it. These are clients who have struggled with substance use disorders and have finally had the courage and determination to make it through the CSB's Detoxification program. Without residential treatment services to follow up the Detox placement, many of these clients are likely to relapse, become homeless, and possibly impact the community in other ways (crime, nuisance behaviors, hospitalization and incarceration costs, etc.).

Another critical position for restoration is a therapist in Adult Mental Health Treatment and Case Management serving approximately 185 cases of persons



with severe mental illness and ensuring that clients who are decompensating do not fall through the cracks. This same staff member also provides case management services to approximately 25 geriatric clients per year, allowing them to live in their own homes, rather than be institutionalized. Again, the loss of this position would be catastrophic.

As you can see, all of these positions and programs are critical and serve clients with high-level needs. Our Board feels that we have done the best we can in responding to the community, while trying at the same time to adhere to our ethical principles of serving those clients with the highest needs first.

Thank you again for your support of the CSB

during this very difficult time.

Mr. Mayor, we appreciate your comment at

the work session about keeping you apprised of any urgent needs as the year progresses and we will certainly do so.

Sincerely,  
Mary Anne Weber

Community Services Board chair

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