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COA Contact Us: Taxes

Jeanmarie Tulipane to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcsmmedberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott

03/08/2010 04:32 PM

Please respond to Jeanmarie Tulipane

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 15:46:06] Message ID: [19815]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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State: va
Zip: 22314
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Subject: Taxes

Dear Group,

First let me say that I love this city and second, I am

not a person who wants all of the services but doesn't want to pay for them. I work for an association and times are tough and our members cannot afford additional increases in their membership fees .. so what do you do?

You take a hard look at your budget and start making the hard decisions about what needs to be eliminated. Sure everyone thinks that their program should not be cut but come on!!!

Don't raise taxes ... Cut programs

and services, don't fill empty jobs, don't give pay increases.
Start

fining people for disobeying our laws.. enforce evening HOV!!
I've been

Comments: to Bethesda and it's vibrant and there is no free parking!! Fine parking

past hours, ticket everyone one who does not stop at stop signs.
Enforce

the no -neon signs on Washington Street law!

Too many empty Dash buses on

the road - create a better schedule.
Charge for the trolley going down

King Street - people should walk King street and spend money!
Hurry the

sale of the bus barn on the north end of town and sell it to
developers.

Stop throwing so much money at our schools that produce so
little in graduation rates and good grades.

Finally, thank you for this

opportunity to vent.. Please don't raise my taxes.. Jeanie Tulipane



COA Contact Us: Library funding and the budget

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Linda Perry to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 04:50 PM

Please respond to Linda Perry

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 16:04:06] Message ID: [19816]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Perry
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-888-1823
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Subject: Library funding and the budget
Dear Council Members-

Comments:

I have recently heard a rumor that the council is considering cutting library hours for budgetary reasons. As a registered voter in the City of Alexandria and a frequent user of the Duncan Library, I appeal to you to reconsider. Cutting library hours will save relatively little money but will have a highly negative impact on the lives of many Alexandria residents. My monthly book club meets at the Duncan branch at 7 in the evening. At that time of night, the library holds regular activities for working residents, and is usually also full of young people who would otherwise have no place to go. These late hours allow those of us who work days to meet in groups such as these at a convenient time. If the hours are cut to 6 PM, it will not be possible for many library patrons to use the library at all.

I encourage you to to seek more creative ways to balance the budget than taking money from one of the most useful and successful services of the City.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Perry



COA Contact Us: Changes to Library Hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Beth Conord to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 04:51 PM

Please respond to Beth Conord

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 16:50:57] Message ID: [19825]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Conord
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-836-4180
Email Address: bconord@yahoo.com
Subject: Changes to Library Hours
I understand that the city is under enormous pressure to save money and reduce expenses. But the Duncan Library is a wonderful resource for the city and our neighborhood. My daughter and I love going to the library but often the only time we can go is in the evenings. If the library was to
Comments: close at 7pm during the week, we may not be able to use it. If you feel the need to reduce the hours, please consider keeping it open 2 nights per week until 9pm.
Thank you.



COA Contact Us: Library hours cutback

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Esther White to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 08:29 AM

Please respond to Esther White

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 08:29:49] Message ID: [19860]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: White
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-519-6112
Email Address: sthrwht@yahoo.com
Subject: Library hours cutback

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,
I recently heard that there is a

proposal to cut back the hours of the city's libraries, including Duncan,
our neighborhood one. The proposal to close the libraries at 7:00 PM
Monday - Thursday would severely limit the times that my family can visit
the library. My husband and I work and we typically visit the library
after dinner on week nights when homework is finished, between 7 - 9. This
is also the time that most working families can visit the library, and when
much tutoring takes place.

Comments: The library is a tiny part of the overall
city budget, and the proposal to close, if accepted, will impact many
people and only save the city a small amount of money.
I realize that
these are difficult times and we need to all seek ways to cut back. I urge
you to resist closing our libraries during the weeknight evenings.
Thank

you for your consideration.

Esther White



COA Contact Us: COP's

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Patricia Hagan to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 07:30 AM

Please respond to Patricia Hagan

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 07:30:28] Message ID: [19856]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Hagan
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-549-1359
Email Address: haganpati@hotmail.com
Subject: COP's

I am opposed to the deletion of the program. The neighborhood and I personally feel safer knowing there is a show of officers driving about

Lynhaven. We would like to see this community become drug free. It has

Comments:

been proven that consistent, constant diligence rids us of problems like drugs. The residents need the help of law enforcement to see our goals achieved. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



COA Contact Us: proposed cut to library hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
colleen flannery to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 06:38 AM

Please respond to colleen flannery

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 06:38:42] Message ID: [19855]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: proposed cut to library hours

I am extremely upset that the Library Board and the City Manager have proposed cutting Duncan Library's operating hours. This is an incredibly short-sighted and unreasonable cut, particularly considering that, during an economic downturn, library resources are in greater demand.

For

working families, the reduced hours would make the libraries virtually inaccessible during the week. For children, these shortened hours would mean morning programs and storytimes would be delayed or cut, and evening storytimes would be eliminated. For adults, evening programs -- such as book clubs and author talks -- would likely be eliminated, and the meeting

Comments: rooms would be inaccessible for community groups and library events, as all these typically begin at or after 7pm.

Is this worth a savings of just

\$173,000 annually, when the cost is reducing access to all of Alexandria's neighborhood branches?

Please keep the library open in the evening.

The impact of the reduced hours is extremely disproportionate to the amount of the budget cut achieved.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FY 2011 Budget.



COA Contact Us: Duncan Library - proposed reduction in hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Polly Morrison to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 09:57 PM

Please respond to Polly Morrison

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 21:57:07] Message ID: [19854]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Morrison
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State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-581-9893
Email Address: pollyjmo@verizon.net
Subject: Duncan Library - proposed reduction in hours
Hi -

I wrote last fall to express my hope that a reduction of hours would not take place in Alexandria's libraries, particularly at the Duncan branch. I received several nice emails in response, mostly thanking me for my support, but that all city services are suffering cuts and everyone needed to face their share of reductions.

I heard today that the potential reduction in hours is now being recommended by the Library Board and City Manager and that this reduction will result in an approximate \$173,000 savings. While understand the need for cuts during difficult times, this small savings will come at the expense of many people's access to a very valued community resource, at a time when it is more necessary than ever. For my family, it will simply mean that we we will not be able to access the library during the week because of my work hours. The library is part of our lives in a very basic way, we utilize its services several times a week, and it's painful to think that this will no longer be

possible. I know that mine is only one of many, many families that will face this impact as a result of these cuts.

Comments:

This library is such a valued community resource and the community already rallies around it to provide financial support. I volunteer for the local Friends of the Duncan Library and we raise money continuously to support the library to the best of our abilities, using all kinds of creative ideas to find funding to supplement the library's financial needs. Therefore, it's not as if many efforts are not already underway by the local community to take on needs of the library. However, the proposed cuts will only serve to weaken the library beyond a reasonable level -- fewer families will be able to utilize its resources during the week because of earlier closing hours and many classes and meetings will have to be cancelled because the community meeting space won't be available (for events that are usually held in the evening). This lack of access will erode the community support for the Duncan branch because community members simply won't have much of a branch to rally around.

I don't see how a savings of \$173,000 can justify the impacts that this will cause for all of us that value this asset so much and I ask the City Council to reconsider this decision, which I think is very short-sighted, and look for other places to find \$173K. At a time when the economy makes things difficult for so many in our communities, the library is a place that should be strengthened so that people can utilize its services, rather than weakened by inappropriate budget cuts, leaving residents without a way to replace what is being lost.

Thank you

-

Polly Morrison



COA Contact Us: Duncan Library

Jessica Tefft-Soraghan to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcsmberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 09:56 PM

Please respond to Jessica Tefft-Soraghan

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 21:55:48] Message ID: [19853]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Jessica
Last Name: Tefft-Soraghan
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-549-2152
Email Address: jessicatefft@yahoo.com
Subject: Duncan Library

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

I have heard that there is a proposal to cut the library hours of the Duncan Library. Hard economic times mean that people need a great public resource like the Duncan library even more.

My family is tight with money and it is a wonderful feeling to be able to take the kids to the library to check out a new book or dvd. There are so few things in this area that families can do without spending a lot of money.

The Duncan library is also a place of community in Del Ray. Parents and kids flock to the story hours. Often you have to get to the library 30 minutes before in order to get into the story time. We don't always get in and I have often thought how they need more staff!

Comments:

When I go to the library at night I often see teens working on the computers

provided by the library. I'm not sure where these kids would be if they weren't doing their homework at the library.

I hope that you can find

other ways to cut the budget and not take away hours and staff from the library. It would not only hurt the library but the community of Del Ray.

Thanks so much for your time!

Sincerely,

Jessica

Tefft-Soraghan



COA Contact Us: Please do not cut the hours at Duncan Library

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Melissa Logan to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 09:52 PM

Please respond to Melissa Logan

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 21:52:22] Message ID: [19851]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Logan
Street Address: 2422 Cameron Mills Road
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-519-7040
Email Address: mvglogan@hotmail.com
Subject: Please do not cut the hours at Duncan Library
As a working mother with two small children I really enjoy going to Duncan
library in the evenings and early Sat. morning. I realize the City is under
Comments: tremendous budget pressure but I encourage you to consider the implications
of this decision for working families who cannot access the library during
the daytime.



COA Contact Us: Proposed reduction in hours at the Duncan Library

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Kimberly Fondren to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott

03/08/2010 09:41 PM

Please respond to Kimberly Fondren

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 21:41:04] Message ID: [19849]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Fondren
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City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-739-3744
Email Address: kim_fondren@yahoo.com
Subject: Proposed reduction in hours at the Duncan Library
I am very unhappy that the Library Board and the City Manager have proposed cutting Duncan Library's operating hours. The Library is just 2 % of the total budget of the City and provides services that go well beyond it budget numbers. This is a short-sighted and unreasonable cut, particularly considering that, during an economic downturn like this one, library resources are in greater demand. The library has already taken draconian cuts to it buying budget.
For working families like mine, the reduced hours makes the library virtually inaccessible during the week. Our local branch is already closed on Sunday. For children, these shortened hours would mean morning programs and storytimes would be delayed or cut, and evening storytimes would be eliminated. For adults, evening programs -- such as book clubs and author talks -- would likely be eliminated, and the meeting rooms would be inaccessible for community groups and library events, as all these typically begin at or after 7pm.
Is this worth a

savings of just \$173,000 annually, when the cost is reducing access to all of Alexandria's neighborhood branches? Such a severely limited schedule will likely undermine future support for the library as patrons get out of the habit of going.

If you've never visited Duncan Library, I encourage you to do so. It's a true neighborhood library; many patrons live within walking distance, and the staff knows practically every child by name. It is, without a doubt, a central part of the Del Ray community and an invaluable City service. Please keep the library open in the evening.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FY 2011 Budget.



COA Contact Us: library budget cuts

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
sheila Hoben to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 08:09 PM

Please respond to sheila Hoben

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 20:09:45] Message ID: [19845]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Hoben
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City: ALEXANDRIA
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-836-0949
Email Address: sheilahoben@gmail.com
Subject: library budget cuts
PLEASE DO NOT CUT ANY MORE HOURS FROM OUR ALEXANDRIA LIBRARIES.
RESTRICTING EVENING HOURS,
ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT, WILL FURTHER LIMIT OUR
Comments: STUDENTS FROM ACCESS TO MATERIALS THAT THEY NEED
FOR REQUIRED WORK IN
SCHOOL. THINK CREATIVELY AND COME UP WITH ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE.
SHEILA
HOBEN



COA Contact Us: proposal to cut Duncan library hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Charlotte Adams to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 08:09 PM

Please respond to Charlotte Adams

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 20:09:22] Message ID: [19844]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Adams

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703 548 7775

Email Address: cburtonadams@yahoo.com

Subject: proposal to cut Duncan library hours

I am upset that the Library Board and the City Manager have proposed cutting Duncan Library's operating hours. This is short-sighted and unreasonable during an economic downturn when library resources are in greater demand. Why don't you cut some of the obvious fat in the budget like the streetcars or computers for every single student at TC Williams?

For working families, the reduced hours would make the libraries virtually inaccessible during the week. For children, these shortened hours would mean morning programs and storytimes would be delayed or cut, and evening storytimes would be eliminated. For adults, evening programs -- such as book clubs and author talks -- would likely be eliminated, and the meeting rooms would be inaccessible for community groups and library events, as all these typically begin at or after 7pm.

Comments:

Is this worth a savings of just \$173,000 annually, when the cost is reducing access to all of Alexandria's neighborhood branches? There are many other places you

could cut.

Please keep the library open in the evening. The impact of the reduced hours is extremely disproportionate to the amount of the budget cut achieved.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FY 2011 Budget.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Adams



COA Contact Us: Proposed reduction in library hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley, alicia.hughes,

Alice Kale to: council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 07:52 PM

Please respond to Alice Kale

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 19:52:34] Message ID: [19843]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Kale

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

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Subject: Proposed reduction in library hours

I am dismayed by our City Manager's proposal to reduce library hours. I

fully understand that every department within the city must watch its

pennies, but this does seem to be a disproportionate burden on one small
sector.

The proposed 10 am to 7 pm hours, Mon - Thurs, will drastically
impact working parents and their children. Many parents are barely home by
7 pm and will have no time at all to bring their children to the library
for school work or to obtain new books. Further, those children who don't
have internet access in their homes will have many fewer opportunities to
use those library resources.

For working adults without children, the
opportunity to participate in many of our excellent evening library
programs will be curtailed.

Of all the city programs and resources, I

Comments: use the library most. I am in Duncan Library several times a week. The
staff is knowledgeable, kind to all its many users, and very family

oriented. One day I dropped in to ask for book recommendations for my grandson. Story hour was beginning shortly, and the staff could have justifiably asked me to come back another time. However, a librarian made time to help me, and I left with excellent recommendations. I really appreciate that kind of service.

As I understand it, this year's proposal is for a larger City budget, not a smaller one, with increased property taxes to support it. Isn't there room to keep the libraries operating at the current level?

Please consider these comments. Thank you for the opportunity for input. Alice Kale



COA Contact Us: Duncan Library Hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Candide Mullin to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 07:41 PM

Please respond to Candide Mullin

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 19:40:58] Message ID: [19842]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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State: VA

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Subject: Duncan Library Hours

I have just learned of the proposed cut in library hours at the Duncan

branch and am disappointed that this is under consideration. When we

consider the financial impact it may have (a savings of \$173,000) versus

the total budget expenditures in the city, it appears that this

"cut" is unwise. By scaling back the hours, we are prohibiting

our community from accessing this wonderful and essential facility.

Comments: The library is one of the essential elements of a community, and in

these times we need to strengthen our community, not cut back on the

resources it offers. Our community relies on the resources and gathering

space that the library provides.

Thank you for your time,
Candide D.

Mullin



COA Contact Us: FY 2011 Budget and Reduced hours at Duncan Library

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Cheryl Kim to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 07:33 PM

Please respond to Cheryl Kim

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 19:33:23] Message ID: [19841]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
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Email Address: cmlk@aol.com
Subject: FY 2011 Budget and Reduced hours at Duncan Library

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am extremely upset that the Library Board and the

City Manager have proposed cutting Duncan Library's operating hours.
The

library serves an essential community function -- as an educational

resource, as a place to meet, and as an enrichment
to our lives -- that

becomes even more critical during an economic downturn when people seek to

borrow books rather than
buy them.

For working families, the

proposed reduction in hours would make the libraries virtually inaccessible

during the week. For
our kids, these reduced hours would mean morning

programs and storytimes would be delayed or cut, and evening
storytimes

would be altogether eliminated. For stay-at-home moms, these story times

are an important way to meet other
moms, as well as provide learning

enrichment for their kids. For adults, evening programs -- such as book clubs and author talks -- would likely be eliminated, and the meeting rooms would be inaccessible for community groups and library events, as all these typically begin at or after 7pm.

Comments:

The amount of money saved, which I understand is \$173,000 for the whole library system, is minimal given that the cost is significantly reduced access to community libraries. Again, for low-income and working families, the library is an essential support to educating children and expanding their horizons. Additionally, the library serves as a focal gathering point that allows people to come together, creating a strong community bond. If you've never visited Duncan Library, I encourage you to do so. It's a true neighborhood library; many patrons live within walking distance, and feel that the library staff members are an essential part of the community. It is, without a doubt, a central part of the Del Ray community and an invaluable City service. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE keep the library open in the evening. The impact of the reduced hours is extremely disproportionate to the amount of the budget cut achieved. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FY 2011 Budget.



COA Contact Us: Urgent budget considerations

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Pamela Copley to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

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Please respond to Pamela Copley

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Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 18:42:28] Message ID: [19839]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-909-4168
Email Address: PvonGruber@aol.com
Subject: Urgent budget considerations
Please see attached letter from the Alexandria Emergency Medical Services
Comments:
Council. Thank you.
Attachment: 673f5d622000d79c396bd206625c2846.pdf

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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March 8, 2010

To: Mayor Euille, City Council members, City Manager Hartmann

CC: Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council Members

From: Pamela Copley, Chair
Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council

Urgent Proposed Budget Considerations

Dear Mayor Euille, City Council members, City Manager Hartmann:

The City of Alexandria currently has a shortage of ambulances and the Advanced Life Support providers to man them. This shortage is especially felt during the peak-time hours of 9am to 10pm daily. City Manager Hartmann has proposed a budget which includes a total of \$903,804 for increased emergency medical services, including two additional ambulances and equipment, and the five medics to staff those ambulances. Currently, on a daily basis, 911 EMS calls during peak-time hours in Alexandria are being answered by ambulances from Washington Airports Authority, Fairfax County, Arlington County, etc.

The growing City of Alexandria needs to address the current ambulance and Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider manpower shortage. Budget restrictions are a real problem, but we cannot ignore the needs of Alexandria's residents, workers and visitors. And, we need to rely less on mutual aid from our neighboring jurisdictions.

The Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council supports the current budget considerations to address the shortage of ambulances and medics during the peak-time hours of 9am to 10pm, seven days a week.

The City of Alexandria needs to maintain its excellent and award-winning Emergency Medical Service.



COA Contact Us: Reducing hours for Duncan Library

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Brooke Anderson to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 06:33 PM

Please respond to Brooke Anderson

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 18:33:32] Message ID: [19838]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Anderson
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State: Virginia
Zip: 22301
Phone: 203-508-2738
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Subject: Reducing hours for Duncan Library
To whom it may concern-

Comments: I'm very sad to see that Duncan Library's hours might be reduced. This library is a fantastic resource, and one of the main reasons I decided to move to Del Ray. My one-year-old son and I walk to the library for storytime and often go first thing in the morning to enjoy the children's library before his naptime. I'm finishing my PhD and often use the library- which has lots of desks and wonderful wireless- to research and write. It would be such a shame to see the hours reduced for this library!

Regards,
Brooke Anderson



COA Contact Us: taxes

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Matthew Gentile to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 06:19 PM

Please respond to Matthew Gentile

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 14:30:21] Message ID: [19811]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Gentile

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City: Alexandria

State: va

Zip: 22314

Phone: 703-549-1932

Email Address: msgentile@ft.newyorklife.com

Subject: taxes

Comments:

I understand the taxes on my office are going up AGAIN. 7.9% Jeezzzz just make it 8% ok. I dont have any long speaches as i know it would fall on deaf ears. Just one comment which i am sure you are familiar with. I'm madder then hell and there is nothing that i can do about it except vote against you guys and we all know how that will turn out. Keep sticking to the man. I'm sure your all proud of the way our hard earned money is being spent. Overtaxed citizen. Please dont respond as i have no interest in hear any of your rationalizations.



COA Contact Us: Change in library hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley, alicia.hughes,

Alice Falk to: council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 05:43 PM

Please respond to Alice Falk

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 17:43:43] Message ID: [19833]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Alice
Last Name: Falk
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: (703) 836-3295
Email Address: afalk@afalk-editing.com
Subject: Change in library hours

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any move to restrict the hours in local library branches. I realize that these are tough budgetary times, but the savings gained would be relatively small, especially when set against the harm that the cuts will do. Hard times are precisely when libraries become most important to their community, as centers of information (and of technology!) for those seeking jobs. Moreover, the

elimination of evening hours will make the libraries wholly inaccessible in the week for most working families.

I strongly believe that although reducing library hours might seem to be penny-wise, the move would soon prove to be pound-foolish.

Alice Falk



COA Contact Us: Library closing at 7pm

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Sharon Edwards to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/08/2010 05:41 PM

Please respond to Sharon Edwards

Time: [Mon Mar 08, 2010 17:40:54] Message ID: [19832]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Sharon
Last Name: Edwards
Street Address: 113B East Windsor Avenue
City: Alexandria
State: Va.
Zip: 22301
Phone:
Email Address: sedwards21@comcast.net
Subject: Library closing at 7pm
It will affect parents when they get home from work and have dinner then
Comments: want to take the kids to the Library or to research information for
homework.



COA Contact Us: Please Do Not Reduce Library Hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Laura Jarsulic to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 09:06 AM

Please respond to Laura Jarsulic

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 09:06:32] Message ID: [19862]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Laura

Last Name: Jarsulic

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22301

Phone: 703-548-6029

Email Address: ljarsulic@comcast.net

Subject: Please Do Not Reduce Library Hours

I have learned that the City is considering cuts to library hours to save about \$173,000 per year. I wanted to register my strong concern that the cuts will harm the neighborhoods and the many working people who use the libraries each week. In fact, cutting the morning and evening hours would disproportionately single out those citizens of the City who work during the day and have fewer resources available to replace the services offered through the libraries. My neighborhood library, Duncan Library, is a central hub for the neighborhood and is nearly always teeming with

Comments: activity, especially during the hours that may be cut (9-10 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. weekdays). It is an irreplaceable resource for children and adults.

I have used the library at least once a week over the 8 years I have lived in the neighborhood - almost entirely during the hours that the city may cut. I urge you to find another \$173,000 to cut somewhere within the budget that will have less of a profound negative effect on the City's neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration,

Laura Jarsulic



COA Contact Us: Duncan Library

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley, alicia.hughes,
Eliza Engle to: council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 09:40 AM

Please respond to Eliza Engle

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 09:40:09] Message ID: [19864]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Eliza

Last Name: Engle

Street Address: 573 E. Nelson Ave.

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22301

Phone: 703-838-1601

Email Address: lovecatz69@yahoo.com

Subject: Duncan Library

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Is this

worth a savings of just \$173,000 annually, when the cost is reducing access to all of Alexandria's neighborhood branches?

Please keep the library

open in the evening. The impact of the reduced hours is extremely disproportionate to the amount of the budget cut achieved.

My son is 18

Comments:

months old and loves to have books read to him. We figured out that he probably 'reads' over 25 books a day. We can't afford to go buy him new ones but we don't want to be reading the same books that he owns over and over (if you are a parent you know what this is about!)

We go to the

Duncan or Queen library after I get home from work (which would be after it is closed if you change the hours) and get a dozen books every 2 weeks. He also goes to storytime with the nanny during the morning hours (which might not happen if you change the hours). Please don't cut this very valuable amenity for such a small amount of money!!!

Thank you for the

opportunity to comment on the FY 2011 Budget.



COA Contact Us: WMATA Funding

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Mary Kadera to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 10:38 AM

Please respond to **Mary Kadera**

1 attachment



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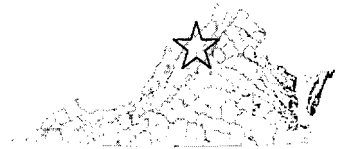
Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 10:38:18] Message ID: [19868]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Mary
Last Name: Kadera
Street Address: Chair, Mount Vernon Group
Sierra Club
715 S. Columbus St
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-684-2004
Email Address: marykadera@gmail.com
Subject: WMATA Funding
See attached PDF letter from the Mount Vernon Group re: the City budget and
Comments: WMATA financial support. Thank you!
Attachment: fdd93637a15178a6e2200b25a138748b.pdf



MOUNT VERNON GROUP

ALEXANDRIA, ARLINGTON COUNTY, FAIRFAX COUNTY, FALLS CHURCH, AND PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
VIRGINIA



March 8, 2010

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

As you prepare the City of Alexandria's FY2011 budget, we respectfully urge you to consider the substantial impact it will have on transit service, locally within Alexandria and regionally as well.

There is wide agreement that a strong Metro system is the lifeblood of our region. A healthy transit system benefits everyone, from drivers who face less traffic to property owners with proximity to bus and rail service, to businesses that draw more customers.

But WMATA's proposed FY2011 budget would weaken Metro and do a disservice to the Alexandria community. WMATA is pushing a combination of unprecedented service cuts and fare hikes which would make riders responsible for eliminating approximately 70% of the agency's \$189 million deficit. The City of Alexandria has not yet been asked to contribute toward eliminating WMATA's deficit. We believe this is not wise or fair.

Service cuts proposed by WMATA include:

- No more rush hour 8-car trains
- Yellow Line running Monday through Friday late at night and on weekends only as shuttle from King Street to Huntington
- Less frequent trains and buses, resulting in longer waits
- Select bus routes eliminated or curtailed
- Train stations opening later – 30 minutes on weekdays, 60 minutes on weekends
- Train stations closing earlier on weekends – as early as midnight instead of 3am

Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia all must take responsibility to preserve and strengthen Metro's value to our region. A region-wide increase of \$73.7 million in jurisdiction contributions to WMATA would prevent these severe service cuts. Based on WMATA's projected FY2011 allocations among the jurisdictions, Alexandria's share of a \$73.7 million increase would be \$2.62 million.

As the City of Alexandria votes this month to set its tax rate, your decision will have an impact on the amount of WMATA subsidy decided by other jurisdictions. Riders are doing their fair share. **On behalf of more than 4,300 local Sierra Club members, we urge you to do yours on Wednesday by demonstrating the leadership to include within the City's advertised budget an additional \$2.62 million investment in Metro riders.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Kadera
Chair, Mount Vernon Group
Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club



COA Contact Us: Stormwater Management and Recycling

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Mary Kadera to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 10:41 AM

Please respond to Mary Kadera

1 attachment



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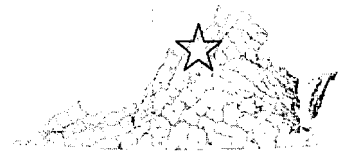
Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 10:41:08] Message ID: [19869]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Mary
Last Name: Kadera
Street Address: Chair, Mount Vernon Group
Sierra Club
715 S. Columbus St.
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-684-2004
Email Address: marykadera@gmail.com
Subject: Stormwater Management and Recycling
Please see attached letter regarding the city budget and environmental
Comments: services. Thank you!
Attachment: 64420aeb4b66dd6a6407f22de836f543.pdf



MOUNT VERNON GROUP

ALEXANDRIA, ARLINGTON COUNTY, FAIRFAX COUNTY, FALLS CHURCH, AND PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
VIRGINIA



March 8, 2010

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

As you prepare the City of Alexandria's FY2011 budget, we write to you on behalf of thousands of local Sierra Club members to encourage you to approve two measures that will improve environmental quality in Alexandria, consistent with the current Eco-City initiative.

First, the City should pass a stormwater utility assessment. As recommended by the City's Stormwater Working Group and City staff members last year, the City needs additional, dedicated funding for the City's stormwater program, and needs to establish a dedicated funding source to augment existing funding for stormwater. The projected \$2.6 million in revenue that could be realized through such a usage fee, based on the amount of impervious surface on specific properties, would go a long way towards supporting much-needed capital improvements to aging City drainage infrastructure to enhancing the City's current storm sewer maintenance activities. This would be perfectly consistent with the usage fees collected by other municipalities within the Commonwealth and throughout the metropolitan area, including Richmond, Newport News, Montgomery County and Gaithersburg. The Mount Vernon Group would be happy to work with City officials on the public outreach and education necessary to explain and justify the new stormwater utility fees.

Second, we urge the Council to expand its curbside recycling service. As you probably know, Arlington County recently expanded its recycling service and Alexandria should not lag behind. We specifically recommend the provision of larger, covered wheeled containers, and we support the increase in the residential refuse fee to accommodate this expansion of service. We understand that the City is also considering a scenario where participation in the expanded service plan is optional; however, we believe this will not incentivize enough City residents and business owners to recycle and so we urge the City to move forward with an expanded program for all.

We hope that the City will move forward with both of these initiatives. Please do let us know if there's anything we can do to help you in these or other environmental quality efforts.

Sincerely,

Mary Kadera
Chair, Mount Vernon Group
Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club



COA Contact Us: Shortening Library Hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Lindley Kratovil to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 11:19 AM

Please respond to Lindley Kratovil

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 11:19:33] Message ID: [19873]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Kratovil
Street Address: 7 East Luray Ave.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-717-9436
Email Address: lkratovil@gmail.com
Subject: Shortening Library Hours

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For

working families, the reduced hours would make the libraries virtually inaccessible during the week. For children, these shortened hours would mean morning programs and storytimes would be delayed or cut, and evening storytimes would be eliminated. For adults, evening programs -- such as book clubs and author talks -- would likely be eliminated, and the meeting rooms would be inaccessible for community groups and library events, as all these typically begin at or after 7pm.

Comments: Is this worth a savings of just \$173,000 annually, when the cost is reducing access to all of Alexandria's neighborhood branches?

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Please keep the library open in the evening. The impact of the reduced hours is extremely disproportionate to the amount of the budget cut achieved.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FY 2011 Budget.



COA Contact Us: Duncan Library--proposed cuts to opening hours

Joanna Karwacka Krantz to: william.euille, frank.fannon,
kerry.donley, alicia.hughes, council,
delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 11:37 AM

Please respond to Joanna Karwacka Krantz

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 11:37:04] Message ID: [19874]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Joanna

Last Name: Karwacka Krantz

Street Address: 3305 Holly Street

City: Alexandria

State: Va

Zip: 22305

Phone:

Email Address: askita@hotmail.com

Subject: Duncan Library--proposed cuts to opening hours

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FY 2011 Budget.

Joanna K. Krantz



COA Contact Us: Proposed Library Budget Cuts

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Thom Downing to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 11:44 AM

Please respond to Thom Downing

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 11:43:58] Message ID: [19875]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Thom

Last Name: Downing

Street Address: 213 Laverne Ave.

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703.989.3565

Email Address: iuthom1@aol.com

Subject: Proposed Library Budget Cuts

I am extremely upset that the Library Board and the City Manager have proposed cutting Duncan Library's operating hours.

While the economy

has slipped, circulation and use at the libraries has grown by leaps and bounds. More people are choosing to borrow rather than buy books and many others are using the computers and other resources to look for employment.

The libraries provide vital services to the community and these services should not be reduced.

For working families, the reduced hours would make the libraries virtually inaccessible during the week. For children, these shortened hours would mean morning programs and storytimes would be delayed or cut, and evening storytimes would be eliminated. For adults, evening programs -- such as book clubs and author talks -- would likely be eliminated, and the meeting rooms would be inaccessible for community groups and library events, as all these typically begin at or after 7pm.

Comments: Already in the past two years hiring of additional or replacement staff has been suspended, janitorial services have been scaled back and the overall budget has been cut by more than 15%. The libraries are already reliant on donations to pay for such items as DVD cases, construction paper used in children's activities and even office chairs and some bathroom supplies. And now the Council is considering cutting hours as well just to save \$173,000. This is NOT the place to be looking for such savings as it will mean additional hardship for patrons and reduced hours for employees as well.

If you've never visited Duncan Library, I encourage you to do so. It's a true neighborhood library; many patrons live within walking distance, and the staff knows practically every child by name. It is, without a doubt, a central part of the Del Ray community and an invaluable City service.

Please keep the library open in the evening. The impact of the reduced hours is extremely disproportionate to the amount of the budget cut achieved.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FY 2011 Budget.



COA Contact Us: Duncan Library Hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Karen Swanson to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 11:46 AM

Please respond to Karen Swanson

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 11:46:21] Message ID: [19876]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Karen
Last Name: Swanson
Street Address: 205 LaVerne Ave
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone:
Email Address: swanska@lycos.com
Subject: Duncan Library Hours
RE: The Alexandria City Manager and the Library Board have recommended cutting the operating hours of the Alexandria libraries, including Duncan Library. This action requires City Council approval -- so there's still time for YOU to make a difference.
The proposed new hours, which would take effect July 1:
Mon-Th: 10am to 7pm [currently 9am to 9pm]
Fri: 10am to 6pm [currently 9am to 6pm]
Sat: 10 am to 5pm [currently 9am to 5pm]

Comments: I am a frequent user of Duncan and an early riser - even on weekends. I usually am finished with my weekend errands by 9:00 and stop by the library after. I love the fact that the library opens early on Saturdays because it allows me to get there to pick up new books to enjoy for the rest of the weekend. I bet that the DelRay market attendees also

stop by after purchasing produce as I often see parents and children enjoying early morning walks to/from the library. I also drop by on the weekdays after my exercise class (around 7:15 p.m.). Closing at 7:00 would disrupt my routine since I would not be able to get there on the weekdays.

Please maintain the current hours.



COA Contact Us: Staff position salary reduction

Ethel S Underwood to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcsmberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott

03/09/2010 12:55 PM

Please respond to Ethel S Underwood

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 12:55:34] Message ID: [19880]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Underwood
Street Address: 5300 Holmes Run Pkw'y #411
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22304-2800
Phone: 703-751-3638
Email Address: Woodie411@aol.com
Subject: Staff position salary reduction
I.Ethel S. Underwood long time Volunteer(27) years at the black History
Museum am writing to request that the Council give major and positive
consideration to the decrease of the staff position of \$20.000 vacated at
the Black History Museum.

The Museum staff 2-1 are stretched to the
limit due to the lost position. Our Outreach efforts are severly hampered
particularly with the School Children. Our revenue component of rental
requires a staff person to be available.Our necessary and needed
participation in Major African American Projects ie-
The Freedmen's

Cemetery Memorial Design
Charles houston Statue
Edmonson's Sisters

Comments:
Statue
Fort Ward African American Cemetery
James Bland Housing and most

of all
Museum Accreditation

So, in your consideration of our responsibilities and how we address the overpowering needs please if you decrease the budget by \$20,000 do retain the position as an unfunded position rather than eliminate it. We hope times will get better in the out years and we can again replace that important component to the staff of the Black History Museum.

Ethel



COA Contact Us: Budget Cuts to Duncan Library - Fiscal Responsibility

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Nancy Lopez to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 01:13 PM

Please respond to Nancy Lopez

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 13:13:36] Message ID: [19881]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Nancy
Last Name: Lopez
Street Address: 5 West Oak Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-548-2481
Email Address: nalopez@aol.com
Subject: Budget Cuts to Duncan Library - Fiscal Responsibility
Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members:

I write, perhaps

surprisingly, to support the proposed cuts to the Duncan Library budget.

My children and I use the library frequently. We visit nearly every week,
and often have 40 or more books checked out at a time. I think the staff
at the library are fantastic, and it is an important resource to the
community.

However, difficult economic times call for a reduction in
services. If the library hours are reduced, my family will simply arrange
our schedules to visit the library during hours when it is open. I would
Comments: much rather experience a slight inconvenience than have the City spend
money it does not have.

We all must live within our means. At times
this requires difficult choices about what services are most crucial. The
library is a wonderful place, but it is not a necessity that the library
remain open for 12 hours on most days.

I commend the Council for

looking for ways to reduce costs, even if it is merely a small cost savings.

Small amounts all add up.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Lopez



COA Contact Us: Keep Duncan open until 9 p.m.

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Miriam Carroll to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 01:43 PM

Please respond to Miriam Carroll

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 13:43:30] Message ID: [19882]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Miriam

Last Name: Carroll

Street Address: 5 W Spring Street

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22301

Phone: 202-494-4120

Email Address: miriam_carroll@hotmail.com

Subject: Keep Duncan open until 9 p.m.

I am extremely upset that the Library Board and the City Manager have proposed cutting Duncan Library's operating hours. This is an incredibly short-sighted and unreasonable cut, particularly considering that, during an economic downturn, library resources are in greater demand. I particularly urge you to keep the branch open to 9 p.m. so working people may make use of it.

For working families, the reduced hours would make the libraries virtually inaccessible during the week. For children, these shortened hours would mean morning programs and storytimes would be delayed or cut, and evening storytimes would be eliminated. For adults, evening programs -- such as book clubs and author talks -- would likely be eliminated, and the meeting rooms would be inaccessible for community groups and library events, as all these typically begin at or after 7pm.

Comments: Is this worth a savings of just \$173,000 annually, when the cost is reducing access to all of Alexandria's neighborhood branches?

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never visited Duncan Library, I encourage you to do so. It's a true neighborhood library; many patrons live within walking distance, and the staff knows practically every child by name. It is, without a doubt, a central part of the Del Ray community and an invaluable City service.

Please keep the library open in the evening. The impact of the reduced hours is extremely disproportionate to the amount of the budget cut achieved.

Sincerely,
Miriam Carroll

Thank you for the opportunity

to comment on the FY 2011 Budget.



COA Contact Us: Alex. Black History Museum 2011 Budget

Eugene Thompson to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcmedberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott

03/09/2010 02:36 PM

Please respond to Eugene Thompson

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 14:36:24] Message ID: [19885]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Eugene
Last Name: Thompson
Street Address: 128 Roberts Lane, Apt. 301
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-965-2604
Email Address: ert716@hotmail.com
Subject: Alex. Black History Museum 2011 Budget
March 9, 2010

The Honorable William Euille and
Members of
Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed
FY2011 budget. In 1987 I had the honor of being hired by the City as the
first Director of what is now the Alexandria Black History Museum. I was
hired as a part-time employee who for more than a year worked many more
weekly hours than the twenty hours for which I was paid. I was not hired
full-time until the new addition was opened in 1989. Within two years my
FTE's had reached 2.5.

It has been brought to my attention that the
proposed budget will "unfund" the Curator's position. The position was
held by Lillian Patterson until her retirement earlier this year. I hired
Mrs. Patterson, 17 years ago, because of her involvement in the Alexandria

community. When it came to creating local exhibitions and research, she knew where to go and with whom to speak. That position is very important in developing exhibitions and attracting visitors to the museum. If the position is unfunded, the museum reverts to the same level of staffing that was there when I left in 1995.

Comments:

The proposed budget cuts the Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA) expenditures by 1.8%. Unfortunately, the proposed budget also cuts the Alexandria Black History Museum by 9%. The small museums within OHA seem to be taking the brunt of the proposed cuts. Having worked not only for Alexandria but also as Public Art Director for the city of Philadelphia, I understand the need to make the difficult cuts when the economy will not support all that everyone wants.

It is my

hope that you will retain the Curator's position. I believe that the museum staff should make more use of its collections in developing exhibitions, which might cut expenses. OHA also needs to explore ways to provide incentives for the thousands of city visitors to find their way just six blocks north of King Street to the museum.

I have always

appreciated how supportive Council has been to the preservation of the city's African American history and culture. Whatever the final decision, I look forward to continuing my support for the programs of the Office of Historic Alexandria.

Respectfully,

Eugene Thompson, MEd



COA Contact Us: Objection to Proposed Changes to Library Hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Jessie Kamens to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 02:44 PM

Please respond to Jessie Kamens

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 14:44:46] Message ID: [19886]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Jessie
Last Name: Kamens
Street Address: 25 W Uhler Ave.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 7035355840
Email Address: jkokrda@hotmail.com
Subject: Objection to Proposed Changes to Library Hours
Dear Council Members,

I would like to object to the proposed changes to the public library hours. The proposed changes would lead to the elimination of several community groups that use the library as a meeting place in the evenings. I live near Duncan library and regularly attend a group that meets there in the evenings. Many of these groups have a value to the community that greatly exceeds the meager \$175,000 in savings from the proposed cuts.

Comments: Further, the 7pm closing means that most working families will not have access to the library during the week.

I understand that times are tight, and cuts need to be made somewhere, but the libraries serve to enrich our lives both through reading and meeting with our communities. Please preserve the extended hours.

Sincerely,
Jessie Kamens



COA Contact Us: Proposed Cuts to hours of Duncan Library

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Marlene Vasilic to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 04:07 PM

Please respond to Marlene Vasilic

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 16:06:57] Message ID: [19893]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Marlene
Last Name: Vasilic
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City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-681-1628
Email Address: marleneccooper@hotmail.com
Subject: Proposed Cuts to hours of Duncan Library

As a 10 year resident of Warwick Village in Del Ray, the Duncan Library has become a valued resource in my family's non-work hours. That the Library Board and the City Manager have proposed cutting Duncan Library's operating hours seems short-sighted and unreasonable considering that, during an economic downturn, library resources are in greater demand.

Comments: For working families, the reduced hours would make the libraries virtually inaccessible during the week. For children, these shortened hours would mean morning programs and storytimes would be delayed or cut, and evening storytimes would be eliminated. For adults, evening programs -- such as book clubs and author talks -- would likely be eliminated, and the meeting rooms would be inaccessible for community groups and library events, as all these typically begin at or after 7pm.

Please keep the library open in the evening. The savings of \$173K just does not seem to be

worth the impact of the reduced hours to our family, community or city.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FY 2011 Budget.

Marlene Cooper Vasilic



COA Contact Us: Library Operating Hours Curtailed

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Andrew Sulavik to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 04:18 PM

Please respond to Andrew Sulavik

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 16:18:13] Message ID: [19894]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Andrew

Last Name: Sulavik

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City: Alexandria

State: Virginia

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Phone: (703) 465-0234

Email Address: atsulavik@Yahoo.com

Subject: Library Operating Hours Curtailed

As a homeowner who lives less than half a mile from the Barrett Library

Branch, I am dismayed that the Library Board and the City Manager have

proposed cutting the Barrett Library's evening operating hours.

As

someone who does not get home until 7:00 pm because of the traffic

congestion in this area, the reduced hours would make it impossible for me

to use the library during the week.

I am enraged that as my property

taxes rise, access to city resources are being cut. This of course does not

only affect me, but I believe is extremely detrimental to our entire

community - the unemployed who who rely on the library to search for jobs;

our children who use the library in the evenings to complete homework

assignments; and those stressed by economic conditions and need

recreational materials to relax.

Even the smallest cutback is an all

too obvious political attempt to cut back on a perceived soft asset.

Since

Comments: the inception of a public library by Benjamin Franklin, it has been the bedrock of an informed voting public, and a monument to Democracy. It is the great equalizer of the educational disparities that exist in our community between the haves and have nots. This move strikes me as one more slap in the face against the middle and lower middle classes who rely on and support this institution in many ways that the wealthy do not.

No

doubt there are other areas in the city budget that can be cut without hurting what is no doubt the only unambiguously good communal institution in our city.

Please reconsider keeping the library open in the evening
at the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Public
Hearing on Wednesday, March 10.

Sincerely,

Andrew T. Sulavik



COA Contact Us: Library Services

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Nellie Hauchman to: alicia.hughes, council, delppeper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 06:15 PM

Please respond to Nellie Hauchman

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 18:15:05] Message ID: [19898]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Nellie

Last Name: Hauchman

Street Address: 417 E. Alexandria Ave.

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22301

Phone: 513-403-5526

Email Address: neliamdiaz@yahoo.com

Subject: Library Services

State/County/City governments need to consider raising taxes rather than continue to take away vital services. This is getting ridiculous! Someone has to take a leadership position and make the citizens of the state aware that we receive many wonderful services from tax dollars. Yet all we hear is "Cut Taxes"!

One of those key services we get from tax dollars is the library. I am disgusted that the Library Board and the City Manager have proposed cutting Duncan Library's operating hours. This is an incredibly short-sighted and unreasonable cut, particularly considering that, during an economic downturn, library resources are in greater demand.

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Comments: eliminated, and the meeting rooms would be inaccessible for community groups and library events, as all these typically begin at or after 7pm.

Is this worth a savings of just \$173,000 annually, when the cost is reducing access to all of Alexandria's neighborhood branches?

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never visited Duncan Library, I encourage you to do so. It's a true neighborhood library; many patrons live within walking distance, and the staff knows practically every child by name. It is, without a doubt, a central part of the Del Ray community and an invaluable City service.

Please keep the library open in the evening. The impact of the reduced hours is extremely disproportionate to the amount of the budget cut achieved.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FY 2011 Budget.

Nellie Hauchman



COA Contact Us: Don't Cut Library Hours!

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
John Sprinkle to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/10/2010 07:20 AM

Please respond to John Sprinkle

Time: [Wed Mar 10, 2010 07:19:46] Message ID: [19911]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: John
Last Name: Sprinkle
Street Address: 603 Johnston Place
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 7035196112
Email Address: John.Sprinkle@verizon.net
Subject: Don't Cut Library Hours!
Mr. Mayor:

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Budget.

Sincerely,

John Sprinkle



COA Contact Us: Don't Cut Library Hours!

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Jack Sprinkle to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/10/2010 07:18 AM

Please respond to Jack Sprinkle

Time: [Wed Mar 10, 2010 07:17:53] Message ID: [19910]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Jack

Last Name: Sprinkle

Street Address: 603 Johnston Place

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22301

Phone: 7035196112

Email Address: Ham.Sprinkle@verizon.net

Subject: Don't Cut Library Hours!

Mr. Mayor:

Please do not cut the library hours. My brother and I use
the library in the evenings almost every week.

Comments: Thank you,

Jack

Sprinkle



COA Contact Us: Don't Cut Library Hours!

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Harry Sprinkle to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/10/2010 07:16 AM

Please respond to Harry Sprinkle

Time: [Wed Mar 10, 2010 07:16:35] Message ID: [19909]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Harry
Last Name: Sprinkle
Street Address: 603 Johnston Place
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 7035196112
Email Address: Harry.Sprinkle@verizon.net
Subject: Don't Cut Library Hours!
Mr. Mayor:

Please do not cut the library hours. My brother and I use
the library in the evenings almost every week.

Comments: Thank you,

Harry

Sprinkle



COA Contact Us: Library Budget Cuts

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
warrick cromer to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/10/2010 06:46 AM

Please respond to warrick cromer

Time: [Wed Mar 10, 2010 06:45:59] Message ID: [19908]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: warrick
Last Name: cromer
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City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22305
Phone: 202 538-5851
Email Address: cromerwar@yahoo.com
Subject: Library Budget Cuts

I am disappointed that the Library Board and the City Manager have proposed cutting Duncan Library's operating hours. This is an incredibly short-sighted and unreasonable cut, particularly considering that, during an economic downturn, library resources are in greater demand.

For

working families, the reduced hours would make the libraries virtually inaccessible during the week. For children, these shortened hours would mean morning programs and storytimes would be delayed or cut, and evening storytimes would be eliminated. For adults, evening programs -- such as book clubs and author talks -- would likely be eliminated, and the meeting rooms would be inaccessible for community groups and library events, as all these typically begin at or after 7pm.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FY 2011 Budget.



COA Contact Us: proposed shortened library hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Mark Nagumo to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 09:25 PM

Please respond to Mark Nagumo

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 21:24:53] Message ID: [19906]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Mark

Last Name: Nagumo

Street Address: 4 East Bellefonte Ave

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22301

Phone: 703 5484179

Email Address: pogowent@aol.com

Subject: proposed shortened library hours

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

I am very concerned about the

proposed shortening of the library hours by closing at 7:00 p.m. on

weekdays. My schedule,
and the schedules of many others, would rarely

enable me to visit the library during the week. Public libraries are one

of the
great civic institutions in America. They offer enrichment and

access to resources and information that are not available
elsewhere at

so low a cost to the library patrons and to the community. Curtailing

services, especially during the evening,
would restrict access to

information when access is needed most. Although cutting hours at any time

would cause harm to
some segment of the community, perhaps, if absolutely

Comments: necessary, morning hours could be curtailed, or perhaps some
morning

hours and some evening hours. The projected amount saved (\$173,000) seems

paltry compared to the loss.

The Duncan library, with which I am most

familiar, is one of the features that makes living in the Del Ray

neighborhood such a

wonderful experience. I am sure the other branches

provide similar value to their neighborhoods. Cost-cutting and budget

consciousness are necessities in these times, and where ever savings can

be found, they should be made. But I urge you to
not to cut evening

hours in the public library system. The loss would be far greater than any

conceivable gain.

Sincerely,

Mark Nagumo



COA Contact Us: Library Hours Being Cut

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley, alicia.hughes,

Julie Kito to: council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/09/2010 07:41 PM

Please respond to Julie Kito

Time: [Tue Mar 09, 2010 19:41:20] Message ID: [19899]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Julie

Last Name: Kito

Street Address: 3401 Old Dominion Blvd.

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 5719706099

Email Address: julianne.kito@yahoo.com

Subject: Library Hours Being Cut

I live near the border of Alex./Arlington, and it is sad that I use the
Arlington libraries more- they have better hours and nicer, more updated
libraries. I assume they have more money to work with, but this quote
below, written by Sharon Forsythe Luther off the Bev. Hills Listserv, makes
a great point -
"Why doesn't the City cut the amount of staff who are

Comments:

at the library at any one time, spreading the existing staff time so they
can keep the doors open the same hours... ?!"
Libraries are such an
invaluable resource, a great place to go to learn in a healthy, safe
environment, a great place to take my 6 year old son.
Please do not cut
the hours any further.

Let's Keep the Trolley Free!

Joseph Shumard

to:

Janelle Schmidt

03/09/2010 06:48 PM

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This is an appeal, especially to our retail, restaurant, and hotel members (but also to anyone who values the King Street Trolley as a "mobile visitor center"). As I write this message, Chamber President Tina Leone is sitting in the City Council Budget Work Session where there is discussion about charging a fee to ride the Trolley.

Your help is needed to inform the City Council of the benefits of keeping the Trolley free! They need to know how the Trolley helps business in this area and how imposing a fee will jeopardize its effectiveness.

Can you speak about your experience with the Trolley, how it helps your business, and how important it is to keep the Trolley free? Tomorrow, beginning at 4 p.m. the City Council will hold a Special Public Hearing and your support is badly needed. Please call the City Clerk's office (703-746-4550) after 8:00 a.m. and request to speak at this hearing.

Let's not loose one of the most effective transportation innovations in the past decade!

Joseph S. Shumard

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

703-739-3804 - Office

703-549-7662 - Direct

703-995-0385 - Fax



COA Contact Us: Dash bus

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Colin Sherrill to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/10/2010 08:06 AM

Please respond to Colin Sherrill

Time: [Wed Mar 10, 2010 08:06:15] Message ID: [19912]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Colin
Last Name: Sherrill
Street Address: 1403 E Abingdon Dr. #3
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 8322592628
Email Address: Colin.Sherrill@gmail.com
Subject: Dash bus
I cannot attend tonight's meeting. If I could, I would let everyone know
how important dash bus service is to me. If
anything, I would like to
Comments: increase service by expanding the existing schedule. Please do what you can
to continue
to provide this valuable service.
Thank you



COA Contact Us: Reduction in library hours

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,

Laurie Wilkison to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

03/10/2010 08:08 AM

Please respond to Laurie Wilkison

Time: [Wed Mar 10, 2010 08:08:47] Message ID: [19914]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Laurie

Last Name: Wilkison

Street Address: 213 Laverne Avenue

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone:

Email Address: lauriewilkison@gmail.com

Subject: Reduction in library hours

I was alerted to the fact that the city plans to cut back on library hours and services for budgetary reasons. These libraries are a critical part of our community (yes, even as the world goes digital), and they are already struggling with being way under-resourced. Every time I go into one of our libraries, I see younger kids participating in children's activities and learning to value reading; older kids finding a safe and productive refuge for spending free time outside of school; adults and families perusing notices of community events and educational opportunities and signing up for book clubs; and people of all ages using the computers and Internet, having a quiet place to do homework or read, checking out materials they couldn't otherwise afford to buy and enjoy, and generally sharing a sense of community built around learning and inspiration instead of the myriad negative organizing factors that often define community assembly.

Comments:

I HAVE

TO BELIEVE you can find other ways of cutting the budget without hurting an

institution that is already suffering so badly. Be creative. Reassess your values. Send the right message to the community. Understand that what may seem like relatively small cuts to you will have an exponentially negative impact on a library system that provides more benefits than you realize.

Thank you for your consideration.