


**COA Contact Us: Elimination of Community Officer in Hume Springs**

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 To Whom it May Concern,

It has been brought to my attention that the funding for the Community Officer position in Hume Springs/Lynhaven area is being reviewed for elimination. I cannot express my deep regret and anger at the possibility of this taking place. Prior to having an involved community officer the crime in our neighborhood was unacceptable. I myself being on the receiving end of felony weapons usage by prior offenders and harrasment by local thugs. The ONLY reason that this has ceased is because of the involvement that our Community Officer has taken over the last year. Simply because our crime rates have fallen does not mean that the position should be eliminated, it simply means that we should push harder. I am an Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom veteran and I know

**Comments:** that you just don't pull out of a fight because paperwork is telling you that you have won. You have not won this area Ladies and Gentlemen. It is still boarderline and with the elimination of this position you are just

allowing the drug dealers and thugs a reason to come back. Lately they have simply moved into other areas near Hume Springs where the police presence is not as strong. Take a look at the crime reports for the surrounding areas. This is not an acceptable cut, and it will not be tolerated by the people of this community. We are sick of being disregarded and looked over in favor of nearby Del Ray. We are an up and coming community within Alexandria and to abandon us now would be disasterous and it will reflect in our votes if we are ignored. I truely hope that this does not happen for not only my sanity living in my own house, but also for the community that I strive to better every day.