



COA Contact Us: DO NOT RAISE OUR TAXES

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Bud Miller to: council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
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Please respond to Bud Miller

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Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 09:22:04] Message ID: [20462]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: DO NOT RAISE OUR TAXES

I am pleased to see that the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce has taken a position against the proposed, unfair, punitive tax that will be a major burden to our small, unique businesses.

Folks, you've gone too far.

MAKE REAL BUDGET CUTS, not SMOKE & MIRRORS fake cuts by eliminating vacant positions.

Comments: If you don't make real budget cuts now, its just going to get worse as the City's debt burden increases and eliminates more reasonable options.

It's not too late, please listen to the taxpayers of Alexandria.



COA Contact Us: Please stop the Proposed Business Tax Increase

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Kimberly Korbel to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
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Please respond to Kimberly Korbel

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Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 10:00:22] Message ID: [20463]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Kimberly
Last Name: Korbel
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-299-0000
Email Address: kkorbel@amberllc.com
Subject: Please stop the Proposed Business Tax Increase
I have a small company located in Alexandria. I have been holding on during the recession, but it hasn't been easy. Major expenses continue to climb such as Heathcare increas this year is 19% and rent increases that are contractually mandated at 3%. Now is not the time to also raise my taxes.
Comments: I urge you to find other ways to close the budget gap besides further burdening me - and my employess, since raises are already in question.

Kimberly Korbel
Managing Partner
Amber Assocation Partners,

LLC.

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COA Contact Us: I support with concessions Hog Thaid's recent SUP application for change in use

Martha Davis to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
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04/04/2010 08:28 PM

Please respond to Martha Davis

Time: [Sun Apr 04, 2010 20:28:36] Message ID: [20544]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Martha
Last Name: Davis
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 202 4414601
Email Address: mdavis@nvcc.edu
Subject: I support with concessions Hog Thaid's recent SUP application for change in use
Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council:
I am a homeowner in Del Ray and am writing to inform you of my opposition to Pork Barrel BBQ's request to close at 2 a.m. seven days a week. A closing this late will change the family-friendly atmosphere that drew my husband and me to Del Ray from Washington, D.C. two years ago. I strongly believe that the restaurant's closing time should be consistent with those of other restaurants on the Avenue that we enthusiastically patronize.
Sincerely,
Martha Davis



COA Contact Us: Commercial Tax Rate

Joseph Collum to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

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Please respond to Joseph Collum

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Time: [Fri Apr 02, 2010 13:56:04] Message ID: [20514]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Joseph
Last Name: Collum
Street Address: 8617 Yardley Drive
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22308
Phone: 703-360-0737
Email Address: jfcollum@burkeandherbert.com
Subject: Commercial Tax Rate
Please do not raise taxes on commercial properties by using an add-on tax.
The tax rate is best served when applied equitably across the residential and commercial sectors. Not all commercial property owners own large buildings with multiple tenants. Not all commercial property owners are savvy enough to protect themselves in their leases from increases in the tax rate, in particular, an add-on tax. As you weigh this difficult decision, please consider looking at the residential sector in addition to the commercial sector as a source of revenue if an increase must be made.
Thank you for taking the time out of your schedule to review my comments.

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COA Contact Us: Raising taxes

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Elizabeth Farrell to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/02/2010 03:06 PM

Please respond to Elizabeth Farrell

Time: [Fri Apr 02, 2010 15:06:07] Message ID: [20519]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Elizabeth
Last Name: Farrell
Street Address: 16 West chapman
City: Alexandria
State: Va
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-8600151
Email Address: EBF17@comcast.net
Subject: Raising taxes
Being a former business owner instead of helping our retailers we are
Comments: forcing them to close their doors. It won,t be a pretty site if we loose
our retailers. Elizabeth Farrell



COA Contact Us: No to new taxes!

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

Ed Moser to: council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

Please respond to Ed Moser

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Time: [Fri Apr 02, 2010 16:07:55] Message ID: [20525]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Ed
Last Name: Moser
Street Address: 2116 Arlington Terrace
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22303
Phone: 7038625817
Email Address: savvyveteran@gmail.com
Subject: No to new taxes!
Comments: No more taxes: cut spending, support small businesses.



COA Contact Us: Unfiar tax proposal

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

Time: [Fri Apr 02, 2010 16:12:53] Message ID: [20526]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: humphrey
Street Address: 1250 s. washington st
City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 549 2800
Email Address: kanemanor@aol.com
Subject: Unfiar tax proposal
I am opposed to a tax that discrimanates againsr Business. As a resident
the services to the residential community are greater.If you MUST raise
teaxes instead of cutting SPENDING then raise taxes on everyone regardless
Comments: of whether its business or residential. WE NEED TO MAKE ALEXANDRIA MORE
BUSINESS FRIENDLY NOT LESS. Your job is not easy but there is a
responsible solution buy it is not a DISCRIMANATORY tax. Thanks for
listening. Scott

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COA Contact Us: Objection to proposed tax increase

Cindy McCartney to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
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elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/01/2010 11:03 AM

Please respond to Cindy McCartney

Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 11:03:20] Message ID: [20469]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Cindy

Last Name: McCartney

Street Address: Diva Boutique
116 S. Pitt St.

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22314

Phone: 703-683-1022

Email Address: divaboutique@comcast.net

Subject: Objection to proposed tax increase

Dear Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor and Members of Council,
As a small business

Comments:

owner in Alexandria City I wanted to add my voice to the opposition to the proposed tax increase. This would, in my opinion, be extremely detrimental to business development in the City, as well as to existing small businesses. The economic state of citizens/business owners is just too delicate a balance to tip it in this way. The results could be disastrous. I would suggest that before a tax increase is levied City officials look internally for opportunities within to economize.

Thank you for your consideration. Cindy McCartney

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COA Contact Us: Business Add-On Tax

Skip Maginniss to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
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04/01/2010 10:58 AM

Please respond to Skip Maginniss



Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 10:58:27] Message ID: [20468]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Skip
Last Name: Maginniss
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-683-0813
Email Address: smaginniss@mdnarch.com
Subject: Business Add-On Tax
Comments: Please vote not to a business tax increase. This is not right time.



COA Contact Us: 2.7 million dollar tax hike

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

Jill Ahart to: council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,

jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

Please respond to Jill Ahart

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Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 10:35:23] Message ID: [20466]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Jill
Last Name: Ahart
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7032994207
Email Address: jiahart@afsinsurance.com
Subject: 2.7 million dollar tax hike
I urge you to oppose the \$2.7 tax increase on Alexandria businesses.

- A punishing tax increase during a time of economic recovery slows

the growth of business.

- Some businesses would see their tax burdens

increase significantly.

- Increased taxation makes Alexandria less

attractive to businesses that seek to locate here.

- Even businesses not

Comments: impacted by the three cent increase would be hurt if other businesses are

forced to close or reduce their workforces.

- The long-term impacts of a

business tax increase could yield unintended consequences for businesses

and residents.

- This tax also punishes national associations and

nonprofits that make their home in Alexandria and do not otherwise qualify

for real estate tax exemption status.

Sincerely,
Jill Ahart



COA Contact Us: tax hike

Mario Fuentes to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
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rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
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04/01/2010 10:23 AM

Please respond to Mario Fuentes

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Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 10:23:51] Message ID: [20464]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Fuentes
Street Address: 3227 Duke st.
City: Alexandria
State: Va.
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-212-9004
Email Address: fastframe417@earthlink.net
Subject: tax hike
Just asking that you guys not to raise our taxes, it seems that every time
that there is a budget gap instead of cutting cost, you raise taxes. this
Comments: is in reference to the 2.7 million tax hike you guys are purposeing to
impose on local small business.
P.S. We vote too..



COA Contact Us: Green Roof Project -- Burke Library Branch

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eileen bradley to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
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Please respond to eileen bradley

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Time: [Fri Apr 02, 2010 12:17:10] Message ID: [20509]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: bradley
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City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22311
Phone: 703-379-1251
Email Address: eileenbradley97@yahoo.com
Subject: Green Roof Project -- Burke Library Branch
Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Comments:

I am attaching the detailed position of the Burke Branch Friends on the question whether the Green Roof project for the Burke Branch Library should go forward. As you may recall, I wrote earlier this week with brief comments reacting to the Library Board Chair's, Brooksie Koopman's, opposition to the project and promised a more elaborate statement position. Here it is.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter and consideration of our views.

Eileen
Bradley
President
Burke Branch Friends

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BURKE BRANCH FRIENDS

4701 Seminary Road
Alexandria, VA 22304

April 2, 2010

The Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor of
Alexandria & The Honorable Members of
the Alexandria City Council
City Hall
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Burke Branch Friends of the Alexandria Library to inform the City's elected leadership that we strongly oppose any repeal of City Council's September 22, 2009 decision to approve installation of the Green Roof on the Burke Branch Library.

Background Information

On March 22, 2010, *The Examiner* reported that the Chair of the Alexandria Library Board, Dorothy ("Brooksie") Koopman, had addressed the City Council in opposition to the pending project to install a Green Roof on the Burke Branch Library. (We understand that the testimony was presented on March 10.) According to the article, Ms. Koopman characterized the project as "ill conceived" and asked the City to reprogram some of the monies allotted for the project to the Library's budget to support its flagging operations. Ms. Koopman is also reported to have said that the current Burke Branch roof has never leaked and has a useful life of 25 years. On March 24, 2010, Ms. Koopman reiterated her reported position at the City's open budget working session.

We respectfully but emphatically disagree with the Chair's opposition to the Green Roof project. For the reasons set forth below, we believe it is imperative that the project go forward as planned by the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, and as approved by the City Council last fall. At the same time, we must join Ms. Koopman's appeal to "put more green" into the Library System's operating budget. As we indicated in testimony on November 21, 2009, imposing further budget reductions on top of cuts that the Library has already absorbed may undermine the very viability of the Library's basic operations.

The matter in controversy stems from a State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) that the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded to the

City of Alexandria and Arlington County in 2005. The STAG grants were awarded under a federal appropriations measure with the express purpose to underwrite some of the costs of water quality improvements needed in the Four Mile Run Watershed. The grant also carries matching requirements with the federal share being 55 percent, and the non-federal share, 45 percent.

On August 31, 2009, the City Manager sent a MEMORANDUM to the Mayor and City Council seeking the authority to present to EPA for approval, five different projects developed by the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services to fully implement Alexandria's portion of the set-aside grant funds. Among these projects was the Burke Library Green Roof project, intended to "provide water quality benefits and serve to mitigate energy costs associated with the operation of the library." Because the Department had already performed the required project feasibility study and design, including a structural assessment, funds were needed only to construct the Green Roof. This project was the most expensive of the five that went before the Council. The required non-federal share for the project, \$172,462, would derive from the City's Capital Improvement Program budget. The Council unanimously approved the City Manager's recommendation at its legislative session on September 22, 2009.

Regrettably, contrary to the Memorandum, the Department apparently did not coordinate with the Alexandria Library Board on the Project until a presentation at the Board's February 2010 meeting.

Following details the Friends' reasons for supporting the Green Roof project.

Arguments Favoring the Green Roof Project

I. Installation of the Green Roof at the Burke Branch Library advances the spirit and intent of Alexandria's Eco-City Charter, the provisions of its Eco-City Action Plan, and its commitments under the Four Mile Run Master Restoration Plan.

Eco-City Charter and Eco-City Action Plan

Following its unanimous approval of the proposed Eco-City Charter in 2008, the City Council, also by unanimous vote, adopted the *Eco-City Action Plan 2030*, on June 23, 2009. Council adopted this Plan when the nation's economy was already in a tailspin and its communities, including Alexandria, were already reeling from the adverse consequences. Nonetheless, Alexandria's City Council took the bold step of adopting an ambitious blueprint to continue the City's established pattern of progressive leadership in matters affecting the environment.

Not long thereafter, on July 14, Alexandria's Mayor testified before Congress at the invitation of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United

States Senate. Mayor Euille summarized the strategic planning process that led to Council adoption of the Eco-City Charter and Eco-City Action Plan and identified the City's plans and intentions related to implementing the Action Plan. Undoubtedly, the Mayor's invitation to appear was due to the Committee's recognition of Alexandria's primacy in environmental progress compared to urban areas of comparable size and complexity.

According to the Action Plan --

Alexandria can lead the new green economy, address challenges of climate change and continue its high quality of life while decreasing the city's carbon and ecological footprint.

Eco-City Action Plan 2030 at 5.

This statement of ambition and direction excluded no agency of the City's government from its embrace. Indeed, the Plan contemplates a kind of "universal coverage" in its inclusiveness and reach:

Successful implementation of the [Plan] will require changes in how Alexandria currently does things – changes in city operations, changes in business and commerce ... **Everyone has a role to play.**

Eco-City Action Plan 2030 at 13. (Emphases supplied.)

We assume that "Everyone" is meant to encompass the Alexandria Public Library System.

Cross Cutting Strategy #3 of the seven set forth in the Plan provides for integrating "energy-efficient green construction with sustainable building techniques, materials, and site design and the latest technology in ... the rehabilitation and retrofitting of existing places." (*Eco-City Action Plan 2030* at 8.) Based on our reading of the Plan, Green Roofs are certainly part of the green construction and green infrastructure that the Plan has in mind. In fact, the Plan establishes the goal of retrofitting 70% of feasible city facilities with Best Management Practices (BMPs) by 2020 to make them more energy and water efficient and with the lowest ecological impact. (*Eco-City Action Plan 2030* at 10,14, 20 & 27.) BMPs include Green Roofs.

It is self-evident that the Burke Branch Library is an existing City facility with an impervious, non-Green Roof and thus a candidate for retrofitting or rehabilitation to help realize the environmental advances that the Plan envisions. The Plan also indicates that the City will lead by example in green building practices. (*Eco-City Action Plan 2030* at 13 & 20.) The Burke Library Green Roof project presents an immediate opportunity to convert that rhetoric into action.

The Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (with a different name at the time) and those other experts who put together the Eco-City Action Plan, have concluded that impervious roofs contribute to damaging the environment. After sifting through several candidates in the Four Mile Run Watershed area, the Department determined that installing a Green Roof on the Burke Branch Library would best further the principles and goals of the Council-approved Action Plan and the conditions of the EPA grant. The Council was sufficiently convinced by the quality of the work of the City's staff, among others, who fashioned the Action Plan, to adopt it unanimously. The Council also previously agreed with the Department's and the City Manager's August 31, 2009 recommendation on the array of projects for implementation under the STAG grant. It should follow then that, unless objections are raised based on scientific considerations, the Council would reaffirm its favorable decision of last September 22.

Four Mile Run Watershed Master Restoration Project

As you know, the Four Mile Run is a nine-mile long stream covering parts of Arlington County, Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax County. In March 2006, Alexandria's City Council joined Arlington in adopting the Master Plan to restore several miles of the deteriorated stream valley and serve as a model of urban ecological restoration. The EPA grant was made available to help support both jurisdictions' efforts to implement the Master Plan.

The Burke Branch Library is located within the Four Mile Run watershed. The Library building's "environmental behavior" can enhance or harm the sustainability of the watershed. Runoff from the building's current impervious roof, with all of the water and air pollutants it carries, invades and harms the water system. The Green Roof project will intervene to reduce runoff and arrest the ongoing transportation of high levels of pollutants from the current roof to the precariously balanced water system. Funds from the EPA and the City's capital budget are available now to support the project. This confluence of funding availability and project support from the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services may never recur. We should seize this opportunity to make Burke a beacon of environmental progress and a party to the restoration of the fragile watershed.

As the Eco-City Action Plan notes, "Alexandria's past, present, and future are indelibly linked to the Potomac River and the quality of life the river sustains." (*Eco-City Action Plan 2030* at 27.) The objectionably severe problems with the Library's current budget do not justify deferring removal of Burke's current roof from the list of polluters of the Four Mile Run Watershed.

Green Roofs

We are no experts on environmental science. However, anyone paying any attention to environmental developments in the past several years knows that installation of Green Roofs has become a favored and proven method to help reduce both air and water pollution in some of the major cities in this country and, for that matter, in the world. Green roof utilization has been known and used since ancient times in both hot and cold climates. Today it has particular resonance because of widespread energy and pollution issues. The ability of green roofs to retain storm water reduces or delays pollutant runoff, thus conserving our precious water resources. By incorporating airborne nitrogen and phosphorous, green roofs convert pollutants into nutrients and reduce pollutant introduction into the waterways where they become stressors of aquatic systems. They filter carbon dioxide from the air and intercept heavy metals washed out the air by rainwater.

The recent and unusual barrage of rain and snowstorms and the subsequent runoff to the surrounding streams must be causing concerns about the state of various water systems in the Alexandria area, including the Four Mile Run Watershed.

The Green Roof project is not an "ill-conceived" effort or fool's errand on the part of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. It is not a statement about the latest "environmental fashion"; major cities around the country are turning to Green Roofs to respond to very serious concerns about their deteriorating environments. Rather it is an intrinsic and integral part of the Eco-City Action Plan to reduce water and air pollution and to conserve the area's fragile water resources, which the City Council found sufficiently persuasive to approve by unanimous vote last year. The Mayor testified before Congress with pride about this very thoughtful and well-conceived Plan.

The Council followed that vote with another unanimous endorsement of the City Manager's August 31, 2009 recommendation to install a Green Roof at the Burke Branch Library as part of the City's implementation of EPA's STAG grant. The City Manager's recommendation, as well as the Council's action, was consistent not only with the Eco-City Action Plan, but also, with the Four Mile Run Master Restoration Plan. Economic circumstances were not good when these actions were taken. Environmental progress cannot simply wait for general economic recovery, when as here, the requisite federal and non-federal funds are available.

II. Even assuming the state and condition of Burke's current roof are relevant to the question whether a Green Roof should be installed, the facts are that the current roof has leaked, has been repaired for leaks and has a current leak problem.

The current condition of Burke Library's current roof is strictly speaking irrelevant to the Green Roof installation question when environmental concerns based on sound science compel replacement of an impervious roof that contributes mightily to air and water pollution with one that significantly alleviates these problems. However, assuming an ounce of relevance does survive, an examination of the facts should follow.

It is common knowledge at the Burke Library that the current roof has leaked, has been repaired for such a problem and further, that a current leak problem exists just behind the sector known as the "Young Adult Section." Thus the roof is not problem-free even if it is, as we understand, under a remaining seven-year warranty.

As one of the Burke Branch Friends has pointed out, superficially, a leaking roof is an annoyance, a defect, and a continuous drain on resources notwithstanding the warranty provisions connected to the current roof. However, it can also result in serious property damage and looms as a potential health hazard. Recurring water intrusion often results in mold infestations. Mold remediation is considered one of the most serious and expensive repair projects a structure can undergo. In the emergency maintenance business, there is a saying: "If you have a water problem, you have a mold problem."

We are sure that the General Services Department has dealt with past leaks in a timely (to the extent that discovery and reporting of the leaks could have been or were made timely) and appropriate manner. We do not intend to suggest that the Burke Branch currently harbors a festering environmental problem that is poised to grab patrons by their lungs.

At the same time, no one knows that after seven years from now, when the warranty expires, that these leaks will not unfold rapidly into a major predicament and that the funds necessary to remedy the problem will be available. In fact, and perhaps more important, no one knows what may happen within these upcoming seven years given the roof's track record. What we can be sure of is the continuity of air and water pollution from the current impervious roof that adversely affects the Four Mile Run Watershed.

Thus, only replacing the roof now, while there are guaranteed funds to do so, can ensure that the scenarios described above do not occur. Given past and current leaking, the associated costs of monitoring and repair, the prospect of worsening conditions under the best repair situation, and the ongoing pollution, any serious risk management analysis would argue in favor of proceeding apace with the Green Roof project.

According to the experts at the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, the longevity of a roof with a green roof up on it, is projected to be twice as long as its lifespan without it. The Green Roof would thus extend the life of

the current roof beyond the time identified in the Chair's reported testimony. Moreover, the funds for the Green Roof, which do not come from the library's operational budget, are available now; they will not wait for the warranty or the longevity of the current roof to expire.

Finally, anyone who frequents the Burke Library knows well the extreme variations in temperature that routinely occur in different parts of the same floor on the same day at the same time. And these vary from day-to-day as well. These factors are disruptive to staff and patrons alike, especially those who book and use the Meeting Room. The Meeting Room can be warm one moment and uncomfortably chilly the next – within the same hour. To the extent that some or all of these phenomena can be traced to roof-related issues, a Green Roof should help moderate temperatures, blunting the effects of chilling winds and the sun's ultra-violet rays.

III. The Library loses no money in this undertaking because the funding source for the Green Roof project is the City's capital budget. Rarely is this budget used to fund general operations; therefore, rejection of the project would not cause a restoration of funds to the Library. In fact, the Library may have much to gain from the project.

The funds to be used to match the EPA grant originate in the City's capital budget. Typically, Alexandria, like other municipal governments, has erected a "wall" between its capital and the operational budgets. This has to do in part with how the monies for each budget category were generated and the restrictions that may have accompanied the basis of the revenue raising. It also has to do with a prudent management and fiscal policy that ensures that the City's capital infrastructure is attended to on a routine rather than casual or emergency basis.

Thus it is unrealistic to hope, much less believe, that derailing the Green Roof project will produce a minor windfall for the Library's operational budget. We doubt it is even remotely likely that the Council will invade the capital budget to relieve the operational restraints now facing all of the City's agencies. We appreciate how an apparent anomaly in having funds available for one Library purpose but not for another that is arguably equal in merit, can cause distress, frustration, even outrage. However, these hard, cruel, perhaps even unfair, facts of life do not justify scratching a meritorious, worthwhile project that will yield positive results for the environment and for the Library when the Library does not have to put up a dollar of its own funds. Opposing the project also overlooks the energy cost savings that are likely to result and inure to the benefit of the Library's fiscal wherewithal.

Though we do not wish to overstate the prospects, the Library stands to benefit in other both tangible and intangible ways. As stated above, the Green Roof is designed to be visible to passersby – a "you can't miss it" type of visual sight. Thus, the Burke Library can become a kind of iconic figure in this part of the

West End, visibly representing environmental advances (see also, V., below) and not so subtly encouraging its community neighbors to emulate the principles that led to the Green Roof project, one aim of the Eco-City Action Plan. This may present the Library System a unique “marketing” opportunity to help galvanize obviously needed support for the Library’s overall programs that can be converted into additional funding support.

As you know, the Burke Library is located across the street from the Hammond Middle School. Installation of a visible Green Roof presents an educational opportunity for both the school and the Library. We can foresee the Friends’ collaborating with the Burke Library and the architects of the Eco-City Action Plan to establish programs, lectures, films, etc. in conjunction with the Green Roof installation. Again the project presents an opportunity to bring the local community and the Library closer together.

With two of its Branches equipped with Green Roofs, the Library would unquestionably be a central figure in the City’s environmental agenda. We are also reminded of last year’s “All Alexandria Reads Program,” which the Library sponsored and supported financially. Concern about the environment was one focus of the City-wide program. The disconnect here is opposition to an environmental project – the Green Roof – on the heels of a major Library-funded effort that centered on certain aspects of environmental sensitivity.

Selection of a Library Branch for a Green Roof from other candidates with EPA grant funds being limited, strikes us as a cause for celebration not angst. Again our angst is definite but it is focused on the shortfalls in the Library’s operational budget; again, no funds tradeoff realistically exists between the Green Roof’s capital budget support and the Library’s operational budget.

IV. The City may face the loss of part of the EPA grant if City Council reverses its September 22, 2009 approval of the Burke Green Roof Project.

EPA awarded the STAG grant in 2005. Federal capital project grants are generally longer in duration than other types of federal discretionary grants as they recognize the extended time it takes to carry out a project’s or program’s design, development and construction phases. However, no grant is made in infinity; the close date on this grant is coming up. If the funds are not timely spent, they will revert forever to the federal Treasury. Such an outcome would produce several by-products: (1) lack of EPA staff confidence in Alexandria, which would affect agency decisions on future grant applications from the City (performance history is generally a critical criterion in grant application evaluations); and (2) dismay on the part of Congressman Moran’s Office who engineered the earmark for Alexandria’s and Arlington’s benefit.

What will also be lost to Alexandria are the unrecoverable costs associated with the staff time and effort and other resources that have already been expended at the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services and other agencies on the development and design of the Burke Green Roof project. To be clear, actual funds have already been expended even if in another fiscal year. Whereas the other projects that form the project compendium under the STAG grant require some design work, construction is all that is left to do on the Green Roof project. Unless some science-based reason based exists to convince the Council that the Burke project was a mistake, the Council should reaffirm its earlier approval and rebuff any opposition to the project asserted on other grounds.

Also, we assume that the Department notified EPA soon after the Council's September 22, 2009 approval of the projects it would pursue under the STAG grant. To have to inform EPA of a change in plans seven months later may also (and unnecessarily) raise eyebrows at EPA.

V. The Green Roof meshes well with and reinforces the external "landscape beautification" project now underway at the Burke Branch.

Another environmental project of sorts is currently under development at the Burke Branch. Specifically, Alexandria's Beverly Hills Garden Club selected the Burke Branch to devote its resources to beautifying the visibly neglected grounds of the Burke Library. The Club President, also a Burke Friend, has been working with the Deputy Director of the Alexandria Public Library and other pertinent city officials (Landscape Architects, arborist, etc.) as part of the plan design, development, approval and implementation process. Currently this is seen as a two- to three-year endeavor. In addition to the Club's expertise and fiscal resources, Burke Branch Friends expects to provide some financial assistance at the appropriate time.

Though ostensibly unrelated to the Green Roof project, this green planting and landscape project is consistent with and indeed, also advances the Eco-City Action Plan. An almost entirely voluntary endeavor, this effort is also consistent with the Plan's expressed hope and expectations for citizen action to propel implementation of the principles of the Eco-City Charter and Action Plan. The combination of these two projects presents not a waste of effort, but an opportunity to showcase both the Library and the City's Environmental projects in the West End.

Summary and Conclusion

Installation of a Green Roof on one of the Library's Branches and curbing further cuts in the Library's operations are two distinct questions and do not present the Hobbesian choice that the reported description of the Chair's position certainly implies. It is right and just to pursue both matters in the affirmative; no

“trade-off” exists between them conceptually or in fact, notwithstanding the acknowledged economic strife that besets this and other communities.

One proposition advances the City’s much-praised environmental agenda. The other helps ensure a literate, intellectually and socially engaged citizenry, from the youngest to the oldest of the City’s members – an essential element to maintaining civic harmony and cohesion. Their separate and unrelated sources of funding underline their divergence; that is, they are not competing programs or priorities. Both share a common interest in the welfare of Alexandria and in investing now for the long-term vitality of the community and its residents.

Sympathy and concern for the current and prospective state of the Library’s operations budget should not automatically translate into opposition to an environmental project that will unquestionably benefit the Library. A city institution with an education and information mission surely has a role to play in the City’s environmental plans and affairs.

Rarely do the mutual interests and concerns of two enterprises so neatly converge. The Green Roof project presents an opportunity for the Library System in general, and the Burke Branch, in particular, to partner in outreach and education with the City’s environmental establishment consistent with the Library’s mission. Because, according to the Department’s staff, the design of the roof will make it highly visible to passersby, the mere sight of the roof in this part of Alexandria may help promote greater awareness of and sensitivity to environmental concerns. The Library does not lose from an event like this, which will undoubtedly attract attention and perhaps spawn greater interest in and support for the Library and its mission. This is a time for alliances not for divisiveness between city agencies.

Representing Burke Branch Friends, I testified before the Mayor and City Council on November 21, 2009, alongside the Library Board Chair (who attended the session) and other Board Members, who also testified, to argue against further cuts in the Library’s budget. The Friends’ position on this matter has not changed. We reiterate our strong support for sparing the Library further hardship.

At the same time, we emphatically believe the Green Roof project must go forward. Environmental progress cannot await economic recovery. Indeed, environmental projects and programs may be one engine that can help promote economic recovery according to the Mayor’s own testimony before the United States Senate last year.

The Green Roof project funds are here and the time is now – we need to seize the opportunity, which may never recur in the Burke Community where the Four Mile Run Watershed and the Library are co-located.

We respectfully urge the City Council to reaffirm its approval of the Burke Green Roof project.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eileen Bradley
President
Burke Branch Friends

cc:

James K. Hartmann, Alexandria City Manager
Brooksie Koopman, Chair, Alexandria Library Board
Rose Dawson, Executive Director, Alexandria Public Library
Nelson Cuellar, Manager, Burke Branch



COA Contact Us: commerical property tax increase

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

Jay Thomas to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/02/2010 04:05 AM

Please respond to Jay Thomas

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3-10-10

Time: [Fri Apr 02, 2010 04:05:21] Message ID: [20500]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Jay
Last Name: Thomas
Street Address: 1001 N. Fairfax Street
Suite 100
City: Alexandria
State: Va
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-549-2432
Email Address: jaythomas@alphagraphics.com
Subject: commerical property tax increase
To Whom it May Concern:

Comments: As a small business owner of 28 years and who
has invested in real estate within the city limits, I am very opposed to a
increase in the commerical property tax rate. We are barely scaping by with
the recession hitting us hard. An increase the tax could put me out of
business. I feel that the Alexandria Chambers plan of spreading the tax
increase amoungst residential and commercial property owners is the correct
way to go. Feel free to call me with any questions or comments.

703-549-2432.

Jay Thomas
Owner
Alphagraphics



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3-10-10

COA Contact Us: Tax Increase

Rob Kaufman to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/02/2010 11:17 AM

Please respond to Rob Kaufman



Time: [Fri Apr 02, 2010 11:17:17] Message ID: [20507]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Rob
Last Name: Kaufman
Street Address: 815 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-548-1810
Email Address: rob@pmaproperties.com
Subject: Tax Increase
• A punishing tax increase during a time of economic recovery slows the growth of business.
• Some businesses would see their tax burdens increase significantly.
• Increased taxation makes Alexandria less attractive to businesses that seek to locate here.
• Even businesses not impacted by the three cent increase would be hurt if other businesses are forced to close or reduce their workforces.
• The long-term impacts of a business tax increase could yield unintended consequences for businesses and residents.
Comments: • This tax also punishes national associations and nonprofits that make their home in Alexandria and do not otherwise qualify for real estate tax exemption status.
We're not just saying

"no" to City ideas. In fact, the Chamber has proposed a workable solution to the City's budget woes. We believe that any budget responsibilities should be shared equally-and that if taxes must be increased and no further spending cuts or efficiencies can be identified by Council-a one cent tax be levied on all real estate, not just commercial property.



COA Contact Us: Funeral Processions

Thomas C. Bowling to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/14/2010 03:29 PM

Please respond to "Thomas C. Bowling"

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3-10-10

Time: [Wed Apr 14, 2010 15:29:04] Message ID: [20786]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Thomas C.
Last Name: Bowling
Street Address: 2823 King Street
Ivy Hill Cemetery
City: Alexandria
State: Va
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703.549.7413
Email Address: bowlingt@ivyhill.org
Subject: Funeral Processions

Ivy Hill doesn't necessarily have a dog in this fight. We do not have a role in arranging funeral service processions hence we don't get into the charges for that. However, I do feel very strongly about this subject. I have been here at Ivy Hill for almost 48 years, so I have seen lots of things come and go and one of the things I have seen come is the very respectful manner in which the city's police motor unit conducts funeral processions. It is not something that should go away without a fight.

You need to be here, and I would think most of you have been here for a service, to see what I am talking about. This process aside from the traffic safety issue shows and therefore, I hope sets an example of respect. You will see this in other towns and cities when the funeral is for a VIP but in Alexandria when a fellow citizen has a funeral service and is laid to rest here in the city, they are a VIP.

This sets the right example, and as I said hopefully teaches people, young and old alike that at least there are times when people deserve and should be treated with respect. If we can't afford to show this respect in this situation because of budget then let's make cuts in the budget in other area's of discretionary spending. One example, the signs and paintings that welcome people to the city, since we are going to decide that we can't afford to continue to show them respect when they are departing more than just the city.

Comments:

Alexandria is a city where things are built on trust and respect. A hand shake in this town is worth more than a contract. The funeral home and cemetery are a part of the respect process, they are in the remembrances and memorization business not some kind of disposal service. What do the "City Fathers" want to demonstrate? A rent a cop lets get this out of the way, or the way the City does things now, showing that the City honors and respects its citizens until the very end.

Obviously, I think this is a big deal, and if you pause to think about this in the correct context you will also. I heard a comment about how this time could be better used. The motormen could be out writing tickets! Do I really need to go on any further with that line of thought? Are we a backwater little southern town writing tickets to raise revenue? Boy, that's an ugly picture!

What's uglier is taxing the dead. That's what this is going to amount to.

Thomas C. Bowling, III, CCE
President
IVY HILL CEMETERY

CO. of ALEXANDRIA
2823 King Street
Alexandria, Va., USA

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COA Contact Us: additional real estate tax on commercial property

Judy Guse-Noritake to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/13/2010 05:34 PM

Please respond to Judy Guse-Noritake

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3-10-10

Time: [Tue Apr 13, 2010 17:34:18] Message ID: [20755]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Judy
Last Name: Guse-Noritake
Street Address: 605 Prince St.
City: Alexandria
State: Va.
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7034721520
Email Address: jnoritake@nka-arch.com
Subject: additional real estate tax on commercial property
Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council:

I don't believe I have ever

written about a proposed tax increase in the 23 years I have owned property in the City. I have always felt fortunate to be here and willin gto pay for the privilege. However, this year I feel I must weigh in.

As most of

you know, my husband and I long ago bought a three story historic commercial building on Prince Street. The first two floors have always housed our architectural firm while we converted the third floor into a personal apartment. The apartment was supposed to be temporary, but we discovered the convenience of "living above the shop", particularly while our daughter was school age, and now that she is gone it is just the right size for two old empty-nesters.

A couple years ago the City made the distinction between the residential use and the continued commercial use of

Comments:

our building, and others like it, in anticipation that an additional tax would come for commercial property. I appreciate that this was done, as surely we are not unique in our work and living arrangement. The adjustment is a fair one. But I have to weigh in on the potential for an additional rate of 3 cents per \$100 tax on the commercial portion. I don't disagree that the City needs this slice of additional revenue for transportation projects that the State can't seem to solve. This, however, is a particularly bad year to put an additional burden on businesses that have been kicked in the teeth during 2009.

Our architecture firm, which for the last 24 years has been designing and building primarily Class A office buildings in Northern Virginia, has struggled in the last year as we never have before as the development sector is virtually nonexistent at this point. While we have always felt the economic cycles deeply, we have survived, paid the debt that was incurred in the bad times and caught the next wave. This is different. This is so much deeper and its not over.

While there are signs that development and building may begin at a modest rate late this year it will be a slow increase and it will not come fast enough. While the additional real estate tax for commercial property may not be great, this year we will feel it. So in the end, this isn't the best year to consider a greater burden on commercial real estate and the businesses tied to it. In fact this is the worst possible year to consider it. I don't envy you the difficult budget task you have ahead of you.

Thanks for taking on the challenge of running this great city.

With

kind regard,

Judy Noritake



COA Contact Us: three cent commercial "add on" tax
william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Naomi Greener to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/13/2010 06:37 AM

Please respond to Naomi Greener

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3-10-10

Time: [Tue Apr 13, 2010 06:37:52] Message ID: [20730]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Naomi
Last Name: Greener
Street Address: 3221 Colvin Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-823-1000
Email Address: mpi3221@verizon.net
Subject: three cent commercial "add on" tax

Sirs/Madams,

Please try to consider something else to help make up

budget shortfalls. Something that will not affect your small businesses.

We have been in Alexandria for about 40 years and struggle everyday to

keep the 10 of us employed, 4 of which have been
with the company over 30

Comments:

years. We want to stay in Alexandria, support Alexandria and continue to

make her the great city
that she is.

Thank you,
Naomi

Greener
McClelland Press, Inc.



COA Contact Us: Lack of fire apparatus

Lawrence Bien to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/14/2010 08:06 PM

Please respond to Lawrence Bien

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3-10-10

Time: [Wed Apr 14, 2010 20:06:35] Message ID: [20793]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Lawrence
Last Name: Bien
Street Address: 1104 Duke St
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7036835319
Email Address: lbien@chilis.net
Subject: Lack of fire apparatus

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am not sure if you are aware of the current status of our Fire Department. The city operates 3 frontline ladder trucks and is supposed to maintain back ups as well. Currently on some days we have only 1 or 2 frontline trucks available for service. Truck 204 is out of service due to an accident, truck 203 was moved temporarily to station to 209. Unfortunately truck 203 has a very long history of mechanical breakdowns. The 2 back up trucks that are more than 20 years and well past retirement age are out of service and really should never be on the street. Many times during the day we will have only 1 operating truck and are the mercy of Fairfax and Arlington to provide mutual aid. This situation is dangerous and endangers our citizens as well as our fire fighters. The same problem is rapidly developing with our frontline engines. Fire trucks while always looking shiny do not last forever. I urge you to consult with the fire chief and discuss how we can find money to

Comments:

create a long term plan to upgrade apparatus on a regular basis. While this equipment can cost more than \$500,000 each how much of a price can we put on safety. You run a first class government in a great city and I wanted to make you aware of the urgent needs of our fire department. I am sure the chief is a team player and when you say no more money or cut your budget a little he goes along. As a citizen I know you will look into this and do what is best for all of us. The fire department does a great job, but you need good tools to do a good job. You never know when an emergency would arise at my house or yours and when it does if we don't have working fire equipment who knows what would happen while we wait for units from Fairfax or Arlington arrive. Sincerely, Lawrence Bien Concerned Citizen



COA Contact Us: Green Roof Project for the Burke Branch Library

Elizabeth Guttmann to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcsmadberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/05/2010 05:08 PM

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3-10-10

Please respond to Elizabeth Guttmann

Time: [Mon Apr 05, 2010 17:08:18] Message ID: [20572]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Elizabeth
Last Name: Guttmann
Street Address: 2933 Nob Hill Court
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-370-4834
Email Address: bguttmann19@yahoo.com
Subject: Green Roof Project for the Burke Branch Library
The Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor of Alexandria and
Honorable
Members of the Alexandria City Council
City Hall
Alexandria, Va.
22314

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I am

writing as a long time resident (September, 1974) of Alexandria as well as
a Friend of the Burke Branch Library. I wish to state my strong opposition
to the {possible} repeal of the City Council's September 22, 2009 decision
to approve the installation of a Green Roof at the Burke Branch Library.
Much time, effort and money has already been expended to conduct the
feasibility study for this project. The advantages of completing this

Comments:

project are numerous. The obvious ones are the benefits to the environment and the Four Mile Run Watershed Area. The other benefits to be reaped from this project are no less important; they are what I would categorize as societal, health, communal and just plain good sense. While I am not totally conversant on all the details of this project I do believe that such an undertaking would, without question, benefit the library and just as importantly the community...which I might add, is not just a abstract social construct but a group of real people who live, and work together and try to improve their lives for themselves as well as their children. For the Burke Library the Green Roof project would provide a safer, healthier and more inviting environment in which to learn. Leaking roofs are not conducive to good health; such conditions not only have short term effects: damaged books, furniture, ceilings, and walls; but possible long term effects on the health of patrons well as possibly undermining the structural integrity of the building itself. In the positive benefit column we would be helping the environment , improving the condition of the library's interior and also creating a library that could become a dynamic center for the community to come together, to learn and to have community events.

I understand someone has expressed disagreement with the need for the Green Roof project to go forth - feeling it is "ill-conceived ." I respect the person's right to express such an opinion , but I feel strongly that one person should not be able to hold up or unilaterally be able to reverse the progress of this project (again, especially after so much time and money has already been expended) and in turn deny Alexandria and the Burke Branch Library the opportunity to become a vital example of the Eco City Charter goals.

So, in closing, I respectfully reiterate my request that the City Council does not repeal the Green Roof Project for the Burke Branch Library.

Sincerely
yours,

Elizabeth Guttmann

2933 Nob Hill Court

Alexandria , VA

22314

(703-370-4834)



COA Contact Us: Tax hike for business

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Pia Cantoni to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka
Please respond to Pia Cantoni

04/06/2010 07:11 AM

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3-10-10

Time: [Tue Apr 06, 2010 07:10:46] Message ID: [20579]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Pia
Last Name: Cantoni
Street Address: 902 Mount Vernon Ave.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 7038378880
Email Address: pia@swagspecialties.com
Subject: Tax hike for business
Good morning,

Comments: This is an appeal as a small business owner and resident in Alexandria to reconsider your proposed massive tax hikes. I take pride in living and operating a business in the City of Alexandria, but frankly am discouraged by proposed tax hikes for both. Real estate taxes in Alexandria are staggering and make our monthly mortgage nearly unmanageable. Higher business taxes will just encourage me and others to look relocate to more business-friendly cities.

I believe the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce has proposed a more reasonable solution for business taxes to meet your budget needs, and I implore you to consider it.

Thank
you.
Pia Cantoni



COA Contact Us:

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Mary Steidl to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka
Please respond to Mary Steidl

04/01/2010 05:56 PM

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3-10-10

Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 17:56:41] Message ID: [20492]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Mary
Last Name: Steidl
Street Address: 111 N. Alfred St.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7035499940
Email Address: mary@sugarhousedayspa.com
Subject:
Do what we did take a pay cut. We strongly disagree to a business tax
Comments: increase. Try a new approach, stop spending so much. don't you think
triple taxation is enough burden on the businesses in Old Town.



COA Contact Us: Business Tax

Steve Wharton to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/01/2010 05:33 PM

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3-10-10

Please respond to Steve Wharton

Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 17:33:01] Message ID: [20490]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Steve
Last Name: Wharton
Street Address: 11233 Robert Carter Rd
City: Fairfax Station
State: VA
Zip: 22039
Phone: 703-627-0103
Email Address: swar10@aol.com
Subject: Business Tax
Alexandria Political Leaders:

I support the Chamber's position on this tax. Business is difficult enough without having to pay an additional 3% in taxes. Furthermore it will ultimately be passed unevenly to the consumers. Doubtless it will make Alexandria Businesses less competitive. Alexandria is a very small jurisdiction, people and their wallets are often in other jurisdictions much of the time. Do not think it wise to encourage them to spend their dollars elsewhere.

Comments: Usually business taxes are related to the business in some fashion. This does not follow that principal. The business community did not create the short fall. Why should they be the ones to fix it?
I no longer live in Alexandria. I still do business there and care a great deal for Alexandria. Just wanted to encourage you to do the fair and right thing. In the end, it will be the better course

of action for Alexandria and her citizens.

Steve Wharton



COA Contact Us: Commercial Add-on Tax

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

Monica Bell to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/01/2010 03:43 PM

Please respond to Monica Bell

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3-10-10

Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 15:43:40] Message ID: [20486]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Monica
Last Name: Bell
Street Address: 2714 Kenwood Ave.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-362-6780
Email Address: monica.bell@gratitudeenterprises.com
Subject: Commercial Add-on Tax
Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, and members of City Council,
I'm
writing to you as a business owner in Alexandria (and Alexandria citizen)
to respectfully request that you say no to the proposed 3 cent commercial
add-on tax. This budget solution is one that will hurt Alexandria
businesses. Alexandria businesses are already struggling to survive given
the difficult economic times that we've all been living with for the past 2
Comments: years. Additional taxes on businesses will lead to more closures and more
businesses leaving Alexandria. In addition I believe it will keep new
businesses from operating in Alexandria. I sincerely hope that you will
explore and consider other alternative solutions.
Sincerely,

-monica bell-
President
Gratitude Enterprises, LLC



COA Contact Us: Reject business Tax Increase

Randy Estabrook to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/01/2010 11:25 AM

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3-10-10

Please respond to Randy Estabrook

Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 11:25:33] Message ID: [20471]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Randy
Last Name: Estabrook
Street Address: 2605 e Randolph Ave
City: Alexandria
State: Va
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703 519 1963
Email Address: Randy@estabrookassociates.com
Subject: Reject business Tax Increase
Comments:



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3-10-10

COA Contact Us: Proposed Tax Increase for Alexandria Businesses

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Joseph Egerton to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/01/2010 11:35 AM

Please respond to Joseph Egerton



Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 11:35:23] Message ID: [20472]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Joseph
Last Name: Egerton
Street Address: 1117 King Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 838 9785
Email Address: artsafire@artsafire.com
Subject: Proposed Tax Increase for Alexandria Businesses
Your Honor and Council Members,
Any additional taxes placed on
Alexandria Businesses, at this time, would further cripple an already
extremely difficult monetary environment. Many of our retail businesses
are having to sustain their existence with constantly diminishing revenues.
Customers are asking "what's happening to Alexandria?"....so
many empty businesses.
Our vacancies are not being filled with the
same quality shops that have either closed or moved to other parts of the
Comments: DC area. Our business travelers are practically nonexistent, due to the
freeze on travel, and the visitors now being attracted by lower hotel room
rates do not spend at the same level we have been accustomed to receiving
from more affluent customers.
Adding additional costs to keeping our
businesses open will certainly cause more businesses to decide to give up.

Please give this measure extreme scrutiny before voting to increase
business taxes.

Thank you.



COA Contact Us: Business Tax Hike

Guy Beaumont to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

Please respond to Guy Beaumont

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3-10-10

04/01/2010 12:12 PM

Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 12:12:01] Message ID: [20474]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Guy
Last Name: Beaumont
Street Address: 1100 N Pitt St
City:
State:
Zip: 22314
Phone:
Email Address: gbeaumont@facos.org
Subject: Business Tax Hike
Any budget responsibilities should be shared equally-and that if taxes must
be increased and no further spending cuts or efficiencies can be identified
Comments: by Council-a one cent tax be levied on all real estate, not just commercial
property.



COA Contact Us: three cent commercial "add on" tax

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

Sharon Eddy to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

Please respond to Sharon Eddy

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3-10-10

04/01/2010 12:36 PM

Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 12:36:17] Message ID: [20477]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Sharon

Last Name: Eddy

Street Address: 1037 W Glebe Rd

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703-535-3115

Email Address: sharon@sharoneddy.com

Subject: three cent commercial "add on" tax

I would ask that you look at other options to the additional tax on businesses in Alexandria. It is already expensive to do business in the city, and it has been difficult times for many businesses as evidenced by all the empty store fronts in the city.

If there are no further cuts

that can be taken in the budget and a tax increase is the only solution

Comments:

then I feel that it needs to be shared equally among residents and businesses in Alexandria. My business and my home are both within city limits. I use much more services as a resident than as a business owner and it is not appropriate to shift the additional tax burden to only the business owners in the city.

Thank you for your consideration.



COA Contact Us: Business Tax Hike

Dianna Tafazoli to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

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3-10-10

Please respond to Dianna Tafazoli

Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 13:51:01] Message ID: [20483]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Dianna
Last Name: Tafazoli
Street Address: 4600 Kirkland Place
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22311-4960
Phone: 703-379-5578
Email Address: tafazoli@comcast.net
Subject: Business Tax Hike
I am a small business owner in Alexandria and being burdened with a tax hike in a time where business is already hurting, is one more thing I cannot afford. As a resident of Alexandria for over 20 years, I realize the city must find ways to close gaps in the budget, but this is not the way.
Comments: way.
I have great respect for the leaders of our city and I say,
"Go back to the drawing board and find another way to reconcile the books of our great city. Small businesses are the back bone of Alexandria.
We need a tax break, not a tax hike.



COA Contact Us: \$2.7 M Tax Hike

Matt McKinnis to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/01/2010 06:02 PM

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3-18-10

Please respond to Matt McKinnis

Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 18:02:19] Message ID: [20493]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Matt
Last Name: McKinnis
Street Address: 107 King Henry Ct
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7038987607
Email Address: mattmckinnis@fitnesstogether.com
Subject: \$2.7 M Tax Hike

Dear City Council Members,

As you look at ways to close the city's budget gap, a tax hike on the local businesses in the city is not the way to solve this problem. What you need to do is look internally in our city and audit each department and see where there is an excess in personal etc. that can be cut. As someone that lives and works in the city, I see everyday where we are wasting money. For one example, all of our city vehicles getting washed at Yates car wash. I know they are giving us a "Deal" but everytime I bring my car there, at least 3 city cars are washed. A "Deal" will still add up and cost us a lot of money. I would like for you to really look at how we are spending the current money and cut before you implement a tax hike on the local businesses.

Thank you,



COA Contact Us: No new tax

Alexandra Khalaf to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/01/2010 07:08 PM

Please respond to Alexandra Khalaf

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3-10-10

Time: [Thu Apr 01, 2010 19:08:32] Message ID: [20495]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Alexandra
Last Name: Khalaf
Street Address: 4931 sunset lane
City: Annandale
State: Va
Zip: 22003
Phone: 7032990999
Email Address: Frizzles.oldtown@gmail.com
Subject: No new tax
Comments: Don't raise small business taxes. Staying open is hard enough!!!



COA Contact Us: three cent commercial "add on" tax

Naomi Greener to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/13/2010 06:37 AM

Please respond to Naomi Greener

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3-10-10

Time: [Tue Apr 13, 2010 06:37:52] Message ID: [20730]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Naomi
Last Name: Greener
Street Address: 3221 Colvin Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-823-1000
Email Address: mpi3221@verizon.net
Subject: three cent commercial "add on" tax
Sirs/Madams,

Please try to consider something else to help make up
budget shortfalls. Something that will not affect your small businesses.

Comments: We have been in Alexandria for about 40 years and struggle everyday to
keep the 10 of us employed, 4 of which have been
with the company over 30
years. We want to stay in Alexandria, support Alexandria and continue to
make her the great city
that she is.
Thank you,
Naomi
Greener
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COA Contact Us: City Budget

Chris Yianilos to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

05/06/2010 10:24 AM

Please respond to Chris Yianilos

Time: [Thu May 06, 2010 10:24:09] Message ID: [21411]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Chris
Last Name: Yianilos
Street Address: 811 Beverley Drive
City: Alexandria
State: Va
Zip: 22302
Phone:
Email Address: chrisyianilos@hotmail.com
Subject: City Budget

I am writing to express my views on the City budget that you just passed by a 5-2 vote. I am utterly dismayed that the majority of the council continues to raise taxes on homeowners when we continue to be in the worst economy since the Great Depression.

My family has made less money the last two years than we did the previous two years due to the fact that our employers have not given raises. This is not atypical for Alexandria homeowners. Meanwhile, our property tax bill keeps going up and up. When does it stop quite frankly? By continuing to raise taxes you are going to create a city of wealthy homeowners and renters. You are pushing out middle income to middle-upper class Alexandrians.

We all recognize that Fairfax County and Arlington are also raising their property taxes this year. However, you have to recognize that residents in these counties are not faced with some of the worst schools in Virginia; in the nation. We

spend more per pupil than probably any jurisdiction in Virginia, I imagine, yet our middle schools and high school are an embarrassment in overall achievement.

Comments:

I raise the schools issue because for many families that aren't wealthy, because our school systems are underachieving, we are forced with the notion of having to pay for private school, moving to a better school system, or "hoping" our children will rise to the top at underachieving schools.

There simply has to be a better way than continuing to tax, tax, and tax some more. As our schools demonstrate, simply throwing money at a problem, without reform, is not the solution.

So, here are my questions.

1) How much more money do you all want over the next five years for your spending programs?

2) In your time on the council, have you ever supported an overall spending freeze? (Even President Obama supports a freeze and even Governor Kaine reduced spending).

I have written to you all in the past. I don't always agree with Councilman Krupicka, but I am always grateful for his response. Mr. Mayor - you have never responded to me.

I am glad to have Frank Fannon and Alicia Hughes on the board. Keep up the good work.



COA Contact Us: Special Services Tax District

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Mark Anderson to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

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Please respond to Mark Anderson

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Time: [Thu May 06, 2010 23:07:04] Message ID: [21435]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Mark
Last Name: Anderson
Street Address: 705 Rose Square
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7032990383
Email Address: augusta1994@comcast.net
Subject: Special Services Tax District

May 6, 2010

Dear City Council:

My name is Mark Anderson,
and I am writing to you in strong opposition to the proposed Special Services Tax District, intended for the homeowners of the Potomac Greens neighborhood. I understand that this will be another tax, in addition to the increased property taxes that the City Council, in a 5 to 2 vote, imposed on us on May 3rd. Apparently, this new tax is intended to finance new and existing "transportation needs," some of which may include a new metro stop for Potomac Yards.

This proposed tax is onerous and unfair and should not be placed onto a small minority of residents, when the entire population of Alexandria will benefit from these transportation projects. It is a hardship, as the proposed tax will cost between an extra \$1500 and \$1800 per year for the homeowners in Potomac Greens.

Many

of us struggle to pay, what is quite possibly some of the highest property taxes in the city. Under the current iteration of the Potomac Yards plan, the transportation needs for the area include a metro stop, that would be built near the current location of the Target, located off of Route 1.

This location puts it over 500 yards from Potomac Greens. As a result, the proposed station is almost equidistant from our neighborhood and the Del Ray neighborhood. Nevertheless, the tax burden falls almost exclusively on our neighborhood, even though the use and benefit of the metro stop would be widespread. The stop is designed to improve "mass transit," and the proposed tax district is designed for the minority. Clearly, this is unfair that we are the only homeowners to be taxed under the city's possible tax district.

Also, if the city is to fully fund a new metro to the tune of \$250 million, then the tax base needs to be bigger than 224 homes, located in the northern part of Alexandria. With over 15,000 project riders to stop at this new metro stop, perhaps the city should tax them, rather than only 224 people. Clearly, additional thought needs to be done to really assess the need, the use, and the reality of a metro stop that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority does not want, nor can afford to maintain.

Comments:

Furthermore, the new metro stop will bring a much higher volume of both foot and automobile traffic into our neighborhood. This translates into more congestion, more parking problems, more litter, more noise, more crime, and other undesirable effects of urban living. Not to mention that our area was involved with a number of car

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The majority of my neighbors in the Potomac Greens neighborhood feel similarly about this tax--that we are being taxed unfairly. I ask that the city council reconsider the proposed special services tax district that will inevitably, levy a new tax on our neighborhood.

If possible, I would like to discuss this issue in person with every member of the city council. I can be reached at 703-299-0383 or at augusta1994@comcast.net. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark J.

Anderson
705 Rose Square
Alexandria, VA

22314

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Sincerely,

Mark J. Anderson

705 Rose Square
Alexandria, VA 22314



COA Contact Us: Beatley Library Sunday Closing

Jordan Berliner to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/25/2010 09:48 PM

Please respond to Jordan Berliner

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Time: [Sun Apr 25, 2010 21:47:58] Message ID: [21066]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Jordan
Last Name: Berliner
Street Address: 5268 Colonel Johnson Lane
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-370-5680
Email Address: jorber9999@gmail.com
Subject: Beatley Library Sunday Closing
Comments:
Attachment: b2bbafbcf60781ad801d16bd2804c6d9.doc

Jordan Berliner
5268 Colonel Johnson Lane
Alexandria, VA 22304
703-751-7989

April 25, 2010

Alexandria City Council
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-3211

Gentlemen:

I understand you are contemplating closing Beatley Library on Sundays. I urge you not to do that.

Sunday is probably the day with the highest usage among adult patrons, preschoolers, and schoolchildren. Closing the doors on Sunday will block them from the books they need, internet usage since many do not have access to computers elsewhere, and - most important - deny them the opportunity to have a quiet place to study. Surely that is better than having them not study at all or be on the street!

During the school year, usage is higher as you see more students come in to finish their homework assignments. Alexandria cannot afford to curtail library access where our children are concerned. Further, Sunday is often the only day that families with two working parents can visit the library together with their families.

I understand that the City has to make some hard decisions. But, this one would make the City of Alexandria the only jurisdiction in the D. C. Metro Area to have no Sunday library hours for their residents. What a claim to fame that would be!

I ask that your budget decisions ensure that the Beatley Central Library remains open on Sundays.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jordan Berliner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Jordan Berliner



COA Contact Us: FY 2011 PRELIMINARY ADD/DELETE BUDGET MEETING

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

John Starcher to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott

04/26/2010 05:55 PM

Please respond to John Starcher

Time: [Mon Apr 26, 2010 17:55:32] Message ID: [21108]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members
First Name: John
Last Name: Starcher
Street Address: 3000 Mt. Vernon Ave.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-863-1369
Email Address: WarwickVillage@hotmail.com
Subject: FY 2011 PRELIMINARY ADD/DELETE BUDGET MEETING
FY 2011 PRELIMINARY ADD/DELETE BUDGET MEETING

The proposed capital improvement budget for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities eliminates funding major improvements and repairs to the Warwick Pool and Pool House.

We understand that at this point, the City intends to continue operations of the Warwick Pool as it has in the past; however, in the event of a structural failure of the pool, the City's plan is to close the pool.

Warwick Pool is a critical asset to the people of Warwick Village, Arlandria, and all residents of Alexandria. I ask you to support its inclusion in the capital improvement budget. The pool is an important gathering place for citizens of all economic levels in our community. It brings people in our diverse community together and provides

Comments: an affordable opportunity for our community's children to maintain an active lifestyle.

Warwick Village Citizens Association is committed to working with the City government to see that the Warwick Pool is maintained as a safe, functional, and clean facility over the long-term. The Association is working to establish the facts related to the structural problems with the pool, projected repair costs, and options for extending the functional life of the pool.

Respectfully,

John

Starcher
Warwick Village Citizens Association,

President
WarwickVillage@hotmail.com
703-863-1369



COA Contact Us: Warwick Pool

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

Gary Carr to: council, delpopper, paulcsmmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/20/2010 05:15 AM

Please respond to Gary Carr

History: This message has been forwarded.

Time: [Tue Apr 20, 2010 05:15:05] Message ID: [20927]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Gary
Last Name: Carr
Street Address: 216 Aspen Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-518-8999
Email Address: gary@garyphoto.com
Subject: Warwick Pool
April 20, 2010

Councilman Krupicka,

Many thanks for your comments at

the April 17, 2010 Public Hearing regarding Warwick Pool. I am mindful of the difficult economic times, but I feel that the pool issue has not fully publicly vetted. Few people that I talk to seems to know of the City's intention to close the pool (even in Warwick Village). It may have been discussed at a Work Session, but I am unaware of any widely publicized forum.

Couple of ideas and questions that I have:

1. It a search of

the City website, I was unable to find the Budget Memo 58 regarding the pools you referenced in your response to my comments. Perhaps you could assist me locating it?

2. Estimates to replace the Warwick Pool have

ranged in budget documents from 1.5 to 3.3 million, What is represented by these dollars, can they be itemized and prioritized?

3. Has any study

been done recently on to how to prolong the useful life of the current pool, particularly the most important parts, the pool shell and deck? Has there been an appraisal of what modern technologies might be used, and at what cost and benefit?

4. Is it the Council's collective wisdom the

\$52,000 annually (\$520,000 over ten years) is a sufficient amount for pool maintenance? I believe this is a city wide figure. The amount is not even adjusted for inflation.

Comments:

5. It appears that there is no plan for the

future of Warwick Pool. "Funding for the planned renovation of the Warwick Pool is eliminated. This facility will be decommissioned when ordinary repairs are no longer able to keep it usable", states the City Manager in his message on the budget. "Ordinary repairs" may not be enough to maintain the pool. There is no plan for Warwick Pool in the event of its failure, but to leave it closed and dysfunctional. Aside from the merits of "Spray Parks" that seems to be the current direction, the "cost of converting Warwick Pool into a Spray Park would be larger than this CIP can support" (Proposed FY2011 CIP 6-34).

Many are open to any ideas

(public-private partnership, increase fees, consolidation). What are the options, specifically for the deep-water Warwick Pool, which is irreplaceable. Arlington County for comparison has four deep-water pools (3 indoor and 1 outdoor), and average of 1 per 50,000 residents. The same as currently in Alexandria, and it is a ratio Arlington will maintain.

(Arlington County's fee structure is different, and is notably run by the school system under a MOU.)

Every effort should be made to save the

Warwick Pool, either by prolonging what is currently there for all long as

possible, and as soon as feasible, enter a broad discussion on the options.

If it can't be done, so be it. But a forum on the Warwick Pool can't wait another year, then it might be too late to act.

Respectfully, Gary

Carr

cc Mayor and Members of Council



COA Contact Us: Warwick Pool

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

Michelle Rief to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/26/2010 07:15 AM

Please respond to Michelle Rief

Time: [Mon Apr 26, 2010 07:15:27] Message ID: [21068]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Michelle

Last Name: Rief

Street Address: 3110 Landover Street

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703-931-3975

Email Address: mrief@comcast.net

Subject: Warwick Pool

Comments:

I was troubled when I recently learned of the long-term plan to close the Warwick Pool and replace it with a sprayground. I believe such a move would be a mistake, and I'm speaking as the parent of a young child. As it stands, there are so few public pools in our area for folks to enjoy...we should be adding more, not removing them! I live just up the street from the pool and it adds so much to our community. Kids need the opportunity to learn how to *swim*, and the baby pool is fantastic for all the young families in our neighborhood. The pool is also something adults and childless residents can enjoy...turning it into a sprayground would be less inclusive. Please DO NOT close the Warwick Pool. If cost is an issue, perhaps there could be a capital fundraising drive similar to the initiative with the new soft playroom at Chinquapin?



COA Contact Us: WMATA subsidy

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

Dino Drudi to: council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/20/2010 06:00 PM

Please respond to Dino Drudi

Time: [Tue Apr 20, 2010 18:00:10] Message ID: [20947]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Dino

Last Name: Drudi

Street Address: 315 N West Street

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22314

Phone: 202-526-0891(c)

Email Address: Drudi_D@bls.gov

Subject: WMATA subsidy
WMATA faces a \$189mil deficit for the FY starting in July for which it proposes a potpourri of fare increases, service reductions, and jurisdictional subsidy increases. Although WMATA needs to do much better to get its house in order, WMATA is reasonable to request jurisdictional subsidy increases. Alexandria would have to contribute \$1.5mil to meet

Comments: WMATA's \$40mil request, and \$2.3mil to meet a more plausible \$63mil subsidy increase (viz one-third of WMATA's projected deficit) in order to stave off the most draconian service reductions and proposed fare increases 4-5 times inflation. Alexandria should fund its share of the WMATA subsidy out of the "rainy day" fund.



COA Contact Us: Beatley Library

eileen bradley to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/20/2010 08:55 PM

Please respond to eileen bradley

Time: [Tue Apr 20, 2010 20:55:23] Message ID: [20948]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: eileen
Last Name: bradley
Street Address: 4705 W. Braddock Road
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22311
Phone: 703-379-1251
Email Address: eileenbradley97@yahoo.com
Subject: Beatley Library

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Burke

Branch Friends, I am writing to urge the Council not to act to close the Beatley Library on Sundays. We understand that the "add-delete" phase of the Council's budget deliberations is underway and that closing Beatley on Sundays is on the list of potential cuts.

We recognize that

you are facing extraordinarily difficult decisions in weighing competing priorities for budget reductions in the face of scarce resources. However, Beatley is the only unit of the library system open on Sundays. It is undoubtedly essential to those who do not have internet service at home and those who work all week and on Saturdays with Sunday being the sole day for

Comments: access to library resources. I, for one, use the Beatley extensively on Sundays and know first hand how crowded the library is -- lines begin at 12:30PM to get in the doors at 1PM.

Though we are connected to Burke,
Burke Branch Friends believe that not having one library Branch open on
Sunday fundamentally undermines the Library as a whole. We hope you will
see fit not to include closure of Beatley on Sunday as one of the budget
cuts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eileen

Bradley
President, Burke Branch Friends



COA Contact Us: Warwick Pool

Viranand Kyger to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/21/2010 01:52 PM

Please respond to Viranand Kyger

Time: [Wed Apr 21, 2010 13:52:17] Message ID: [20961]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Viranand
Last Name: Kyger
Street Address: 2807 Mosby Street
City: Alexandria
State: Va.
Zip: 22305
Phone: 7035936145
Email Address: vprasarn@hotmail.com
Subject: Warwick Pool

Hello,

I am writing in reference to the recent budget cuts to halt any improvements on the Warwick pool located in Warwick Village in Del Ray. I believe that you are making an unnecessary cut to a much used and valuable resource that adds value to a neighborhood and promotes a sense of community.

Comments: The Warwick Pool provides children a safe and accessible place in the summer to congregate and spend their summers. The pool has also been a great community gathering for the local residents. Taking this away will lead to a lessened sense of community in a tight-knit Alexandria neighborhood.

I hope that you will reconsider this decision and find some form of budget to assist with maintaining this community center.

Thank you,

Viranand Kyger



COA Contact Us: Warwick Pool

Rebecca Patterson to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcsmmedberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/21/2010 02:02 PM

Please respond to Rebecca Patterson

Time: [Wed Apr 21, 2010 14:02:39] Message ID: [20962]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Rebecca

Last Name: Patterson

Street Address: 211 Laverne Avenue

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703 535-1080

Email Address: rebeccaftpatterson@gmail.com

Subject: Warwick Pool

I just received an email stating that the proposed capital improvement

budget for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

eliminates funding major improvements and repairs to the Warwick Pool and

Pool House. As a former Warwick Village resident, and now a nearby

neighbor, I cannot adequately express how important the pool and pool house

are to the community. I frequently took my two young sons there to swim

last summer and plan to do so again this summer. It is really the only

Comments: affordable option for swimming in the area and is truly an asset to the

greater Warwick Village community. Children learn to swim and love the

water there, neighbors come together to visit and exercise, family

milestones and community events take place in the pool house. I cannot

adequately express my disappointment in the city's decision to eliminate

funding for the Warwick Pool and Pool
House, especially at a time when

childhood obesity is so prevalent in the news.

~Rebecca Patterson



COA Contact Us: Warwick Village Pool

Susan Walker to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/21/2010 02:15 PM

Please respond to Susan Walker

Time: [Wed Apr 21, 2010 14:15:05] Message ID: [20963]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Susan
Last Name: Walker
Street Address: 201 Gentry Ave
City: ALEXANDRIA
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-684-0339
Email Address: swalker@epiphanydc.org
Subject: Warwick Village Pool

To the Mayor and City Council members,

I am troubled to learn that major

improvements and repairs to the Warwick Pool would mean closing the pool and pool house. I understand that budget limitations is driving this proposal.

As a neighbor who regularly swims at the pool I am invested in keeping it open. But, I appeal to you for a greater reason than my personal pleasure.

Each summer I witness children from city parks program coming to swim and play for part of the afternoon. They are boisterous and joyful children. I see them learn about water safety, but they also learn respect for others, and they learn how to follow rules of

Comments: life. They learn discipline in a safe environment.

I value this pool

as a part of my neighborhood and as it represents something the city offers

to everyone...all ages and abilities. The Warwick pool builds community, and God knows the culture we live in does not necessarily engender community but rather encourages individualism, which breeds isolation.

The pool is a place where we come to relieve the stresses of lifeto spend time, to leisurely sit by the pool and enjoy the simplicity of it all.

I ask you to support its inclusion in the capital improvement budget.

Susan Walker



COA Contact Us: Warwick Village Pool

Christina Madsen to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/21/2010 02:31 PM

Please respond to Christina Madsen

Time: [Wed Apr 21, 2010 14:31:52] Message ID: [20964]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Christina
Last Name: Madsen
Street Address: 2918 Sycamore Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone:
Email Address: cmtmadsen@yahoo.com
Subject: Warwick Village Pool
I recently read about how funding would be cut for the Warwick Village Pool. I am saddened by this news and hope the council will reconsider.
My son, husband, and I thoroughly enjoyed the use of the pool last summer, our first year as residents of Warwick Village. The year before we enjoyed it as well, thanks to friends who live in the neighborhood, and it was part of the reason we decided to make this fantastic little community our own. We find great relief from the oppressive summer heat in the cool water of the pool and enjoy meeting people from the neighborhood on sunny days here. Please keep funding available for the upkeep of the pool!



COA Contact Us: Warwick Village Pool

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

Scott Harris to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/21/2010 03:17 PM

Please respond to Scott Harris

Time: [Wed Apr 21, 2010 15:17:47] Message ID: [20970]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Scott
Last Name: Harris
Street Address: 5 Kennedy St.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-798-0811
Email Address: dsh63@yahoo.com
Subject: Warwick Village Pool

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, and Council,
Having recently been
informed of the cities plan to close the Warwick Pool when it structurally
fails is unacceptable. To eliminate funding for major improvements and
repairs is essentially closing it. The Warwick Pool, while it may not be a
necessity, it is an important recreational avenue especially for our youth.
I understand from our community association police liaison that our crime
has continued to drop. I know in the summer crime tends to spike and the
pool certainly helps keep some youth off the street. We had also hoped that
Comments: the pool would even have evening hours for adults since it closes before
most working people can get home and take a swim on a hot summer work day.
But that said, we are thankful for what we have and hope that you will keep
it in the capital budget. If you close it what new programs are you going
to implement for the youth to keep them off the street? Thanks for your
time.
Sincerely,

Scott Harris



COA Contact Us: Warwick Pool Funding

Kirsten Gutowski to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/21/2010 03:51 PM

Please respond to Kirsten Gutowski

Time: [Wed Apr 21, 2010 15:51:07] Message ID: [20973]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Kirsten
Last Name: Gutowski
Street Address: 215 Tennessee Ave
City: Alexandria
State: Va
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-585-2852
Email Address: kirstendg@yahoo.com
Subject: Warwick Pool Funding
As a resident of Warwick Village, I love having access to the Warwick Pool.
I live just around the corner from the pool and use it often in the
summer. As a teacher, I am home during the summer and also get to see
how many children are able to use the pool during recreation camps. The
Comments: Warwick pool gives those kids the opportunity to swim and enjoy water
activities that they would otherwise be unable to enjoy. Please do all
that you can do to make the necessary repairs and keep Warwick pool open.
It is a wonderful community space that is used by many Alexandria
residents.



COA Contact Us: Budget cuts for Warwick Pool

Nancy McKenna to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/21/2010 04:01 PM

Please respond to Nancy McKenna

Time: [Wed Apr 21, 2010 16:01:30] Message ID: [20974]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Nancy

Last Name: McKenna

Street Address: 58 Ancell Street

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703-362-1281

Email Address: tuckenna@aol.com

Subject: Budget cuts for Warwick Pool

It has just come to my attention that the proposed capital improvement budget for the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities eliminates funding major improvements to the Warwick Pool and Pool House. I live in Warwick Village and have two daughters. We frequent the pool in the summer and even during the work week, we enjoy using the pool in the evening to get relief from the hot weather. My daughters practice swimming there and enjoy playing with friends in the pool. This pool is affordable and convenient. Many members of the community enjoy the pool and it is a wonderful way to get to know others. Currently the pool is in significant disrepair and needs improvements. I would be a disservice to this community, particularly the children, if the pool was not kept up and subsequently became unusable. I urge you to reconsider eliminating the pool from the capital improvement budget.



COA Contact Us: Warwick Village Pool

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Leah Wojda to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/21/2010 04:43 PM

Please respond to Leah Wojda

Time: [Wed Apr 21, 2010 16:43:42] Message ID: [20976]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Leah

Last Name: Wojda

Street Address: 215 Tennessee Avenue

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone:

Email Address: leahwojda@hotmail.com

Subject: Warwick Village Pool

Hello:

Comments:

I love the Warwick Pool! It is one of the reasons I moved into
Warwick Village and it really helps bring the community together. I spend
time there with my friends and young nephews, and it's a great place to get
some exercise! Please support its inclusion in the capital improvement
budget.

Sincerely,
Leah Wojda



COA Contact Us: Warwick Pool

Nick Lashinsky to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/21/2010 04:54 PM

Please respond to Nick Lashinsky

Time: [Wed Apr 21, 2010 16:54:39] Message ID: [20977]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Nick
Last Name: Lashinsky
Street Address: 132 Sanborn Place
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 202.431.0555
Email Address: nick_lashinsky@hotmail.com
Subject: Warwick Pool

Good afternoon. I am writing to kindly implore you to include the Warwick Pool and Pool House in the capital improvement budget for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

As residents of Del Ray, having the Warwick Pool has been a welcome amenity in the summer time for me and my wife. We go to the pool on a weekly basis and have always enjoyed the chance to cool-off, exercise and meet our neighbors. I see the Warwick Pool as important to the fabric of the community and an asset to the City of Alexandria.

In these tough economic times, I understand the temptation to cut-back on seemingly frivolous recreational options and perhaps cutting back on hours during the week would be an option to save money. In my humble opinion, closing the pool would be a terrible mistake and deeply unpopular with local residents.

Thank you!

Nick Lashinsky



COA Contact Us: Warwick Pool

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Mary Lashinsky to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/21/2010 08:17 PM

Please respond to Mary Lashinsky

Time: [Wed Apr 21, 2010 20:17:12] Message ID: [20984]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Mary
Last Name: Lashinsky
Street Address: 132 Sanborn Place
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 571-2451-055
Email Address: lashinskymary@yahoo.com
Subject: Warwick Pool
As one of the few born and raised in Alexandria VA I have been going to the
Warwick pool for quite awhile. I hope you will consider putting money into
Comments: the pool instead of closing as it is a great way for local kids to spend
there afternoons!



COA Contact Us: Please do not close Beatley Library on Sundays

Ching-Chen Kuo to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/22/2010 09:43 AM

Please respond to Ching-Chen Kuo

Time: [Thu Apr 22, 2010 09:43:36] Message ID: [20993]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Ching-Chen
Last Name: Kuo
Street Address: 400 Cameron Station Blvd.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone:
Email Address: isfc07@yahoo.com
Subject: Please do not close Beatley Library on Sundays
April , 2010

Alexandria City Council
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA

22314-3211

As a Sunday patron of the Alexandria Library, I understand the direct implications of reducing any hours of service at any library, but I am most especially concerned about the prospect of losing even more Sunday hours. We have gone through this before, as a City, when the Barrett Branch closed on Sundays in January 2009.

If you have ever visited the Beatley Library during Sunday hours, you may guess it is the busiest day. It is, per hour. As many as 1200 people come through Beatley's doors, from 1 to 5 pm on any given Sunday. Closing Beatley Library on Sundays would have the biggest impact on the most people.

For much of Alexandria,

library services are no longer discretionary, especially on Sundays.

Increasing usage on Sundays is due to the economy. Sundays are the library staff's busiest times in terms of checkouts and returns of materials, as well as providing reference help and free public computer and Internet access. We all can think of the student who has an assignment due. Many people, especially those with children at home, have had to give up their Internet access. The library provides this access to information that they

Comments: gave up because of the economy. Further, Sunday is often the only day that families with two working parents can visit the library together.

Statistics abound and the counter-intuitive nature of cutting library hours when Libraries are used and needed the most are editorialized weekly. Library use is up 15% or more, but library budgets and operating hours are cut 15% or more. Nearly 50% of the time, a library computer is being used by a person living in a household below the federal poverty level. Among those using library access, 40% of library computer users were working on career and employment, and 42% of users were working on education and training.

Aside from how it would look if Alexandria denied even more access to the disadvantaged who use the library to educate themselves and to find jobs, Alexandria could no longer really look like a place of "e-Government" and "going Green." If Alexandria Library is closed on Sundays, residents could not access the Internet for free anywhere, with the exception of the 21 computers at three recreation centers.

Finally,

if the City of Alexandria makes this cut, it would be the only jurisdiction in the DC Metro Area to have no Sunday hours. Now that would be embarrassing for all of us.

Sincerely,
Ching-Chen Kuo



COA Contact Us: Please keep the Beatley Library open on Sunday

william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
Steven Orlovitz to: alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/22/2010 04:51 PM

Please respond to Steven Orlovitz

Time: [Thu Apr 22, 2010 16:51:03] Message ID: [21019]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Steven
Last Name: Orlovitz
Street Address: 285 Cameron Station Boulevard, #102
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-566-3314
Email Address: steveorlo@comcast.net
Subject: Please keep the Beatley Library open on Sunday
Please keep the Beatley Library open on Sundays. It improves the quality
Comments: of life in Alexandria and is important to me and to the community. I use
the library on Sundays. Please keep the library open seven days per week.



COA Contact Us: Warwick Village pool

Dawn Blankenship to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/22/2010 08:45 PM

Please respond to Dawn Blankenship

Time: [Thu Apr 22, 2010 20:45:24] Message ID: [21024]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Dawn
Last Name: Blankenship
Street Address: 3000 Landover St.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-683-7198
Email Address: dlblankenship2003@yahoo.com
Subject: Warwick Village pool
Hello. Please reinstate capital improvement funds for the Warwick Village Pool. I live three blocks away and had planned to take my son there during the summer. So many of our neighbors use the pool. It is a real perk to living in this neighborhood. Please reinstate the funds.
Comments: Thank you!



COA Contact Us: Warwick Pool Funding

Jessica Regan to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/23/2010 10:51 AM

Please respond to Jessica Regan

Time: [Fri Apr 23, 2010 10:51:50] Message ID: [21036]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Jessica

Last Name: Regan

Street Address: 2933 Sycamore St

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone:

Email Address: jpregan22@hotmail.com

Subject: Warwick Pool Funding

Comments:

I recently received a distressing notice from The Warwick Village Citizens Association that in the proposed capital improvement budget for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities funding for major improvements and repairs to the Warwick Pool and Pool House may be eliminated

Warwick Village Citizens Association is committed to working with the City government to see that the Warwick Pool is maintained as a safe, functional, and clean facility over the long-term. The Association is working to establish the facts related to the structural problems with the pool, projected repair costs, and options for extending the functional life of the pool.

The Warwick Pool is vital to not only the Warwick neighborhood but the surrounding Del Ray area as well. This is one of only two large outdoor pools in Alexandria. Personally, I spend a majority of my summer weekends at the pool. I would be happy to pay more for

continuing that privilege. Please do not let this vital piece of the
community close.



COA Contact Us: Warwick Pool

Polly Morrison to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/23/2010 10:39 PM

Please respond to Polly Morrison

Time: [Fri Apr 23, 2010 22:38:59] Message ID: [21047]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Polly
Last Name: Morrison
Street Address: 2903 Mosby Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-836-1034
Email Address: pollyjmo@verizon.net
Subject: Warwick Pool

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members -

I understand that the Warwick

Pool and Pool House is not included in the proposed Capital Improvement Budget for the Department of Recreation. I understand that these are difficult times and everything is facing budget cuts, but I still want to request that Warwick Pool be included in the capital improvement budget.

This pool is really a key component of our community in the hot, summer months. I personally spend at least one day of every weekend there in the summer with my young son and it's a lifesaver. I'm not in a position to join a private pool club, so Warwick Pool offers an affordable way for my

Comments: family to spend time together, doing something healthy. We always see our neighbors there as well, so I believe that the pool is truly a place that is well-utilized by area residents; it fosters a sense of community and provides an affordable option for recreation and dealing with the summer

heat.

I do understand that the City is planning on opening the pool this year, but in the event of a structural failure, the pool would be closed.

I believe that it makes sense to deal with the capital improvements needed for the pool so that we don't get to the point where such a valuable community service would have to be shut down.

Thank you,
Polly Morrison



COA Contact Us: Warwick Pool

Tim Meinken to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/24/2010 09:03 AM

Please respond to Tim Meinken

Time: [Sat Apr 24, 2010 09:03:37] Message ID: [21051]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Tim
Last Name: Meinken
Street Address: 220 Guthrie Ave.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-899-8019
Email Address: tmeinken@hotmail.com
Subject: Warwick Pool

I learned that due to budget constraints, there is the risk that Warwick pool will be shut down. As I understand it, the pool will remain open unless there is a structural failure. It would be a major blow to Warwick village, and the broader Alexandria community to allow the pool to close.

The pool is a meeting place for kids, families and neighbors that creates a sense of cohesion that helps form a community. There are many intangible benefits of having a sense of community (knowing your neighbors, potentially lower crime levels, pride/care in maintaining your home, etc.).

The pool gives kids a healthy outlet for fun. Without the pool, kids will be left to look for fun on the streets where they are not under supervision, potentially not safe, and could get into trouble. There are follow-on consequences of closing the pool that must be considered.

Comments: |

hope the city will strongly reconsider its position on Warwick pool, and invest the money needed to keep the pool open. I understand there are budget constraints. As a homeowner in Warwick, i also know that my property taxes have increased from 2007 to 2009, despite lower home values. There are a multitude of investments the city "doesn't have funding for" whenever we ask (e.g., fixing the drainage issues/runoff in Gentry park, we're low priority when it comes to snow plowing). In addition, many of us use our own dollars to do things that are the city's responsibility (watering trees on the median, clearing service roads of snow). At some point I'd like to see where my tax dollars are going, and I'd like to seen them put to work WHERE I LIVE. The pool would be a great place to start.

-Tim Meinken



COA Contact Us: Include Warwick Pool in Capital Improvement Budget

Erik Johnston to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/25/2010 06:25 AM

Please respond to Erik Johnston

Time: [Sun Apr 25, 2010 06:25:34] Message ID: [21059]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Erik

Last Name: Johnston

Street Address: 3023 Mosby Street

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703-549-2021

Email Address: erikjohnston64@hotmail.com

Subject: Include Warwick Pool in Capital Improvement Budget
Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and City Council Members:

I am emailing to to let

you know that I value Warwick Pool. It is a critical asset to the people

of Del Ray and
Artandria. I ask you to support its inclusion in the

capital improvement budget. The pool is an important
gathering place for

citizens of all economic levels in our community. It brings people in our

diverse
community together and provides an affordable opportunity for our

Comments: community's children to maintain an
active lifestyle. It was one of the

reasons we chose to live in the Warwick neighborhood.

Please continue

to make funding for these community asset a priority of the city.

Sincerely,

Erik Johnston
3023 Mosby Street
Alexandria, VA 22305



COA Contact Us: Warwick Pool

Megan Johnston to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/25/2010 06:29 AM

Please respond to Megan Johnston

Time: [Sun Apr 25, 2010 06:29:08] Message ID: [21060]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Megan
Last Name: Johnston
Street Address: 3023 Mosby Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703=549-2021
Email Address: shortstrides@hotmail.com
Subject: Warwick Pool

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and City Council Members:

I am emailing to to let

you know that I value Warwick Pool. It is a critical asset to the people

of Del Ray and Arlandria. I ask you to support its inclusion in the

capital improvement budget. The pool is an important gathering place for

citizens of all economic levels in our community. It brings people in our

diverse community together and provides an affordable opportunity for our

Comments: community's children to maintain an active lifestyle. It was one of the

reasons we chose to live in the Warwick neighborhood.

Please continue

to make funding for these community asset a priority of the city.

Sincerely,

Megan Johnston
3023 Mosby Street
Alexandria, VA 22305



COA Contact Us: Fiscal Responsibility

Micheline Eyraud to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper,
paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson,
elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/25/2010 11:51 AM

Please respond to Micheline Eyraud

Time: [Sun Apr 25, 2010 11:51:22] Message ID: [21062]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Micheline

Last Name: Eyraud

Street Address: 2181 Jamieson Ave #509

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22314

Phone: 7035678896

Email Address: michye00@hotmail.com

Subject: Fiscal Responsibility

I understand that most of you recently voted to give \$50,000 each to four families in Alexandria. Your cries for more and more tax money rings hollow when I see behavior like this. This money was from the General Fund and is supposed to benefit all of Alexandria, not your favorite people. Do you not understand that if you didn't do things like this, or took the time to do a top down analysis of all City jobs to determine what jobs were unnecessary, that there would savings which could translate into a lower budget overall. Do you not understand that there are people in Alexandria who pay taxes who are looking for jobs? Alexandria may be a "caring" city, but is certainly does not care about the taxpayer./ So where do I sign up for my \$50,000???



COA Contact Us: Budget cuts -- Beatley Central Public Library

Barbara Maxwell to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
alicia.hughes, council, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka

04/20/2010 08:53 AM

Please respond to Barbara Maxwell

Time: [Tue Apr 20, 2010 08:53:39] Message ID: [20928]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Barbara
Last Name: Maxwell
Street Address: 5800 Quantrell Ave., Apt. 1512
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22312
Phone: 317-417-5678
Email Address: barbara.maxwell@gmail.com
Subject: Budget cuts -- Beatley Central Public Library
Friends of the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library
5005 Duke Street,

Alexandria, VA 22304-2903

April 20, 2010

Alexandria City

Council
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-3211
RE: Budget cuts to

Alexandria Beatley Central Library
To whom it may concern:
As a resident

of Alexandria, I can appreciate the difficult economic times in which we
live. However, as a library user, I urge you not to undertake to close the

Beatley Library on Sundays.
If you have ever visited the library on a

Sunday, the first thing that strikes you is the line of people waiting for
the doors to open. As many as 1,200 people can come through the Beatley's
doors, open from 1pm to 5 pm, on any given Sunday. Closing the Beatley

Library on Sundays would have the greatest negative impact on the most people during a time of great economic hardship in our city and

country.

Have you ever used the library on Sundays? If so, you have seen

the lines of people waiting to check out library materials, or simply

returning them. Better still, you have seen the groups of people waiting

for assistance from the librarian, or waiting their turn to use the

computers. Not to mention those who rush in to get a seat near an

electrical outlet so that they can use the library's Wi-Fi, since they do

not have, often because they cannot afford, high speed Internet at home.

According to ACPS, 58% of Alexandria households do not have Internet

access. And, during these hard economic times, some families have given up

home Internet access due to cost.

During the school year, usage is higher

as you see more students come in to finish their homework assignments.

Alexandria cannot afford to curtail library access where our children are

concerned. Further, Sunday is often the only day that families with two

working parents can visit the library together.

Have you ever had to fill

out a job application online? What about the new citizen, for who English

is a second language, who is told to go to the public library and get on

the computers to schedule a meeting, or to fill out his paperwork online?

I have included some comments from a new resident to the city regarding the

value the library has offered to him and his family: "Our family recently

moved to Alexandria, and have enjoyed the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Library.

Our 6 year old son even has his own library card, and is thrilled about

using his card in order to check out books. We are very impressed with the

library, and the resources that it provides. The atmosphere is perfect for

reading, studying, and researching, and the workers there are very helpful,

as well as friendly.

When I heard of the plans to have the doors of the

library closed on Sundays, I was very concerned. As I have seen with other

businesses and institutions during this recession, once one door is closed,

yet another is closed soon after that. I understand that there are times when some budget items require cutting, but when you have a library that is providing intellectual resource services to a city such as Alexandria, that budget item should never be cut. Will the next cut require that the doors of the library be closed on Saturdays as well? I would hope that the voices of Alexandria avert such a tragedy." – Mr. Mike Granderson, April 19,

2010

Please note from a recent article in the Boston Globe by Derrick

Jackson, 1/3/09 regarding the upturn in usage during these economic times

Comments:

by users:

"Library systems across the nation face cuts and closures at the

very moment they have become recession sanctuaries.

"Checkouts of books,

CDs, and DVDs are up 15 percent at the main library in Modesto, Calif. In

Boulder, Colo., circulation of job-hunting materials is up 14 percent.

Usage of the Newark Public Library in New Jersey is up 17 percent. Library

card requests have increased 27 percent in the last half of 2008 in San

Francisco. The Boise Public Library reported a 61 percent increase in new

library cards in 2008. In Brantley County, Georgia, library computer usage

was up 26 percent in the last quarter."

"Some have said their

computer at home was all torn up," Brantley library manager Kathy

Moody told the Florida Times-Union. "Others have said they don't have

Internet service or they had to drop their service."

"In Washoe

County, Nevada, library director Arnold Maurins credited early voting for a

9 percent or 10 percent increase in library usage that has stuck. "I

think it's kind of a common-sense conclusion that people are looking for

less expensive ways to meet their reading or recreation needs,"

Maurins told the Associated Press. "They can go to a program that's

free instead of paying \$20 to go to the movies."

"In Kern County,

California, where Diane Duquette has been library director for 22 years,

library checkouts were up 19 percent in the last quarter. She told the

Bakersfield Californian, "We've never had that kind of increase before. Wow. In my time here, we've maybe had a 1 percent or 2 percent increase in good years."
"The Boston Public Library is no different.

New library cards are up 32.7 percent from July to November of 2008, compared with the same period in 2007. Visits are up 13 percent, from 1.4 million visits to 1.6 million. Checkouts of books, CDs, and DVDs are up 7.2 percent overall over the last fiscal year. More telling is that checkouts have soared between 27 percent and 37 percent at the Egleston Square, Fields Corner, Jamaica Plain, and Orient Heights branches."
New BPL

president Amy Ryan said a baby story program at the Copley library has grown from fluctuating between 60 and 80 families to well over 100. Monthly visits to a free Internet homework tutoring service have doubled from 300 to 600. Ryan said anecdotal reports indicate a spike in people using branch libraries to research new careers or returning to school. This is despite the BPL probably facing cuts, too."
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elaine.scott, rob.krupicka

04/19/2010 12:28 PM

Please respond to Micheline Eyraud

Time: [Mon Apr 19, 2010 12:28:14] Message ID: [20901]

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

Lots of talk about raising taxes but there has not been much discussion about the recent rash of thefts by City employees (like what you are going to do to prevent the problem from reoccurring). In addition, I am quite concerned on a number of levels about the letter in the Alexandria Times this past friday regarding the Office of Women's operation and how it does not seem to be sized to meet the actual problem (more people in the office then there are actual cases to deal with) or have adequate work to do (to the extent that they are actively recruiting clients and encourage them to file lawsuits in the absence of a policy report that verifies that something actually occurred). Unless there is firm justification for a particular program there should not be any expenditure of funds (political reasons such as placating the spouse of the the President's Press Secretary doesn't count) -- this is just common sense which does not seem to be all that common at City Hall. So until you are able to say with certainty that money is being spent judiciously there should be no increases. City

employees are running amok without solid leadership and their behavior demonstrates this adequately. When is the Council going to exert some leadership to solve these problems??



COA Contact Us: business tax hike

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04/19/2010 08:32 AM

Please respond to David Rudy

Time: [Mon Apr 19, 2010 08:31:57] Message ID: [20887]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: business tax hike

Mr Mayor, Vice mayor and City Council Members:
As a small business owner,

I urge you to reject the 2.7 million tax hike aimed at small businesses.

During these challenging economic times, small businesses are at a major disadvantage due to challenges raising capital, reduced consumer spending,

Comments: and diminished marketing budgets. Many well-run profitable operations are just getting by and this additional tax will cause many more businesses to close their doors. In my opinion, Old Town has enough open retail/office space and this tax will propel many of us out of business. I appreciate your immediate attention in this very concerning matter!



COA Contact Us: taxation for metro stop

Patricia McKeon to: william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
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04/28/2010 10:18 AM

Please respond to Patricia McKeon

Time: [Wed Apr 28, 2010 09:44:07] Message ID: [21141]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Zip: 22314
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Subject: taxation for metro stop

To the City Council of Alexandria:

I am writing to you because I am

deeply upset regarding the the proposal for taxing homeowners of the Potomac Greens neighborhood at the eventual rate of 20 cents per \$100 in assessed property value for the purpose of financing a metro stop.

Not

only is this tax onerous and unfair it is disgraceful. To target a minority population to finance a city use metro is not well thought out.

The proposed tax will cost between an extra \$1000 and \$2000 per year for many homeowners in Potomac Greens with no tax being levied on others who will use the metro. We struggle to pay what is quite possibly some of the highest property taxes in the city already. Under the current scheme a new metro station with a stop would be built three football fields north of the northern tip of our neighborhood. That puts the new station at a point almost equidistant from our neighborhood and the Del Ray neighborhood. Why

is the tax burden falling exclusively on our Potomac Greens, even though the use and benefit of the metro stop would be widespread. It is unfair that we are the only homeowners to be taxed under the city's proposal.

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Furthermore, the new metro stop will bring huge volume of both foot and automobile traffic into our neighborhood, meaning more congestion, more parking problems, more litter, more noise, more crime etc. In other words, the new metro stop will not be the boon to property values that city planners predict. It will be a detriment.

The majority of my neighbors in the Potomac Greens neighborhood feel similarly about this tax--that we are being taxed unfairly. I ask that the city council reconsider levying this tax on our neighborhood. I would like to discuss this issue in person with everyone on the city council. I can be reached at 703-837-1890 at home or 661-857-9057 on my cell.

Sincerely,

Congressman and Mrs. Howard

P. "Buck" McKeon
713 Bracey Lane
Alexandria, VA 22314



COA Contact Us: Special tax on Potomac Greens

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Please respond to Shane McCullar

Time: [Wed Apr 28, 2010 09:57:23] Message ID: [21142]

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Email Address: smccullar@kw.com
Subject: Special tax on Potomac Greens

Dear City Council:

I am writing to you in opposition to the proposal

for taxing homeowners of the Potomac Greens neighborhood at the eventual rate of 20 cents per \$100 in assessed property value for the purpose of financing a metro stop.

This tax is onerous and unfair. It is onerous,

as the proposed tax will cost between an extra \$1000 and \$2000 per year for many homeowners in Potomac Greens. Many of us struggle to pay what is quite possibly some of the highest property taxes in the city already.

Under the current iteration of the plan for the new metro station, the stop would be built three football fields north of the northern tip of our neighborhood. That puts the new station at a point almost equidistant from our neighborhood and the Del Ray neighborhood. Nevertheless, the tax burden falls almost exclusively on our neighborhood, even though the use and benefit of the metro stop would be widespread. It is unfair that we

Comments:

are the only homeowners to be taxed under the city's proposal.

Furthermore, the new metro stop will bring a much higher volume of both foot and automobile traffic into our neighborhood, meaning more congestion, more parking problems, more litter, more noise, more crime etc. In other words, the new metro stop may not necessarily be the boon to property values that city planners predict it will be.

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Sincerely,
Shane and Nicole McCullar

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5005 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-2903

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April 20, 2010

Alexandria City Council
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-3211

RE: Budget cuts to Alexandria Beatley Central Library

To whom it may concern:

As a resident of Alexandria, I can appreciate the difficult economic times in which we live. However, as a library user, I urge you not to undertake to close the Beatley Library on Sundays.

If you have ever visited the library on a Sunday, the first thing that strikes you is the line of people waiting for the doors to open. As many as 1,200 people can come through the Beatley's doors, open from 1pm to 5 pm, on any given Sunday. Closing the Beatley Library on Sundays would have the greatest negative impact on the most people during a time of great economic hardship in our city and country.

Have you ever used the library on Sundays? If so, you have seen the lines of people waiting to check out library materials, or simply returning them. Better still, you have seen the groups of people waiting for assistance from the librarian, or waiting their turn to use the computers. Not to mention those who rush in to get a seat near an electrical outlet so that they can use the library's Wi-Fi, since they do not have, often because they cannot afford, high speed Internet at home. According to ACPS, 58% of Alexandria households do not have Internet access. And, during these hard economic times, some families have given up home Internet access due to cost.

During the school year, usage is higher as you see more students come in to finish their homework assignments. Alexandria cannot afford to curtail library access where our children are concerned. Further, Sunday is often the only day that families with two working parents can visit the library together.

Have you ever had to fill out a job application online? What about the new citizen, for who English is a second language, who is told to go to the public library and get on the computers to schedule a meeting, or to fill out his paperwork online?

I have included some comments from a new resident to the city regarding the value the library has offered to him and his family: "Our family recently moved to Alexandria, and have enjoyed the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Library. Our 6 year old son even has his own library card, and is thrilled about using his card in order to check out books. We are very impressed with the library, and the resources that it provides. The atmosphere is perfect for reading, studying, and researching, and the workers there are very helpful, as well as friendly.

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