

**COA Contact Us: Community Police Officer Position**

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Dear Mr. Mayor et al. ,

I was handed some extremely disturbing news this weekend regarding the possible loss of the Community Officer position in Hume Springs. In my opinion and the opinion of our community this would be a terrible mistake for the City of Alexandria to make. Officer Ruggiero has been instrumental in making our community safer and dare I say it more habitable. Prior to his arrival there was a gap due to his predecessor's departure. During this time my family and I did not feel nearly as safe in our community as we do today. Almost immediately after his arrival my wife, without provocation, was accosted and had fireworks thrown at her on two different occasions while she was standing in our front yard. Fortunately, due to Officer Ruggiero's diligence and hard work, the perpetrator's were brought to justice and sent to jail. Without our Community Officer I am confident that this type of keen police work would not occur.

I am the son of a twenty-five year police veteran from New

**Comments:** Jersey. Having grown up around Police Officers I am extremely cognizant of the difficult job that Police perform every day. Thus, I understand just how powerful his influence is in our community.

Why remove a program

that returns so much for the investment? The results of his hard work are everywhere in the community. In addition to the lower crime rates, the streets are cleaner and safer and residents are taking more pride in their properties. As a result, a more affluent and upstanding group of citizens are choosing to make Hume Springs their home.

Please do not make a rash

decision due to budget problems. Try to see the forest through the trees and let us keep our Community Officer. Allow Hume Springs to continue its improvements with the help of Officer Ruggiero.

Sincerely,

Jacob F.

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