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# SPEAKER'S FORM

DOCKET ITEM NO. 5

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND GIVE IT TO THE CITY CLERK  
BEFORE YOU SPEAK ON A DOCKET ITEM.

**PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED BELOW PRIOR TO SPEAKING.**

1. **NAME:** Tina Leone
2. **ADDRESS:** 801 N Fairfax St, Suite 402 Alexandria, Va 22314  
**TELEPHONE NO.** 703-739-3802 **E-MAIL:** tleone@alexchamber.com
3. **WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT, IF OTHER THAN YOURSELF?**  
Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
4. **WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ITEM?**  
Other
5. **NATURE OF YOUR INTEREST IN ITEM (PROPERTY OWNER, ATTORNEY, LOBBYIST, CIVIC INTEREST, ETC.):**  
Chamber comments on budget
6. **ARE YOU RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR THIS APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL?**  
Yes

This form shall be kept as a part of the permanent record in those instances where financial interest or compensation is indicated by the speaker.

A maximum of three minutes will be allowed for your presentation, except that one officer or other designated member speaking on behalf of each *bona fide* neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association desiring to be heard on a docket item shall be allowed five minutes. In order to obtain five minutes, you must identify yourself as a designated speaker, and identify the neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association you represent, at the start of your presentation. If you have a prepared statement, please leave a copy with the Clerk.

Additional time not to exceed 15 minutes may be obtained with the consent of the majority of the council present, provided notice requesting additional time with the City Clerk is received by the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the meeting.

~~The public normally may speak on docket items only at public hearing meetings, and not at regular legislative meetings. Public hearing meetings are usually held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. There are no public hearings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. If a person wishes to speak on a docket item at a legislative meeting, the person must be a member of the council or a member of the council's staff. If a person is not a member of the council or a member of the council's staff, the person may speak at a public hearing meeting. If a person is not a member of the council or a member of the council's staff, the public hearing procedures for speakers at public hearing meetings shall apply. If a person is a member of the council or a member of the council's staff, the regular legislative meeting procedures for speakers at legislative meetings shall apply.~~



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# ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON HIV/AIDS

Funds for the Alexandria Commission for HIV/AIDS are used for:

1) Service Award Reception –

Food for reception

Placket for three people we are honoring

Speaker

2) Supporting the Department of Health – testing for STD's and HIV/AIDS

Items that interest young people

Food – pizza, soft drinks

Prize giveaways

If each of you could possibly give the commission \$50.00 for this year it would be greatly appreciated. Please make a check out to the City of Alexandria and mail it to me at 4650 Kirkpatrick Lane, Alexandria, VA 22311

Thank you for your support.

Chair, Christine Jones



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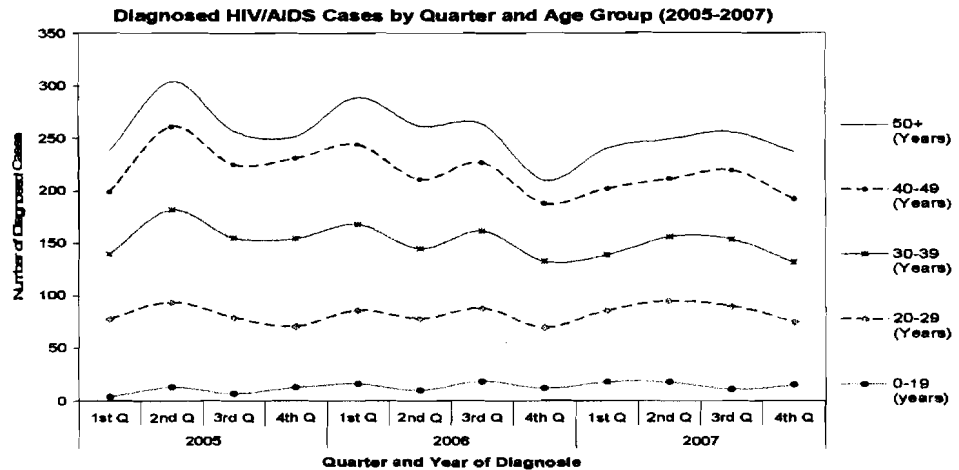
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**Virginia's Youth are not immune to HIV.**



The pink line at the bottom represents the Virginians 0-19 who were diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in each quarter between 2005 and 2007. That line is not dropping; the number of 0-19 year olds diagnosed with HIV/AIDS almost doubled between 2005 and 2007<sup>2</sup>.

**Why are Youth Becoming Infected?**

Contributing factors may include:

- \* Sex initiation at early age
- \* Lack of Awareness
- \* Out-of-School Youth
- \* Substance Abuse
- \* Poverty
- \* Having other STDs<sup>3</sup>

**Yet Virginia spends very little to stop the spread of HIV among anyone, much less our youth.**

**Virginia's General Fund grants to support community-based HIV prevention totals \$200,000 ... □**

- State funds for prevention are not adequate and grant to community-based organizations have not been increased since 1989.
- To achieve that same level of work \$200,000 bought in 1988, today's appropriation should be \$360, 532.62<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> HIV/AIDS Among Youth, CC Fact Sheet, <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/resources/Factsheets/youth.htm>, August 19, 2008.

<sup>4</sup> S. Morgan Friedman webpage; <http://www.westegg.com/inflation/infl.cgi>, August 19, 2008.

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**Good Morning**

**Introduce myself**

**Ulysses James, President of the Alexandria Arts forum**

**Music Director and Principal Conductor of Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic and Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra**

**Purpose in presenting**

**To emphasize, one more time, the importance of the arts in the city.**

**To inform you of the Forums plans for the coming year.**

**Importance of Alexandria's arts community**

**I believe most of you have seen the reports measuring the impact of Nonprofit Arts and Cultural Organizations and Their Audiences in Alexandria. Here are important findings from the 2007 Americans for the Arts report:**

**"nonprofit arts and culture are an \$80.1 million industry in the City of Alexandria, one that supports 1,801 full-time or equivalent jobs and generates \$5.71 million in local and state government revenue.**

**Nonprofit arts and culture organizations, which spend \$13.64 million each year, leverage a remarkable \$66.37 million in additional spending by arts and culture audiences – spending that pumps vital revenue into local restaurants, hotels, retail stores, parking garages and other businesses."**

**In other words, the arts and cultural organizations are a major economic engine in this City. This report also found that \$14 are generated for every dollar the City invests through grants. That is a pretty attractive model – a one thousand four hundred percent return.**

**Of course there is one other significant aspect of the City's arts and culture. They are the city's defining attribute – primarily because of Old Town and the Torpedo Factory. It is why most tourists visit, and newcomers choose to live here or nearby.**

**Clearly, in the past the City has supported the arts and culture in ways that led to this success. The question is about the future. How will the City capitalize on what already exists to expand this very effective economic engine and its extraordinary impact on the quality of life.**

**Our first suggestion is:**

**Do not cut the arts and cultural budgets any further. Keep what is currently in the budget.**

**Second**

**Proposed public art funding will be presented to you in the next few months. Consider and approve this funding policy so that Alexandria has an additional funding source that most of our neighboring jurisdictions enjoy.**

## **Finally**

**Join the Arts Forum in examining ways to expand the arts in the city. The Forum is very seriously reaching out to all those organizations having the potential to grow a stronger and more vibrant community that values the arts and its culture. The Forum and its members will assist the Council in any way it can.**

*invest your time in one or several of our organizations by*

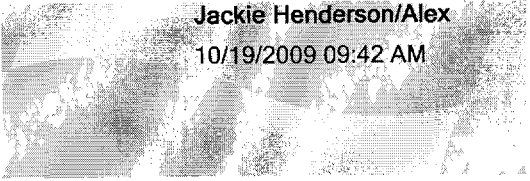
**One way for each of you to begin a partnership is to ~~become acquainted with what we do~~ by attending and participating in events, not as functionaries, but as sincerely interested civilians.**

**In the past, there may have been the perception that our organizations simply waited with their hands out for the Council to give them money. We want to dispel that perception (which was true) by becoming accountable ourselves, by creating partnerships with key organizations and individuals, and by taking actions that contribute to this City's well-being. We hope that one of our partners will be the City Council.**

**Thank you**



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Jackie Henderson/Alex  
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<john.porter@actforalexandria.org>  
10/19/2009 09:43 AM

To <Jackie.Henderson@alexandriava.gov>  
cc  
Subject Corrected Copy

Ms. Henderson—A corrected copy of my statement which I originally emailed to you on Saturday.



Thanks, John Budget hearing statement Oct 19-09.doc



Statement to City Council  
By John Porter, Executive Director  
ACT for Alexandria  
Public Hearing on FY 2011 Budget  
October 19, 2009

I am a lifelong resident of the City of Alexandria and am presently serving as executive director of Act for Alexandria, Alexandria's community foundation. However today I am speaking as co-chair of the Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations (ACHSO). ACHSO was organized to improve human services through cross sector collaboration to benefit the entire Alexandria community, resulting in an innovative and integrated human services model. ACHSO wished to develop "one vision-one voice" for human service organizations in the city.

ACHSO presently has a membership of 45 agencies/organizations. Although ACHSO is comprised of both public and private nonprofit organizations, the members you will hear from today are our nonprofit organization members, the ones working hands-on on important issues such as housing, food, senior services, health care, children, families, and the many challenging issues facing our community and residents.

In 2008, ACHSO published a needs assessment that helped to identify needs as well as gaps in services in Alexandria. The needs assessment also revealed there was a great deal of positive activity taking place in the human services arena in our city. In fact, this is the most important reason for my speaking to you today. Alexandria has so much to be proud of when looking at the variety of human services offered. Those services, many of which are delivered by our nonprofit organizations, are why our city and its residents are functioning as well as they are considering the tough economic times. It is no surprise to acknowledge that we all are current facing an even more challenging time. Either for those already on the margin or those stressed due to job loss or stretched due to economic factors, the need for support and assistance is more critical now than ever.

As the budget details take shape and as priorities are debated, we ask that you look closely at the human needs for our city. I think we all agree that our people are our most valuable resource. Our nonprofits are delivering the critically needed services for our residents who need that extra hand or additional assistance. And our nonprofit agencies are many times able to do much more for our community than the actual dollars the city is able to contribute. The three funds the city has which make grants to nonprofits are one of the most direct ways the city supports needed human services needs. These funds experienced a decrease last year.

Speaking for ACHSO, we encourage you not to reduce those funds further. The services are in greater need than ever.

Lastly, I encourage you to reach out, talk to us, understand what we do and work with us to ensure we keep the human needs of our residents as a top priority.

speaker: Julia Peckinpough  
Alexandria City Council Budget Public Hearing

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**Please continue to fund St. Martin de Porres Senior Center! I am a participant at the center and depend on the programs there to help me maintain my health and independence so I can successfully age at home. Senior Citizens are vital and contributing members of the whole community and the services that St. Martin de Porres Senior Center provides are essential to keeping us in the community. Thank you for your valuable support as you consider this year's budget.**

- Phillip Bullard
- William Hawkins
- JAFI
- MARYAM-Dadgostaf
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- CLAUDIA WINKLER
- Lucy Cosimano
- Shu shu & Chahalee
- Wiley (Wiley)
- Mary Manditz
- St. Martin de Porres
- Maria J. Gundersheimer
- Barbara Ripley
- Feresa Reilly
- Kunke Halam
- Mabura
- Olinda Ortega
- Maria Jimenez
- Lucas Sacre-Edgar
- Julia A. Peckinpough
- Gertrudis Reyn
- Agri Pina Fernandez
- SEMA SHIVADETE
- Sucela Gumbra
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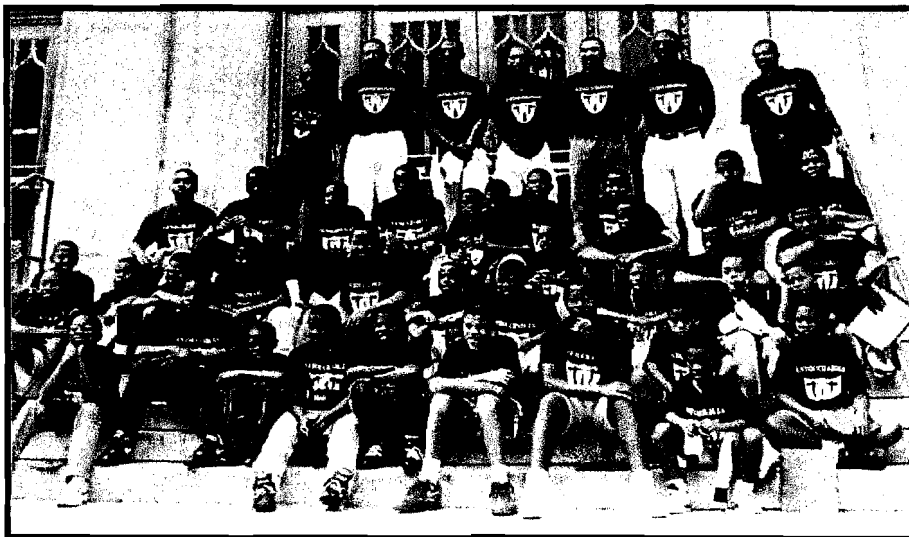
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Nathan MacLeod  
Lena Celjers  
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Dina Titus  
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Luisa R. Rovio  
Luzela Bensusan  
Carmen M. Hofer  
Marie Kuvorin  
Cynthia Gunn  
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Lara Ann  
Zorothy Mitchell  
Ron McNeill  
AZIZEH Bahaki  
Sharifa Shincari  
Phillip Ballard  
Amanda Robbins  
Jasie Compece  
Amelework Tekem  
Janae ~~Patricia~~ ~~Thom~~

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# Untouchables

Male Youth Group  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



September 13, 2008

4:00 pm

Hampton Inn  
5821 Richmond Highway  
Alexandria, VA

# Order of Ceremony

Introduction of MC .....	Derek Bibbs
Master of Ceremony .....	Bill Cleveland
Reading of Scripture	
Opening Prayer .....	Rev. Donald Hayes
Official Welcome .....	Tavon Bibbs/Jehlani Gray
Selection	
Blessing of Food .....	Rev. Donald Hayes
History of the Untouchables .....	Mike Fletcher
Introduction of Coordinators .....	Jahbari Gray/Cleo Greene
Introduction of Guest Speaker .....	Theodore Jones, Sr.
Selection	
Guest Speaker .....	Ronnie Haskins
Special Presentations .....	Will Smith/Current Members
Remarks .....	Original Members
Untouchables Rap .....	Bill Cleveland/Haskeen Askeew
Closing Remarks .....	Theodore Jones, Sr.
Reciting of the Creed .....	Members
Benediction .....	Rev. Donald Hayes

# *Untouchable Accomplishments*

## *Special Trips and Outings*

- *MLK Center and Museum (Atlanta, Ga.)*
- *Clark-Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Spellman College (Atlanta, Ga.)*
- *The Underground, TNT HQ (Atlanta, Ga.) (1991)*
  - *Coca-Cola Factory (Atlanta, Ga.)*
  - *Philadelphia City Hall (Philadelphia, Pa.)*
- *Underground Railroad Stop (Philadelphia, Pa.)*
- *University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Pa.)*
  - *Paul Robeson House (Philadelphia, Pa.)*
  - *Participated in B.E.T. Teen Summit*
- *United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, Md.)*

## *Regular Activities*

- *Untouchables Weekly Meeting*
  - *Bowling*
  - *Sleepovers*
- *Lunch/Dinner Outings*
- *Recreational Trips*



**Members of:**  
**Curie**

- |                     |                    |                    |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Churchhill Hamid    | Xavior Courtney    | Christopher Brewer | Mohammad Abdalaziz |
| Steven Hargrove     | David Crawford     | Shmael Brewer      | Alyane Abdulllahi  |
| Brock Harper        | Michael Crawford   | Deangelo Brooks    | Gerald Acevedo     |
| Eltan Harper        | Dylante Davis      | Anthony Brown      | Delante Agurs      |
| Ricardo Harper      | Maurice Davis      | Bryant Brown       | David Akers        |
| Akeem Harris        | Bobby Dees         | LaJunior Brown     | Zarek Anderson     |
| DeAndre Harris      | Martnet Dees       | Sherrick Brown     | Shawn Andrews      |
| Marquis Harris      | Leroy Dewitt       | Thomas Brown       | Anthony Armstrong  |
| Rashad Harris       | Bradley Dickerson  | Kevin Bryant       | Edgar Arington     |
| Ronnie Haskins      | Daniel Dickerson   | Robert Bumbrey     | Cedraan Askeu      |
| Brian Henderson     | Justin Dixon       | Kimly Burris       | Aaron Banks        |
| Guyman Henderson    | Emmanuel Douglas   | Benjamin Callender | Kajjo Banks        |
| Michael Henderson   | Eljah Dufosse      | Darryl Carrington  | Dandre Bell        |
| Christopher Herbert | Carl Duncan        | Keenan Carter      | Thomas Bell        |
| O'Shea Hines        | Bryan Edwards      | Travon Carter      | Robert Bembry      |
| Morris Hinton       | Cleon Elicoek      | Tyron Carter       | Daniel Berhane     |
| Brandon Houston     | Anthony Fletcher   | Scott Carter       | Gezae Berhane      |
| Taurian Houston     | Michael Fletcher   | Eric Cameron       | Thomas Berhane     |
| Benny Howard        | Yingwa Fohba       | Dannian Campama    | Milifion Berhane   |
| Jesse Huff          | Jamal Ford         | Curtis Carmichael  | Tyrone Best        |
| Richard Hunter      | DeMonte Ferguson   | Jermaine Carpenter | Derek Bibbs        |
| Jamal Jackson       | Kristian Galica    | Jared Chambers     | Tae Von Bibbs      |
| Montel Jackson      | Norman Gardner     | Qoir Chanaller     | Jerry Blake        |
| William Jackson     | Jeffrey Gaskins    | Deangelo Charity   | Kalache Blake      |
| Samuel Jalloh       | Andre Gray         | B.J. Cheeks        | Bryce Bolden-Scott |
| Brandon Jefferson   | Jahbari Gray       | Nicholas Chung     | Jakame Bostick     |
| Danny Johnson       | Jehani Gray        | Darryl Clark       | Zakims Bottoms     |
| Darnellus Johnson   | Cleo Greene        | Donald Clay        | Robert Bowman      |
| Taban Johnson       | Marshantose Greene | Patrick Clements   | Scott Brady        |
| Justin Johnson      | Nicholas Greene    | James Cook         | Cory Braxton       |
| Torrey Johnson      | Kim Gregory        | Xarrio Courtney    | Jordashe Braxton   |

# it and Former ie Untouchables

<i>Cornell Jones</i>	<i>Rondell Minor</i>	<i>Demarus Robinson</i>	<i>Darrell Thompson</i>
<i>Theodore Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>Brandon Moon</i>	<i>Vance Robinson</i>	<i>Derrick Thompson</i>
<i>Willie Jones</i>	<i>Gabriel Moore</i>	<i>Myron Ross</i>	<i>Dominique Thompson</i>
<i>Vincent Kirkland</i>	<i>Jace Moore</i>	<i>Latroy Shelton</i>	<i>Robert Towles</i>
<i>Michael Ledbetter</i>	<i>James Moore, 999</i>	<i>Jermonta Simms</i>	<i>Carlos Trash</i>
<i>Julian Lee</i>	<i>Jarel Moore</i>	<i>Jimmy Simms</i>	<i>Ocoless Trotter</i>
<i>Artenas Lewis</i>	<i>Miguel Morales</i>	<i>Bryce Smith</i>	<i>Darrius Turner</i>
<i>Christopher Lewis</i>	<i>William Morris</i>	<i>Ethan Smith</i>	<i>Kobe Turner</i>
<i>Roscoe Lewis</i>	<i>Eddie Murphy</i>	<i>Griffin Smith</i>	<i>Durrell Veney</i>
<i>Carl Lovelace</i>	<i>Carlos Nelson-Bell</i>	<i>Jermaine Smith</i>	<i>Chris Wade</i>
<i>Derek Mabry</i>	<i>David Newman</i>	<i>Justin Smith</i>	<i>Chesman Walker</i>
<i>Eric Mabry</i>	<i>Donald Nesbitt</i>	<i>Kevin Smith</i>	<i>Jason Waller</i>
<i>Lamont Mabry</i>	<i>Kevin Nesbitt</i>	<i>Lawson Smith</i>	<i>Austin Ward</i>
<i>Carnell Mangum</i>	<i>Davon Norment</i>	<i>Michael Smith</i>	<i>Carlos Ward</i>
<i>Malik Manns</i>	<i>Jose Pineda</i>	<i>Quintin Smith</i>	<i>Charles Ward</i>
<i>Taft Manns</i>	<i>Carl Pollard</i>	<i>Walter Smith</i>	<i>Travis Ward</i>
<i>Christopher Manzano</i>	<i>Eric Powell</i>	<i>Chris Snead</i>	<i>Richard Webb</i>
<i>Jamarr Martin</i>	<i>Tyvon Pretty</i>	<i>Adonis Speight</i>	<i>Warren Wells</i>
<i>Bryan Matthews</i>	<i>Rashed Price</i>	<i>Percy Stephens</i>	<i>Jason Whitley</i>
<i>Timothy Matthews</i>	✶ <i>Justin Pyndell</i>	<i>Jesus Stokes</i>	<i>Evonte Wilkerson</i>
<i>Rick Matthews</i>	✶ <i>Tysean Pyndell</i>	<i>Tyron Stubblefield</i>	<i>Christopher Williams</i>
<i>Justin Mays</i>	<i>Eric Redman</i>	<i>Anthony Suggs</i>	<i>Gerald Williams</i>
<i>Tyler Mays</i>	<i>Braemere Reed</i>	<i>Antonio Taylor</i>	<i>Gerard Williams</i>
<i>Aron McDaniels</i>	<i>Thomas Reid</i>	<i>Antonye Taylor</i>	<i>Jarrod Williams</i>
<i>Adam McNeil</i>	<i>Sergie Reyes</i>	<i>Reggie Taylor</i>	<i>Keith Williams</i>
<i>Jawara McNeil</i>	<i>Deaven Richardson</i>	<i>Benjamin Terry</i>	<i>Marvin Williams</i>
<i>Keith McNeil</i>	<i>Jose Rivas</i>	<i>Dajuan Terrell</i>	<i>Melvin Williams</i>
<i>Ronald McNeil</i>	<i>Michael Roberson</i>	<i>Derrick Terry</i>	<i>Reginald Williams</i>
<i>Gerald Mickey</i>	<i>Rasheed Roberts</i>	<i>Drake Terrell</i>	<i>Dennis Wise, Jr.</i>
<i>Dominque Miller</i>	<i>Shaquille Roberts</i>	<i>Zachery Terrell</i>	<i>Rashiek Young</i>
<i>Donnell Minor</i>	<i>Carlos Robinson</i>	<i>Jason Terry</i>	

# *Untouchable Accomplishments*

*continued*

## *Historical Highlights*

- *1988 Established with 13 boys*
- *Untouchables Tutoring Program*
  - *Annual Prayer Breakfast*
- *Host Close-Up Foundation Summer Visits*
  - *NAACP Award (1994)*
  - *Annual Holiday Basket Donations*
- *Participated with the Christmas in April Program*
  - *Langley Summer Education Program*
    - *Camp Letts Sailing Camp*
- *Annual Trip to V.H.S.L. Championships*

## *Special Dignitary Visits*

- *Visit with President Clinton (1990)*
- *Met General Colin Powell (1990)*
- *Met with Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder (1990)*
  - *Appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show (1991)*
- *Met Associate Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas (1996)*

*Current Coordinators ♦ Former Coordinators*  
*Friends of the Untouchables ♦ Tutors ♦ Presidents ♦ Volunteers*

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*Cleo Greene*  
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*Art Masley*      *Robert Gordon*  
*Eugene Johnson*      *Fred Smith*  
*Michael Johnson*      *Bernard Evans*

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*Andrew Calhoun*  
*Martha Hazengo*

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*Ronnie Haskins*      *Rashad Price*  
*Michael Henderson*      *Travis Ward*  
*Cleo Greene*      *Norman Gardner*  
*Vance Robinson*      *Kevin (K.D.) Smith*

*Volunteers*

*Sam Walton*  
*Rickey Lang*

# *We've Come this Far By Faith*



## *Creed*

*As a member of the Untouchables I promise to serve God at all times, respect and defend my family, always remain unified with my brothers and sisters, and serve as a positive role model to my home, community, nation and the world.*

*I hereby commit my life to the betterment of myself and all mankind, and in spite of any obstacles, I will uphold these principles through the spirit of God until I die.*

*UMOJA \*UNITY*

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Dylan Sakyi

Malika Shanon

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Rene Ramirez

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J. Danny Caceres  
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Zusan Abebe  
Paige Beer  
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Karen Benavides  
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James Coor  
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Anthony Zamora

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Jamie Smith

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Billy B.

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Armen Wade

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Pia Pina

Charles Minas  
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**Good Morning Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council. My name is Bob Bussler and I live at ~~2237~~ Page Terrace.**  
2515

**I am pleased to be able to say a few words on behalf of Senior Services of Alexandria. This nonprofit organization takes care of seniors who wish to remain in their homes, but need a little assistance to maintain their quality of life.**

**Senior Services works closely with the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria Partnership. It provides services such as Meals on Wheels, Senior and Disabled Transportation, Companionship and the Money Management Program.**

**Through our Meals on Wheels Program, we deliver 200 meals Monday through Friday, and the program has over 100 volunteers, such as myself, who not only deliver meals to homebound seniors, but**

**act as their eyes and ears if necessary, and we always offer friendly conversation. Sometimes, our volunteers are the only human contact these homebound seniors have.**

**What would we do without our Senior Taxi and DOT Para-Transit Program to get older Alexandria's doctors' appointments, grocery stores and to pick up prescriptions. The kind and caring taxi reservationists take the time to listen to the senior callers and one senior as been quoted as saying the program is a treasure and a blessing. The reservationists not only provide accurate service in a very nice courteous manner, but also make the clients feel good and appreciated.**

**Our Companionship/Money Management Program helps many seniors with their day to day fiscal and organizational**

**responsibilities. Our Money Manager assists our seniors, especially those who do not have family nearby to:**

- a. develop filing systems and assist with check writing so that bills are paid on time;**
- b. create awareness about fraudulent activity which preys on the elderly;**
- c. trouble shoots with medicare, the IRS, telephone companies and dealing with hospital bills; and**
- d. the money manager serves as someone who the senior can call with nearly any problem.**

**Senior Services of Alexandria is currently working on a business plan to create a resource center. It is responding to the growing need for additional and diverse services by creating this resource center. The planned Senior Services Resource Center will be available to seniors, their relatives, and caregivers and will provide**

**referrals as well as hands-on assistance to those who need help with home services, meal preparation, companionship, household chores and more.**

**Thank you for listening and for your support of Senior Services of Alexandria.**



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10-17-09



**Louis Chamberlain**  
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09/25/2009 12:49 PM

Please respond to  
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Subject: COA Contact Us: Concern over Reductions of Service Programs



**Time: [Fri Sep 25, 2009 12:49:45] Message ID: [15553]**

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

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**Last Name:** Chamberlain  
6060 Tower Court

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**Zip:** 22304-3225

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**Subject:** Concern over Reductions of Service Programs  
To: Mayor and City Council

I thought the Alexandria City Government was in the business of providing services for the community. This list of proposed reductions presented at the Alexandria Community Services Board meeting on September 10, 2009 is unacceptable.

All of these services are very vital to the community that needs public assistance; these program cuts will have a direct impact on the black community.

Item 7 deals with Mr. Jones and Mr. Moore's position; Mr. Jones started some 25 or 30 years ago at Prince Street School with thirteen kids that the city gave up on. Mr. Jones asked for total control of these kids and turned them around not with the city programs but with his programs. They became an asset to the community. Now some 25 or 30 years later these are some of Mr. Jones

and Mr. Moore's accomplishments:

- Oprah Winfrey Show
- Invited to

**Comments:** White House by President Clinton  
• General Colin Powell recognized group

for outstanding work with youth  
• Meeting with Supreme Court Justice

Clarence Thomas  
• Recipient of the 2004 Ester Dashiell Taylor Burke Award

for Outstanding Philanthropic and Humanitarian Services to the Alexandria  
Community. Given by Red Cross for great work to citizens and Youth of

Alexandria  
• Tutoring Program  
• Getaway Clean Program  
• Untouchables

Program

I am concerned that the mayor and city council has no knowledge  
of this proposal that was presented during the Alexandria Community  
Services Board meeting on September 10, 2009.

For this small amount of  
reductions you can easily implement furlough days. You never cut your  
services.

Ps. the attached show the impact of the proposed  
reductions

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10-17-09

From: Fay D. Slotnick on behalf of PLTI and herself

To: Mayor and City Council  
Budget Public Hearing  
10/17/09

Good morning/afternoon Mayor and Council Members and all of you who care about Alexandria's future. I am Fay Slotnick, 311 Second Street, here as a citizen and taxpayer, as Director of the Parent Leadership Training Institute of Alexandria, and as a member of the Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations (ACHSO).

As a general proposition, it would seem that when budgets are constrained, there is a greater not lesser need for services. Do we take the risk of failing to provide medical and mental health services, early childhood intervention and education, teen pregnancy prevention programs, and other human services? Will we not create so much increased need that even when the economy regains strength, we won't be able to stem the tide of increased need?

Our children are our first concern. The Parent Leadership Training Institute of Alexandria is exclusively concerned with the welfare of children and families. It provides a safety net by expanding the network of those who will fight for the welfare of Alexandrians. Our alumni improve the lives of children by helping them to achieve educational excellence so that they will get the jobs that will provide for stable future families and escape the downward spiral of poverty. Our graduates also serve in the following ways.

#### City Boards and Commissions

- Doris Stanley- Community Services Board
- Bill Campbell and Cassandra Ford- Early Childhood Commission
- Nathir Ahmad- Human Rights Commission
- Cassandra Ford- Social Services Advisory Board
- Joyce Jefferson and Laverne Thomas- Youth Policy Commission
- Jeff Murphy- Youth Sports Advisory Board

#### ACPS Committees

- Many of our members have and will continue to serve on the Superintendent's Advisory Commissions on African American and Hispanic Achievement.
- ACPS Parent Academy exploratory group – at least 10 PLTI members are involved.
- 2 members on the Head Start Policy Council
- 2 on the School Board Health Advisory Committee
- Chair-Single Parent Advocacy Committee Network
- Countless PTA members, officers, and school volunteers

### Community Organizations

- Editor and contributors to Let's Talk newsletter- Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy
- 2 members presently being trained as CASAs court appointed special advocates (for children) for SCAN
- Northern VA Literacy Council

We can't drop the ball now when times are tough. Alexandria has the wherewithal to stave off the threats to our community's success.

I know that you all support PLTI, and I truly appreciate it, but our needs have not diminished and our City funding was cut at a time when, as everyone knows, other funding is diminishing. I know, too, that you support the ACHSO member organizations. Please do not cut the AFHS fund; in fact, I implore you to restore it to the pre 2009 level. As a taxpayer, I ask that you RAISE OUR TAXES to a level that will assure that the quality of life for ALL ALEXANDRIANS remains intact. Our money will be returned many times.

Thank you.



**REMARKS**  
**Alexandria City Council**  
**October 17, 2009**

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Good morning Mr. Mayor and Members of the Alexandria City Council. My name is Kristina Messner. I am a member of the Board of Trustees of Hopkins House and the Chair of the Hopkins House Community Outreach & Public Advocacy Committee.

The Community Outreach & Public Advocacy Committee is composed of trustees, community and civic leaders, educators, donors, and parents at Hopkins House. Our charge is to monitor public policy issues that affect the children, youth and families of the City of Alexandria and advocate on their behalf.

Hopkins House is a member of the Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations and represented on the City's Economic Opportunities Commission and the Community Services Board.

This morning Hopkins House combines its voice with these organizations and the chorus of City residents in asking that, as you craft the City's Fiscal 2011 budget, you remember that it remains the responsibility of government – in difficult economic times and good – to help those, particularly children and their families, who are unable to fully meet their basic needs – including and especially safe, accessible, quality child care.

Economic self-sufficiency depends on employment. For parents, employment depends on child care.

I am also the mother of an infant enrolled in the Hopkins House Preschool Academy. And, as a working mother I can tell you first-hand, without child care, mothers in this City would not be able to work; without quality childcare, mothers in this City would not even be able to sleep; and, without the help of government to keep the cost of childcare affordable, mothers, and fathers, and the families they support, will suffer.



I am a working mother. And my husband runs a small business. The cost of quality child care for us is an investment – but essential to keeping our businesses running and incomes possible.

For many other working parents, perhaps earning lower wages, or minimum wages, having an affordable and quality child care support is not only essential to their jobs – but essential for them to survive – to keep a roof over their heads and food on their tables.

In last year's City budget, funding was provided to enable Alexandria to clear its list of more than 300 children waiting for childcare fee subsidies to attend preschool. We thank you for appropriating these funds and advise you that this was money extremely well-spent.

These children were moved from the waiting list to the Hopkins House Preschool Academy and other child care centers and day care settings across the City. These children are in safe, quality early care and education programs eagerly preparing for kindergarten. This early investment in the children of this City will result in long term savings to taxpayers for years to come as these children grow into their full potential. One day, I can assure you, they are likely to be sitting where you are today.

It is essential that the City continue in fiscal 2011 the funding needed to keep the childcare fee subsidy list clear. Unless this funding continues children in the City, mostly from low-income, working families will be unable to access the childcare services they need to prepare for success in kindergarten, and the cost to taxpayers for educational remediation, social services, and other economic supports will far outweigh this modest investment in early care and education.

Thank you.

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Mr Mayor and Members of the City Council:

My name is Bill Harris. I'm Chairman of the Commission on Aging. I'm here today representing our city's old and often frail citizens, most of whom aren't able to come and testify.

I am well qualified to speak for old people. Partly because of 37 years I provided care and support to old and frail people, partly because I have advocated for them the past 8 years, but most important of all, *I'm old myself*. Fortunately God has blessed me with good health and financial wherewithal to meet my needs, but that's not the case for many, many of our older citizens who have poor health and no finances.

I didn't come to tell you where to cut on the budget, or not to cut, or how to vote, or how not to vote. But I do want to make three points:

1. Senior adults make up over 10% of the City's population.
2. As Baby Boomers come of age that percentage is rapidly increasing.
3. The older people get, the greater their needs become.

Remember, all seven of you will grow old. The older you get the more frail you'll become; the more frail you become, the more needs you will have.

Unless, of course, you die young, and in that case you won't have to deal with those problems. But that's not a very attractive option.

Finally, as you consider how the budget will affect old people who need transportation or food or care services, picture that old person as your mother, or your father, or yourself when you get old, and then act with compassion as well as fiscal responsibility.

I thank you for your past consideration of and support for our city's elderly, and I urge your continuing support.

*Bill Harris*



Building hope for children & families  
in Northern Virginia

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Good morning Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, Members of City Council and Mr. City Manager. My name is Diane Charles. I am the Executive Director of SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) of Northern Virginia. SCAN is a proud and active member of the Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations (ACSHO) whose efforts are to seek continual improvement of human services here in the City.

SCAN itself operates three programs. I'd like to mention two of them this morning. One program is the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program where we train community volunteers to advocate for children who are in the court system because of abuse or neglect. Our volunteers provide a voice for the child to the court to express what they believe is in the best interest of the child. This recent fiscal year, SCAN's CASA Program provided a CASA volunteer to 126 abused and neglected children in Alexandria.

A second program SCAN operates is our Parent Education Program that works directly with families in two primary venues. One is through structured parenting classes – that are curriculum-based on issues such as positive parenting, communication and child development. Offered in English and Spanish, these classes also have a children's program that parallels what the parents are learning. Child care and a light meal are also provided. There are always more parents than space available for these classes - and thus, we always have a waiting list. Another venue within our Parent Education Program is ongoing educational parent support groups. Here in Alexandria, there are two parent support groups – one in English and one in Spanish. They offer parenting education, support and resources on an ongoing weekly basis. Trained, professional facilitators present on various topics at the beginning of each session, while the remaining time is open to discussion and brainstorming for current parenting challenges. These groups provide a support option to parents *whenever* they wish to seek it.

SCAN's court advocacy program, parenting classes and educational parent support groups provide just that: support -- at a very challenging time for families....The needs are great for families. Ensuring access to resources can help families through these difficult times.

These program offerings each receive *some* City funding. It's like an investment because SCAN delivers these programs by combining City funding with several other sources that come from outside the City – including foundation and state funds. The City is actually leveraging their dollars to help families by supporting these programs delivered by SCAN – and many other human service nonprofit organizations. It really is an investment in our families – that enables and increases other funds to come into Alexandria.

As you consider budget options and have to make extremely difficult choices, please keep in mind the human needs that are heightened at this time.

Again, the need is great and continued support to families will enable us all to make it through this challenging time. Thank you.

Diane Charles, Executive Director  
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**REMARKS**  
**Alexandria City Council**  
**October 17, 2009**

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Good morning Mr. Mayor and Members of the Alexandria City Council. My name is Glenn Hopkins. I am President of Hopkins House, a center for children, youth, and families founded in 1939 here in the City of Alexandria and named after an Alexandria physician.

Throughout these seventy years, Hopkins House has provided child care, family and youth education, health and wellness, and work force development programs to thousands of persons working and living in Alexandria.

Hopkins House is a member of the Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations and represented on the City's Economic Opportunities Commission and the Community Services Board.

These groups and organizations, and their members have come together this morning to ask that, as you craft the City's Fiscal 2011 budget, you sustain your longstanding commitment to full and increased funding for human services programs in the City.

There is ample research that shows that government investment in human services programs and services returns to taxpayers considerable long-term savings. For example, research by the Rand Corporation shows that for every dollar invested in childcare, \$17 is returned to society in the form of reduced cost of educational remediation and social supports.

Human services funding also enables nonprofit organizations to provide employment opportunities and attract new money into the City, in addition to providing valuable services to City residents.

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For example, through the 12 months ended June 30 of this year, Hopkins House received approximately \$150,000 in childcare subsidy payments for children and related contracts from the City's Human Services Fund.

This investment of taxpayer dollars enabled Hopkins House to provide during that same period over \$1.2 million in programs and services to Alexandria residents; to generate over \$350,000 in grants and contracts from the federal government, foundations, corporations, groups and individuals; and, to pay over \$850,000 in wages and benefits to 15 professionals working full-time in the City of Alexandria.

What this means is, essentially, for every taxpayer dollar Hopkins House received from Alexandria taxpayers, the organization returned more than \$10 in real-time savings and untold additional amounts in long-term social benefits to the City.

This is likely also true of the many other nonprofit organizations in the City and argues mightily for sustained and increased Human Services funding in fiscal 2011.

Our message to you this morning is a simple one: Please sustain the human services budget in fiscal 2011. The investments we make today will accrue enormous savings now and well into the future.

Thank you.

Mayor Eulle, Vice Mayor Donley, and members of the City Council, I am Peggy Morrison-Curtis and have lived in Alexandria since 1991. I am here today as President of the Giving Circle of Alexandria. Since 2005, more than 300 women, most of whom live and/or work in the City of Alexandria have pooled our personal charitable donations and invested more than \$350,000 in programs to help to Alexandria's children succeed.

Our grant making is based on three simple beliefs

- ◆A strong bond between parents and children is essential to a child's success.
- ◆Investing in prevention is key to avoiding bad childhood outcomes.
- ◆The earlier we reach parents/caregivers with support, services and information the greater likelihood of family stability and children's success.

The Giving Circle of Alexandria includes professionals and businesswomen; women in public service in Alexandria, leaders in the non profit community, members of boards and community and school volunteers. We are women who have chosen to make Alexandria our home and our committed to making it a great place for families.

We want to make a sustainable difference so we invest our contributions -- \$, time, expertise -- in a focused and proactive way -- we don't wait for someone else to tell us how to spend our philanthropic dollars. We get out in the community: we learn from leaders, partner with service providers and families -- parents who are trying to make good things happen for their kids but run into obstacle after obstacle.

We have helped expand programs like Healthy Families, supported parental support at Hopkins House, and are creating new ones like the Developmental Playgroup Initiative. Now with 5 years of grant making under our belt, we urge City and non-profit groups to make the development of a continuum of services and programs that support Alexandria's parents a top priority.

While Council and agencies will be making difficult decisions about the budget and non-profits are dealing with increased demand and less revenue, The Giving Circle will also be determining our community investments for the coming year and beyond, and may also be facing difficult decisions. There are silver linings. And, this may be the opportunity for all of us – funders, non profits, the public, private and not profit sectors to look to each other and rather than focus on a particular agency or program, find new ways to collaborate and work together. Thank you. We appreciate this opportunity to provide input about priorities for the 2011 Budget and hope to continue our involvement.



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Good morning Mr. Mayor and Members of the Alexandria City Council. My name is Alison Decourcey. I am a member of the Board of Trustees of Hopkins House and a member of the Hopkins House Community Outreach & Public Advocacy Committee.

Hopkins House is a member of the Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations and represented on the City's Economic Opportunities Commission and the Community Services Board.

These groups and organizations, and their members are combining their voice this morning to ask that, as you craft the City's Fiscal 2011 budget, you keep in mind the pressing and urgent need for a social safety net that includes an ongoing investment in prevention and early intervention services for Alexandria's children and their families. Without this investment, down the road we will be forced to pay significantly more in treatment services, social support, and educational remediation.

The groups and organizations have long recognized that investments in critical human services programs can and do save public funds by mitigating the need for more costly services down the road.

We recognize that as revenues have fallen in recent years, populations have continued to grow, adults have continued to age, and for some, the economic downturn has caused need where there was none before.

However, it must be understood as well, that the current state and local budget revenue downturns do not mitigate the demand for essential human services, they only exacerbate it.

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I am a parent of young children and a resident of Alexandria, and I am a former member of the Board of Carpenter's Shelter, and a current member of the Alexandria Giving Circle.

Through these experiences I know first-hand the critical role government plays and must play in the social fabric of a City that values families, values children, and care deeply about those in crisis.

As a parent who also works, access to safe, quality child care is vital. As a volunteer in organizations such as Hopkins House and Carpenter's Shelter, knowing that other mothers and their children have a safe, caring place to turn in times of urgent and critical need is comforting. And, as a taxpayer, seeing that my taxes not only support City government, quality schools, but also preschools, shelters, and safe net services for those in need is extremely important.

We urge you to sustain the human services budget in fiscal 2011. The investments we make today will accrue enormous savings in the future.

Thank you.

City Council Public Hearing, Oct. 17 2009

Good morning. I am Mary Anne Weber, chair of the Alexandria Community Services Board and I have come to speak to you about the poorest, most vulnerable residents of this city, the people we serve. We are charged by the state of Virginia to provide treatment and support for those with mental illnesses, those diagnosed with substance abuse disorders, those with intellectual disabilities and those who have dual diagnoses. In addition the state has now charged community services boards to plan and provide services for those with developmental disabilities, most particularly those with disorders across the autism spectrum.

Most of you already know there has been an explosion in diagnoses of autism. Some of these individuals we already care for in our infant and pre-school programs. Some of our adult clients have autism, along with other disabilities. But we do not yet know how many new people will require our services and when.

What you may not know is that we care for the people with no alternatives. In the best of economies, the unemployment rate for those with mental illnesses, substance abuse disorders and intellectual disorders is high, in bad times it gets worse. Those who have never worked and collect supplemental Social Security get a miniscule amount. Those who do work often receive low wages and few hours. That is why forty-five percent of our clients have incomes under \$5,000 a year. Almost 90 percent have incomes under \$25,000 a year.

Private care is not an option. It is us or no one. If our clients have Medicare or Medicaid insurance, private mental health practitioners will rarely take them. Even if they have private insurance, practitioners often want to be paid up front, and let the patient collect the insurance. Insurance companies as we well know have lifetime limits and pay only a portion of the costs.

Left untreated our clients could not only lose their health and their sanity, they could lose their lives. That is why we need a government safety net, to provide care to those who have no place else to go. In good times providing services is relatively easy. The city of Alexandria has always had a reputation as a city that cared, not only in its private charities, but in public expenditures as well. When bad times came, city officials had to be responsible stewards, to look for waste, inefficiencies, duplications, better ways to provide the same services. All that is laudable. Shredding the safety net is not. Mental health staff and community service board members have gone through these budget exercises too, more than once, finding ways to make do with less, but now we are down to the bone. Our responsibilities have been increased, our waiting lists have grown and we worry about the future. That is why we must continue inpatient and outpatient treatment for those addicted to drugs or alcohol or those with mental illness. That is why we have to ask what happens to adults with intellectual disabilities if they no longer have help finding jobs, getting Social Security, finding housing, and dealing with the world at large? If we don't continue to provide emergency crisis services, who will? Who will work with clients coming out of hospital or residential institutions? Who will care for the resident making \$15,000 a year whose insurance won't pay for mental health care or the very expensive drugs that enable that resident to be a productive member of society? Who will speak for the high-risk infants so they receive the services they need to thrive? Who will recognize that our local jail is overrun with citizens with mental illness and substance abuse problems who need treatment, not incarceration, to help them live law-abiding lives in our city.

We have and we will. But we cannot do more with less. We will do less with less. And it is the city's residents who will pay the cost.

## **Wait List Numbers for Services**

### Acute Care Services

88 people waiting for a new psychiatric appointment

18 people waiting to be admitted to the detox unit

16 people waiting for outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment

8 people waiting for substance abuse treatment at the jail.

### Children

74 children are waiting for intake appointments and treatment

### Extended Care Services

12 people are waiting to enter the Clubhouse program

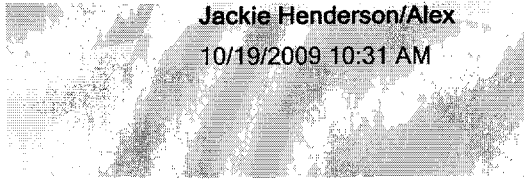
four people are waiting for Intellectual Disability case managers

four people with intellectual disabilities are waiting for housing

54 people with mental health or substance abuse disorders are waiting for housing



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Attached please find the remarks that I made at the 10/17/09 Public Hearing. It was requested at the meeting that they be sent in electronic form.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns.

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Subject Public Hearing 10/17/09

As the chief of the Adult Probation Office here in the City, I would like the opportunity to address City Council at the Public Hearing scheduled for 10/17/09. I would like to voice my concerns regarding the elimination of treatment for sex offenders by the Community Services Board.

I appreciate this opportunity to speak. If there is anything else I need to do or to know prior to Saturday's hearing, please let me know. Thank you.

*Lisa D. Stapleton*

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Remarks Made at Public Hearing: October 17, 2009

## Docket Item #5: Public Hearing to Obtain Citizens' Input on the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP.)

Good morning Mayor Euille, Council members and City Manager Hartmann. My name is Lisa Stapleton and I speak to you as the as the Chief of the adult probation office here in the City.

I am here to today to voice my concerns regarding the proposed elimination of treatment for sex offenders provided by the Community Services Board. In our office, we supervise probationers and parolees of all types, to include those convicted of sex offenses. All live or work in the City of Alexandria.

In her recent commentary in the Gazette, CSB Chair Mary Anne Weber got it right when she said, "...not all needs are equally popular. It is much easier to raise money for vulnerable young children than it is to help those addicted to drugs to recover. People are more touched by appeals to fight cancer than they are about appeals to fight schizophrenia. Finding homes for survivors of a flood is easier than finding homes for those coming out of prison looking for a chance to turn their lives around."

And this is understandable. However, it is my job and the job of my staff to work with the drug addict, the schizophrenic and those coming out of prison. And in this generally unpopular population of people, the least popular would be the sex offender. I am not here to ask you to feel sorry for sex offenders. I am here to say that turning a blind eye to their needs, has far-reaching consequences which place the citizens of Alexandria, including children, at risk.

Well-intended legislation has made it very difficult for these individuals to find places to live and to work. Best practices research shows that the kind of stability that comes with having a home and a job, and family and community support, is the key to preventing any offender from committing more crimes. And in no other category of criminal offender are the stakes so high as that of the sex offender.

Research also tells us that sex offender treatment programs can reduce recidivism by 15 to 30 percent. Given the damage caused by sex offenders and the fact that many repeat their behavior, criminal justice and mental health professionals must combine containment with treatment strategies to reduce reoffending and the further victimization of children or other citizens. Being a community-rooted issue, the containment of these individuals must occur within the community, using the resources within the community.

There are other treatment programs available. But they are expensive and are located relatively far away. We do use these programs for those offenders who have the means to pay and the means to get there. But those who are unemployed, homeless and who have no means of transportation, have come to rely on the excellent services offered by the CSB. To eliminate the treatment service would make receiving treatment much more difficult for the neediest of sex offenders. This isn't about what's easiest for the offender. It is about reality, and in this situation, the offender is far less likely to comply, and therefore more likely to reoffend. This, clearly, would not be in the best interest of this community and would undeniably jeopardize public safety. Thank you for your time and I urge you to reconsider eliminating this service.

Lisa D. Stapleton, Chief  
Probation & Parole Officer

Nanci Pedulla / Healthy Families

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City of Alexandria, City Council FY2011 Budget Hearings, October 17, 2009

Good morning, Mr. Mayor and City Council Members. I am delighted to have this opportunity to speak with you this morning. My name is Nanci Pedulla and I am the Program Manager for the Healthy Families Alexandria program of Northern Virginia Family Service. We are proud to be part of the City of Alexandria where so many people are committed to helping the City fulfill its promise as a place of ample opportunity, <sup>sufficient</sup> abundant resources and an outstanding quality of life.

In Healthy Families, we have had the privilege of working with Alexandria families who do not have such ample opportunities, who do not have such <sup>sufficient</sup> abundant resources, and who do not have <sup>such an</sup> outstanding quality of life. These are families who were not thriving prior to the economic downturn – families who are suffering now. For these families, our program and the network of services provided by other organizations are vital to their ability to <sup>live</sup> subsist or even survive in the City.

Healthy Families is a child abuse prevention program that serves <sup>between 200 + 250 of</sup> the most vulnerable families in the city. We provide weekly home visits to new parents who are struggling to be effective parents. Through our efforts, families in our program have much higher rates of protection against child abuse than families in similar circumstances who do not participate. Through our efforts, 99% of children in our program have a medical provider and are up to date in immunizations. <sup>98%</sup> ~~But~~ <sup>Healthy Families is an effective program</sup> we do not work alone. As a member of ACHSO, Healthy Families is part of a network non-profit groups and city agencies who work side-by-side to create a safety net for the vulnerable residents of our city. Families enter into the Healthy Families program before

or soon after the baby is born, and they may stay enrolled in the program up until the child turns five. Throughout our time with the family, we continually assess their needs and then collaborate with our sister agencies to provide a full complement of support for the family. We work closely with the nurses at the Alexandria Department of Health Casey Clinic in the Dept of Health to make sure pregnant women receive adequate prenatal care. We work closely with our colleagues at Resource Mothers to make sure pregnant teenagers take care of themselves and their babies. We work closely with Community Lodgings and Carpenters Shelter to make sure homeless families can find emergency housing when needed. We work closely with ALIVE to connect families to the Food Bank and fuel assistance when needed. We work closely with the Virginia Preschool Initiative to help children avail themselves of early childhood education opportunities.

The list of collaborators is long and varied, representing the myriad needs of our complex community. Together we form a solid support system that helps the most vulnerable members of our city, a safety net that has already experienced some fraying from the budget cuts of this past fiscal year. We understand that you have hard choices to make. <sup>and appreciate your</sup> As you consider where to <sup>pass</sup> allocate our community's limited resources, we urge you to continue to support the programs that help protect and sustain develop the neediest children in Alexandria. Please don't make any more cuts to these programs. We need to keep our safety net strong for our most vulnerable children and their families.

Thank you.

## Implications for Healthy Families

The ACE study is highly relevant because the adverse experiences studied were virtually identical to the risks and household characteristics that describe many Healthy Families Virginia (HFV) participants.

Results of the HFV Statewide Evaluation demonstrate the program's ability to reduce these risks and their impact. Therefore, Healthy Families programs can not only prevent child abuse and neglect, but also help to prevent poor health outcomes for those children as they grow into adults.

### HFV 2001-2005 Evaluation Results

- Rates of child abuse and neglect among participants was 1.1%
- 85% of enrolled children received all their 16 scheduled immunizations.

Using objective measurement instruments:

- 88% of participants evaluated using an objective measure showed positive and healthy parent-child interactions
- 96% of families have developmentally enriching environments for their children according to an objective measurement tool.

In addition to these outcomes, Healthy Families Virginia also assists families in obtaining the support and services needed for mental health or substance abuse issues which may be present.

## ACE Study Conclusions\*

The prevalence of these ACEs and their strength as a predictor of health risks and disease makes ACEs the leading determinate of health and well-being in the United States. In fact, the researchers assert that ACEs are driving the spiraling health care costs in America.

When the ACEs score gets very high, there are no proven interventions that could result in healthy behaviors or better health outcomes. This is not an optimistic scenario for adults and points to the need for prevention.

Adverse childhood experiences rob children of their potential. Many never become the accomplished and happy student, the nurturing parent, the good neighbor, or the contributing citizen. Instead, ACEs are associated with negative health behaviors and lifestyle factors that are strongly related to the ten leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the United States.

The researchers stated that recent research on the long-term benefit of early home visitation on reducing the prevalence of adverse childhood experiences is promising.

\*For more information, visit  
[www.acestudy.org](http://www.acestudy.org)

## The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study and Its Relevance for Healthy Families Programs



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## Background

Medical investigators are providing remarkable insights into the association between childhood abuse and adult health risks or diseases which occur decades later.

The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) study is being jointly sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Kaiser Permanente's Department of Preventive Medicine in San Diego, CA.

The ACE study is the largest contemporary epidemiological study ever done to examine the health and social effects of adverse childhood experiences over the life span (Felitti et al., 1998; Felitti, 2002).

This research demonstrates that child abuse and neglect and associated household conditions may actually exert an even greater toll on adults' health status, quality of life, health care utilization, and mortality than previously recognized.

The ACE study analyzed the relationship between current health and earlier adverse childhood experiences of over 18,000 participants.

## ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

### Childhood Abuse

- Recurrent physical abuse
- Recurrent emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse

### Household Dysfunction

A child growing up in a household where:

- Someone was in prison
- The mother was treated violently
- Someone used alcohol or drugs
- Someone was chronically depressed
- Someone was mentally ill
- Someone was suicidal
- One biological parent was lost-regardless of cause

*These risks and characteristics describe many Healthy Families Virginia participants.*

## Mechanisms by Which Adverse Childhood Experiences Influence Adult Health Status

Death

Early Death

Disease & Disability

Adoption of Health-Risk Behaviors

Social, Emotional, and Cognitive Impairment

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Birth

## ACE Study Findings

The ACE study reveals a powerful relationship between adverse emotional experiences which occur in childhood and our physical and mental health as adults.



The study found a strong relationship between the number of adverse childhood experiences and adult health concerns including heart disease, fractures, diabetes, obesity, unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, alcoholism, smoking and emotional disorders.

Individual adverse childhood experiences have clear negative effects; however, the impact of four or more adverse experiences was startling. Persons who had experienced four or more categories of adverse childhood experiences, compared to those who had experienced none, had:

- a four- to 12-fold increased health risk for alcoholism, drug abuse, depression, and suicide attempts
- a 200% to 400% increase in smoking, poor health, greater than 50 sexual intercourse partners, and sexually transmitted diseases



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Alexandria City Council Public Hearing – FY 2011 Budget

Good morning Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, and members of Council. I'm David Kaplan and I live at 418 Queen Street. I am very grateful that during the FY 2010 budget cycle Council restored \$200,000 of funding for mass transit. This action prevented reductions in bus service that would have impacted over 100,000 riders this fiscal year and preserved mobility and dignity for the over 10 percent of City households that do not own a vehicle. My wife and I are among them. Neither of us is able to drive.

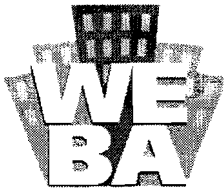
Working with Council and staff last spring along with other concerned citizens to raise awareness about the need to preserve and invest in transit made us love Alexandria even more. I'm pleased to share with you that my wife and I became homeowners in June. We now live in a charming 1880's townhouse just three blocks from here, which is an incredible source of pride for us. We can't imagine living anywhere else.

As the City formulates its FY 2011 budget, I recognize that we continue to face enormous financial challenges and difficult decisions lie ahead. However, I urge you to do all you can to preserve transit funding in FY 2011 for three reasons:

- 1) Transit supports our social safety net by connecting vulnerable low-income, disabled, and senior residents to non-profits and City services. Cuts to transit burden organizations who serve these populations by forcing them to devote more of their limited resources simply to get access to the people they serve. Loss of transit service will isolate people in our City, take away their independence, and dramatically reduce job opportunities. I note that the neighborhoods which would have been most impacted by last year's proposed bus service cuts were Inner City, North Old Town, and Arlandria. These neighborhoods have the highest numbers of households without cars, are located where the majority of ARHA housing is, and in the case of Arlandria and North Old Town are not within walking distance of subway stations.
- 2) Getting people out of single occupancy cars is a core tenant of Eco City Alexandria. Loss of transit service increases traffic, lowers our air quality, and undoes hundreds of thousands of dollars spent by this City on Transportation Demand Management Programs to encourage people to try transit. More cars on our roadways also undermines the tremendous strides we have made in improving pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.
- 3) Our future economic sustainability is at risk. Look at all of the small area planning initiatives that the City has undertaken in recent years. We have devoted so many resources into laying the foundation for dense, mixed-use and walkable communities at Braddock Road, Potomac Yard, Landmark, Van Dorn, and Eisenhower East and West that represent the future vitality of our City. At the center of all of these plans is a strong local and regional transit system. Protect our investment in Metro and DASH during the next budget cycle, or we'll find that our City's opportunities to revitalize its neighborhoods and grow our tax base will be very limited.

How will we absorb the new jobs coming to Mark Center as a result of BRAC without new bus routes to ferry workers from King Street Metro? Why have a task force studying a Metro station at Potomac Yard if we won't pay enough in subsidies now to keep the Metrorail system we have in a state of good repair?

Transit riders stand ready to help the City weather its financial challenges. We hope the City will reach out and partner with riders during this year's budget process because we have many ideas to share that will help the City make its transit system as strong, efficient, and cost-effective as possible. Thank you.



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October 17, 2009

Hon. Mayor William D. Euille and  
Members of City Council  
City of Alexandria Virginia

Re: Public Hearing on the City Budget—Item #5

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

The West End Business Association (WEBA) represents the interests of member businesses in the western portion of the City of Alexandria, as well as others who have an interest in this area.

We recognize that the City Council will have to make difficult choices in the upcoming budget, and that everyone who makes a request before you is convinced that their needs are paramount.

In light of the current difficult budget environment, we feel that the City Council would best serve the City's interests by focusing on funding activities and projects that will yield positive payoffs in the future. For that reason, we recommend funding the following, in order of priority:

- Increase funds available for marketing the West End. We have many unique and interesting businesses in our part of the city, waiting to be discovered. The City's marketing efforts should obviously continue to focus on high visibility areas such as King Street and Mt. Vernon Avenue, but there should also be recognition of the potential of the West End.
- Fund economic development efforts at a higher rate. Economic development activities directly increase our future viability and competitiveness in the region. We need to fill vacant office and retail space to ensure a good mix of businesses, and the aforementioned jobs, tax revenues, and vitality.
- Additional City staff time to continue simplifying regulations that pertain to small businesses – we need to encourage more businesses to come to Alexandria. Their presence and success brings jobs, tax revenues, vitality, and increased quality of life to our community.
- Fund the hiring of additional transportation planners, people who understand the connections between transportation needs and land use plans, and can move us forward as we consider alternatives to the single-occupancy automobile. User-friendly public transit as well as redevelopment as a “walkable, usable city” will help our businesses by making them easier to reach by a greater number of people, reducing the costs of providing and paying for parking, and reducing travel delays on congested roadways.

Thank you for considering these recommendations.

Sincerely, Kathleen M. Burns, vice president,  
West End Business Association,  
1036 N. Pelham St., Alexandria, VA 22304  
[burnskathy@earthlink.net](mailto:burnskathy@earthlink.net)



Melinda Douglas/Alex

10/14/2009 05:27 PM

To City Clerk Staff

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Subject Council Hearing on October 17

Dear City Clerk,

Would you please circulate the attached letter pertaining to the public hearing on October 17 to the Mayor and members of Council. The original signed copy will be delivered to you tomorrow morning.

Thank you,

Melinda Douglas  
Chair  
Correctional Services Advisory Board  
to the Sheriff



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October 15, 2009

The Honorable William Euille, Mayor  
and Members of Council  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council:

I write to you on behalf of the Correctional Services Advisory Board to the Sheriff to urge that you maintain the funding level necessary for the Community Services Board to continue to provide much needed substance abuse and mental health treatment to those who are in jail and those about to be released. We cannot afford to cut these programs. The cost is too high in human and financial terms.

Our Board is composed of City residents who have interest and experience in working with those who are incarcerated. Our backgrounds are diverse. One member worked in a federal prison ministry. Another is a probation officer. Two are defense attorneys. Other members have extensive backgrounds in the areas of education and treatment. Several members are very active in faith-based and secular community action organizations. Our role as a Board is to advise the Sheriff on programming initiatives for inmates at the Adult Detention Center. We write to you to ask your support for continued services to those who suffer from substance abuse, mental illness and intellectual disabilities and who need services to return to our community and to live as productive citizens.

We are aware of the demands placed on the City and on the Community Services Board to cut spending in order to operate efficiently with reduced City resources during these trying financial times. We realize as well, that those for whom we advocate do not evoke the sympathies of the general public to nearly the same extent as some other worthy causes who are also appealing for your assistance. However, we strongly believe that many who have violated the laws can get back on the road to productive

citizenship if they have the necessary resources to accomplish that goal. From our work with these individuals, we can tell you firsthand of the many instances of offenders whose lives have changed completely because they have succeeded in residential and outpatient treatment, and have gotten help in finding work and housing. It is inevitable that the more marginalized those addicted to drugs and those with mental health issues become, the more limited their life choices are. Ultimately they are on the street, living high risk lifestyles which inevitably lead to jail. The burden on families and communities is enormous, taking both a financial and emotional toll in terms of prison costs, inter-generational crime, and victimization of the general public. We believe resources are better employed to stem this behavior by intervention which includes: education, treatment and support designed to achieve those goals.

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To Gloria Sitton/Alex@Alex  
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Subject Fw: COA Contact Us: prevention program

## Budget

----- Forwarded by Jackie Henderson/Alex on 10/21/2009 07:55 AM -----



**Travis Ward**  
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10/20/2009 05:35 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: prevention program

## COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Time: [Tue Oct 20, 2009 17:35:33] Message ID: [16272]

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**First Name:** Travis  
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**City:** alexandria  
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**Subject:** prevention program

Hi my name is Travis Ward . I'm writing on be half of myself and the other

future leaders of alexandria and  
maybe the world. I was giving the

chance to be somebody all because of the Untouchables, and the peer

advisors program . These programs gave me the chance to learn to lead and

to stay positive. They allowed me to stay focus in an environment that

was hard to do so . Gave me the father a never had and made me the man I

am today we need programs in the community and in the world that allow

you to have choices. With all the violence and crimes going on it would

hurt the city and the nation more by taking away programs such as these

the main object is to better the city and to make it. Safe to live ad

grow how can that happen without programs to help stir the youth in the

**Comments:**

wrong direction. Life is full of choices so don't take the good choices

away from the youth of alexndria give them a chance. Like the ones that

were giving to me which allowed me to be able to help others to be able

to go to college and now I'm working on opening my own restaurant and

catering company. I grow up with these programs knowing that I had

choices and I was guided in the right direction with these choices.

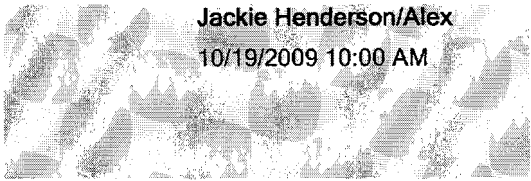
Granted everyone is not perfect but if you take away all the programs that

allow you to grow and develop you got more people doing nothing and being

nobody. There's a lot of programs that are out here that aren't helping

like they should look at those programs and leave the good ones alone so

our youth can have a chance to suceed in life.



Jackie Henderson/Alex  
10/19/2009 10:00 AM

To: Gloria Sitton/Alex@Alex  
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Subject: Fw: Saturday's public hearing

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"Melinda Patrician"  
<mpatrician@volunteeralexandria.org>  
10/19/2009 09:56 AM

To: <jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov>  
cc  
Subject: Saturday's public hearing

Hi, Jackie—I thought I had signed up for Saturday's public hearing and discovered that I neglected to put in the dot between your first and last names. Never realized I was not signed up until the last speaker was announced and then I didn't have the heart to make them listen to one more! Oh well, live and learn. I have attached the comments that I would like to submit for the record of that hearing. Thanks, Melinda



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Remarks by Melinda Patrician, Executive Director, Volunteer Alexandria  
October 17, 2009 Public Hearing on 2011 Budget

Good morning Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, City Council.

My name is Melinda Patrician and I am the executive director of Volunteer Alexandria, Alexandria's volunteer center since 1980. Volunteer Alexandria, which links volunteers to Alexandria's nonprofit organizations, government agencies and public events, also conducts service-learning programs for youth in cooperation with the Alexandria City Public Schools, court-ordered community service, disaster preparedness training and, in partnership with the City and ACT for Alexandria, Spring for Alexandria. We are a proud member of the Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations (ACHSO), for which I serve on the executive committee.

Volunteer Alexandria is a grateful recipient of two grants from the Fund for Human Services, for our youth programming and our volunteer clearinghouse. These grants have enabled us to supply volunteers during a time when nonprofits and government agencies are being asked to do more with less, a time when volunteers can help to fill the gap. Among the volunteers we have placed is Rhonda, the receptionist who greets you now when you call or visit the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce office, and the TC Williams African-American Studies class that recently refurbished the Frederick Douglass historic cemetery. In 2008, volunteers contributed a conservatively estimated \$4 million worth of hours to the City of Alexandria.

I am here today to thank the City for its support of Volunteer Alexandria and other human services-related organizations and to ask that that support be continued as you deliberate on the 2011 budget. City staff worked closely with ACHSO, gave us fair warning and made necessary cuts with an even hand for FY 2010, but still many of our organizations started out doing more for less so the we were hit hard. And with demand for our services increasing, more cuts in our funding will prove devastating to many and will dramatically decrease our ability to serve the community.

With regard to volunteers, let me suggest that we are part of the solution. We are ready to work with the City to strengthen both the numbers and the efficiency of volunteers as we together weather the continuing downturn in funding. Please, continue to call on us.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you this morning.

**Jackie Henderson/Alex**  
10/19/2009 09:59 AM

To Gloria Sitton/Alex@Alex  
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From: bdmaness@comcast.net

To: "Rob Krupicka" <rob@krupicka.com>

Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2009 11:53:24 AM GMT -05:00 US/Canada Eastern

Subject: Re: COA Contact Us: Budget Hearing

Rob,

My mind is steadily thinking. I also know the work of The Untouchables. They worked with me when I principaled Lyles-Crouch and Jefferson-Houston Schools. Guess what? This might be the group that could take on more boys to help. With the success they are having on all the boys and men that they affect. It might be well that council look at this group to **increase staff** and resources to the group, and perhaps they would almost eradicate the violence, substance/drug abuse/, negative attitudes, and potential school drop out rate reduction.

It occurred to me that this could be the answer to many youth problems in the community, especially in the 22314 zip code.

We have found that the fights and altercations in our secondary schools are issues resulting from problems occurring from their immediate communities; thus, more staffing in The Untouchables **maybe the life line to eliminate negative behaviors of these boys and adult men.**

Yes, my parents and I are willing to pay a little more tax, but it must be directed to **expand** programs like The Untouchables, Hopkins House, Human Services, mental, abuse, and violent preventions; not salaries, new positions, beautification of sidewalks, free tour buses, studies, etc.

You (the council) hold the purse for the city. **You are responsible to determine what is good for human kind, quality of human life, and safety for human life.** The rest of what you budget should remain the same or at the same level.

As a school board member, I will be doing the same as I look at what funds we have to support our schools. I will be looking at supporting classroom instruction and all items that directly impact the children as a group and as individuals. I will look at how we can support new issues by realigning current staff to reorganize to meet those supporting needs.

Rob, I send this to you because you do read, respond to my emails, and think positively about the children in this city from 0-birth - grade 12. I am counting on you to vote and support programs that eliminate negative/poor youth behaviors

Best,  
Blanche

----- Original Message -----

From: "Rob Krupicka" <[rob@krupicka.com](mailto:rob@krupicka.com)>

To: [bdmaness@comcast.net](mailto:bdmaness@comcast.net)

Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2009 11:26:13 AM GMT -05:00 US/Canada Eastern

Subject: Re: COA Contact Us: Budget Hearing

Thank you, Blanche.

On Oct 17, 2009, at 11:19 AM, [bdmaness@comcast.net](mailto:bdmaness@comcast.net) wrote:

Kerry and Rob,

Thank you for responding to my email. Currently I am watching your council hearing at city hall. I am proud of the speakers who continue to request continued help on behalf of our **children**. As you look at the very tight, bleak funding process, **please set priority** to safety, help services, youth services, seniors, and utilities. As far as the youth is concerned, please employ churches to get in on the network to help all youth in this city, with emphasis on children especially in the 22314 and 22304 zip codes. Lending your **leadership voices** will send an urgent message for all capable organizations to assist some of the city youth groups that so desperately need funding and volunteers. It is urgent that **all** community/church groups pull together to work with all very needy **youth, seniors and families** in dire need. Send out a commercial, and/or appoint someone from the city to coordinate civic, church, social, PTA, and community organizations in the city that are able to respond by adding funding, volunteers or fund-raising effort to offset the downturn of city funding. When city funding is down, lead the community by sending a message that all can fill the gap where the city cannot.

Thanks for your service,

Blanche

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kerry Donley" <[Kerry.Donley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Kerry.Donley@alexandriava.gov)>

To: "Blanche Maness" <[bdmaness@comcast.net](mailto:bdmaness@comcast.net)>

Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2009 10:09:58 AM GMT -05:00 US/Canada Eastern

Subject: Re: COA Contact Us: Budget Hearing



Thank you for contacting me regarding potential budget adjustments under consideration for the Alexandria Community Services Board (ACSB)

First, let me say that these reductions in service, for the 2011 budget, are being examined in the context of reductions of funds we have been notified will happen from the state. The ACBS has seen reduced state funding for these vital services during the last two fiscal cycles. In addition, the Alexandria City Manager has asked all departments to look at budget cuts based on expected reduced revenues to the City.

If the SA Prevention Team is eliminated, twenty one intervention and prevention programs will no longer be provided which offer a wide rang of mentoring, counseling, and life skills support to our youth.

I have long been a supporter of these many community-based programs having myself served on the ACSB for a number of years and know the critical role all of the ACSB initiatives play in the lives of the children of Alexandria.

There will be time in the fall and spring for the public to make their feelings known during our budget hearings and I encourage you to come and speak on theses services.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Kerry Donley

Blanche Maness <

[bdmaness@comcast.net](mailto:bdmaness@comcast.net)>

10/16/2009 09:48 AM

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Time: [Fri Oct 16, 2009 09:48:00] Message ID: [16162]

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**Last Name:** Maness  
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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** Virginia

**Zip:** 223304

**Phone:** 703 566 5193

**Email Address:** [bdmaness@comcast.net](mailto:bdmaness@comcast.net)

**Subject:** Budget Hearing

Dear Council,  
Please rethink the elimination of any mental health staff

positions that directly impact our students  
in ACPS. Recently, it came to

my attention that city staff who provide help with students in the areas of  
substance abuse/mental problems, etc. We have many students who are  
experiencing major  
issues with violence, substance abuse and mental  
issues. Please re-think any staff cuts in these  
areas.

Consider

deleting replacing concrete sidewalks for brick sidewalks. Brick sidewalks

**Comments:**

tend to  
create accidents for women, in particular who wear high heels.

Consider deleting two "free" bus rides  
on King Street. Tourists

can ride our DASH buses.

Again, please look at revitalizing Landmark

Mall. We are missing a huge tax base by having this  
poor shopping mall.

If the mall had high-end shops, restaurants, movies, recreation, spas,  
etc., we could attract clients from Maryland, Fairfax and Washington, D.C.  
vs Alexandrians traveling to shop in those  
areas.

Jackie Henderson/Alex

10/19/2009 09:28 AM

To William Euille/Alex@Alex, KDONLEY@VCBONLINE.COM,  
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Subject Fw: Comments for the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2011  
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Subject Comments for the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2011 City  
Budget

Dear Ms. Henderson:

I am unable to attend the upcoming City Council public hearing on Saturday regarding the 2011 budget priorities and so have written the attached letter. I would appreciate your sharing it with the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and members of the City Council.

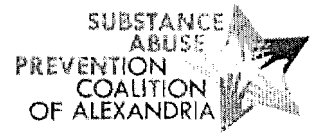
Thank you,

Allen Lomax  
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October 16, 2009



Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, and Members of the Alexandria City Council  
City Hall, Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley and Members of the City Council:

I cannot be at the public hearing tomorrow regarding the FY 2011 budget so I providing the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria's (SAPCA) written comments. SAPCA is an alliance of parents and other City residents, youth, schools, City health and recreation agencies, media, nonprofits, businesses, policymakers and law enforcement whose mission is to engage diverse sectors of the community in collaboration, cross-cultural and comprehensive substance abuse prevention efforts that result in a reduction of underage substance use and abuse in the City of Alexandria.

At last year's budget hearings, I spoke about our concern regarding proposed the elimination of three substance abuse intervention staff in our schools. While we are grateful that one position was saved from elimination, we are disappointed that the other two positions were eliminated.

We are well aware that our City faces another extremely difficult budget situation for the upcoming 2011 budget and we know that you will need to make more difficult choices. However, we request that you protect youth substance abuse prevention and early intervention positions and programs include in your budget guidance to the City Manager.

As I stated last year, a recent Iowa State University research study indicated that every dollar invested in substance abuse prevention yields \$10 in savings in the future. If these prevention and early intervention positions and programs are not preserved, we will have immediate savings but the costs in both City and private funds and in the lives of those affect will be much higher in the future. It will also decrease the protection of our youth from the risk factors that can lead them to underage drinking, use of drugs, gang involvement and teenage pregnancy.

Additionally, such cuts will have a significant impact on the work of our Coalition and its efforts to reduce and prevent the use and abuse of illegal substances among our youth.

We know you have many difficult budget decisions ahead and like everyone, we wish that the current economic situation did not exist. If there is anything we can do to help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Allen Lomax*

Allen Lomax  
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**Vicky Robertson**  
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10/16/2009 12:52 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: CSB Prevention Services



Time: [Fri Oct 16, 2009 12:52:39] Message ID: [16171]

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# T.C. Williams High School

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October 16, 2009

Dear Mayor Euille,

I have been a city employee for approximately twenty plus years. In my capacity as an Alexandria Division of Social Service Family Treatment/Child Protective Services social worker and as a school social worker, I have collaboratively worked with the social workers of the Community Services Board prevention services team. I have directly worked with Theodore "Teddy" Jones,, James "Chucky" Moore, and Debra Smalley. Over the years, I have also worked with several other of the prevention team workers who are no longer employed with the CSB. I have referred numerous clients and students to participate in the services of these workers for individual and group counseling, mentoring, substance abuse intervention, social skills management, and crisis intervention. I have attended groups and community programs with which this prevention team has sponsored in the community and at several of the public schools. I have worked with them to intervene in crisis and/or dysfunctional family systems. I have observed and participated in activities of their summer camp programs, smoking cessation groups, and anger management groups. I have referred and participated in many of their mentoring activities. I have been a supporter of their Young Stars Success program/group and Langley summer camp program. I have utilized these workers consistently over the years to intervene with children and families prior to the breakdown of the family and when the child or family has been in crisis. I have watched these workers be role models, surrogate parents, and professional interveners.

It has been disheartening to hear that there is a likelihood of this team being disbanded for the City of Alexandria. The CSB prevention team has been extremely instrumental in providing direct and supportive assistance and skills to the children and families in Alexandria. Providing services to families after the fact is counter-productive, costly, and an ineffective use of city services and monies. I strongly urge that the Community Services Board Prevention Team be maintained in its' present capacity and allowed to continue the direct and indirect services that they have successfully provided over the years.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Vicky Robertson, MSW

School Social Worker



**Teri Barnett**  
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10/16/2009 10:59 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Prevention/Intervention Therapists Jobs  
Retention

**Time: [Fri Oct 16, 2009 10:59:12] Message ID: [16167]**

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**Subject:** Prevention/Intervention Therapists Jobs Retention  
Dear Major Euille and City Council Members:

**Comments:** Please review the attached  
document.

Thank you,

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October 16, 2009

Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members

Budget cuts during harsh economic times are an unfortunate reality. Decisions must be made that impact the economic health of the city and more seriously it can devastate a family's financial security. Understanding these facts I would like to give my support to two individuals, James "Chucky" Moore and Teddy Jones, Therapist with the Community Services Board (Prevention Services). These two men greatly impact the emotional and mental health of our students at T.C. Williams High School. As a teacher, administrative intern and now as one of the Graduation Coaches I know their worth. Mr. Moore and Jones work very closely with all students, but their work with African-American and Hispanic male students is where they are most needed. We all are familiar with the statistics that plague these two groups not only across the country but especially here in Alexandria. African-American and Hispanic males account for the highest dropout rates, lowest test scores, lowest college admissions, highest imprisonment and death rates; all factors that affect and greatly impact the health and continued wealth of the City of Alexandria.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Jones not only counsel these students but they also provide safe and supportive positive role models; relationships that these males desperately need in their lives. Alexandria natives they have a high level of commitment as shown by organizing the extremely needed mentoring groups for males and females. They are dedicated to work hard to insure that students do well in school and pursue post secondary education.

Mr. Mayor and council members I hope that you will look favorably upon Mr. James "Chuckie" Moore and Mr. Teddy Jones when reviewing the budget. Preserve their positions because are needed, the students of T.C. Williams and all future Titans need them, and the citizens of the City Alexandria needs them.

Sincerely yours,

*Teri Barnett*

*Graduation Coach*



**Timothy Peterson**  
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10/14/2009 09:45 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Ben Brenman Field, support for turf & lights

**Time: [Wed Oct 14, 2009 09:45:33] Message ID: [16087]**

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

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**State:** VA

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**Subject:** Ben Brenman Field, support for turf & lights

I am writing in support of the conversion of fields at Ben Brenman Park to artificial turf with lighting. Below, please find the comments I submitted to tonights' hearing on the topic by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Regards,  
Timothy Peterson

Commissioners,

My name is

Timothy Peterson, and I am a resident of Alexandria. I write in full support of the conversion of fields at Ben Brenman Park to artificial turf with lighting.

Roughly one year ago, my wife and I faced a difficult decision. We had outgrown our house in Alexandria's Del Ray neighborhood, and we were looking to buy a new house for us and our three sons, ages 3, 7, and 9. We were considering moving to Arlington or Fairfax, knowing that

**Comments:**

more households in those areas have children than in Alexandria. In the end, we chose to stay in Alexandria. Not only are our friends and our children's' friends here, but we have found that the city is a great place to raise a family. The city has good schools and fantastic services for children. In particular, the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities Department provides a wide variety of activities that our kids love.

The

new fields and lights at Ben Brenman are important for us and for others raising families in Alexandria. Quality field space is scarce, and the fields that do exist are heavily used and deteriorate quickly. Artificial turf will last longer, and lights will expand the ability of teams to schedule playing time. The improvements will create more opportunities for families like mine to find quality activities in Alexandria.

I thank you

for your work on this project, and urge you to join me in supporting the conversion of fields at Ben Brenman Park to artificial turf with field lighting. Thank you for considering my comments, which I will forward to the Mayor and City Council, as well.

Sincerely,  
Timothy Peterson

TO: Honorable Mayor William Euille  
Mr. James K. Hartmann, City Manager  
Mr. Michael Gilmore, Executive Director-Community Service Board  
Mrs. Deborah Warren, Administrative Director-Community Service Board

FROM: Lawrence E. Jinter, Ed.D.  
Director of Pupil Services

RE: Proposed Reduction in staff and the elimination of 5.5 Therapist I  
positions and one therapist II position in MH Prevention / SA Prevention /  
Early Intervention

DATE: September 16, 2009

I have been an educator in the Alexandria City Public Schools for more than 38 years. Our Superintendent is moving into the second year. I know the needs of our children and this community and Dr. Sherman, Superintendent of the Alexandria City Public Schools, has quickly come to realize that reducing and or eliminating the best staff on the PREVENTION side is not a good practice. These are the people that we see each and everyday in our schools, recreation centers and the streets of our city. These are the people that our children and families know and relate to. It is these people that parents call on and go to when they observe their children involving themselves in all levels and types of risk behaviors. These behaviors include areas such as gangs, sex, and drug experimentations. Because of our prevention intervention specialist, we cannot imagine the number of early pregnancies or drug addictions have that been prevented.

There are at least two prevention and intervention specialist that have been involved in this kind of work for more than twenty-nine years. In some cases they are working with second generation families. We have personally observed workers like Mr. James "Chucky" Moore and Mr. Theodore "Teddy" Jones going above and beyond the call of duty as they give long and precious hours to the "Young Star Success Program" and the "The Untouchables." Mr. Moore and Mr. Jones are both founding members of both of these mentoring programs for young people. To be a founding member of a mentoring program means you care enough to do something that you are not paid to do.

In conclusion, we encourage you to find ways to retain the people who do the hard jobs because they really do care. We ask what is best for everyone, prevention or treatment? If we allow prevention to slip away from us, in order to do an adequate job of treatment, you would have to quadruple the staff you have now and pay them a lot more. Our community needs this level of prevention now more than ever before.

cc: Dr. Morton Sherman  
Tricia Bassing



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10/13/2009 02:47 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: UNTOUCHABLES,PREVENTION

**Time: [Tue Oct 13, 2009 14:47:29] Message ID: [16063]**

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**Subject:** UNTOUCHABLES,PREVENTION

DEAR MAYOR EUILLE,  
I AM A NATIVE ALEXANDRIAN. I AM SENDING YOU THIS

E-MAIL BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CITY IS MAKING A PROPOSAL TO  
ELIMATE

THE UNTOUCHABLES AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS. I KNOW THAT THESE  
PROGRAMS DONT

BRING IN THE MONEY THAT THE CITY WOULD LIKE TO SEE . BUT MR. TEDDY JONES

AND MR. CHUCKIE MOORE HAVE DONE GREAT THINGS TO HELP THESE YOUTH. THE  
YOUTH

ARE THE ONES BEING HURT BEHIND THIS.BY HAVING MR. JONES AND MR. MOORE

WORKING INSIDE OF THE SCKOOLS ,DO THE CITY REALIZE HOW MUCH VOILENT

ACTIVITY THESE TWO GENTLEMAN ARE HOLDING DOWN. THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE  
TO

STOP EVERY FIGHT, BUT THEY ARE THERE TO HAVE SOMEONE FOR THE STUDENTS  
TO

**Comments:** TALK AND TURN TO.I HAVE SEEN CHILDREN THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH BOTH OF  
THESE

PROGRAMS COMEBACK AND HELP OUT MR.JONES AND MR. MOORE WITH OTHER

CHILDREN.

THEY ARE TEACHING THE YOUNG BOYS HOW TO GROW UP AND BE MEN AND RESPONSIBLE

MEN AT THAT .TO GO ON TO COLLEGE AND MAKE SOMETHING OF THEMSELVES.SOME OF

THESE KIDS COME FROM BROKEN HOMES SO DO YOU REALIZE THIS HELPS OUT AT HOME.

THERE IS MORE TO THESE PROGRAMS THAN WHAT MONEY SHOWS ON PAPER.THESE KIND

OF OUTLETS WERE NOT PRESENT WHEN YOU AND I WERE GROWING UP. PLEASE DONT

STOP THESE PROGRAMS!



Sarah Zapolsky  
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10/01/2009 09:31 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Duncan Library Hours and Cuts

**Time: [Thu Oct 01, 2009 21:31:11] Message ID: [15747]**

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**Subject:** Duncan Library Hours and Cuts

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I just heard that the Library

Board decided to reduce hours at the Alexandria Duncan Branch Library. I'd

like to ask you to reconsider that decision.

Though I rarely went to

that library before my child was born, in the last five years the Duncan

Library has become a regular stop on our weekly rounds. Why? Because it

was open early, had resources for both me and my child and because -much to

my shock and surprise- it was a genuine neighborhood resource. Really,

I've never been there when it hasn't been occupied. Mothers with kids for

story time or just a respite to get out of the house, clubs using the

meeting room, and, ever more so in these times, job hunters using their

computers for applications to new jobs or to further schooling.

**Comments:**

Does

it really cost so very much to keep Duncan open those few extra hours a

week? Was a user study done to see when the crunch times are? I've never been there Friday late afternoons so I'm guessing that maybe there is little loss to lopping those hours but pushing the start times back makes it less available to those with older kids to get to classes, or older folks who have to wait longer for some place to welcome them.

It

seems like that money spent to maintain a library that is working, used and loved by its community is money well spent. Please don't sideline our library.

Thanks,

-Sarah Zapolsky (17 Sunset Drive.)





**Jennifer Heatherington**  
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10/01/2009 04:28 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Duncan Library Hours

**Time: [Thu Oct 01, 2009 16:28:33] Message ID: [15738]**

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

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**Subject:** Duncan Library Hours

I'm writing to you because I was upset to hear there is a proposal to cut

the hours at Duncan Library. Our family frequents the library and is

looking forward to taking advantage of even more of its programs as our

infant son gets older. In fact, proximity to the library was one of the

reasons we chose to buy our home!

Whenever we go to the library we see

lots of people there, and it is one of our favorite things to do as a

**Comments:**

family -- often in the late evenings as that's when we have the time to

go together. The morning hours are important to me as well as I am home

with my son, as are many of my neighbors who are also stay-at-home moms.

I would really hate to see the hours for the library, and thus any of its

programs, cut. Please maintain the current schedule and services for this

invaluable community

resource!



**Gina McLiechey**  
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09/23/2009 02:49 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Prevention Programs

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**Time: [Wed Sep 23, 2009 14:49:32] Message ID: [15518]**

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**Subject:** Prevention Programs

I would like to know how large the city plans on making the new jail ? I

asdk this question because I read about plans to do away with the

intervention and prevention programs such as the Untouchables, KAT CAMP ,

**Comments:** and the Peer Mentoring Program. We are pushing the youth who are in need of

these services further into the streets. When they get in trouble should we

send them to your homes?Please check your research many youth, families and

communities have benefited from these programs.



**Jacquelyne Smalls**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: ACSB Proposed Budget Cuts to Essential Programs/Services

**Time: [Fri Sep 18, 2009 15:02:00] Message ID: [15402]**

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**Subject:** ACSB Proposed Budget Cuts to Essential Programs/Services

As a resident of the City of Alexandria, I am writing to express my

concerns regarding the proposed elimination of the ACSB Mental

Health/Substance Abuse Prevention team and services as proposed in response

to citywide budget reductions. It is without question that the magnitude

of this proposed elimination will significantly impact children and

families across all communities in the City. As a professional who

provides services to children and families, a resident of the City, and a

mother I understand the importance of community based prevention programs

and the magnitude of impact such programs can have for our community.

Without mental health/substance abuse prevention services many at risk

youth would not be served and provided with the necessary services to help

them reach their fullest potential. This community relies on the services

the MH/SA Prevention Team provides to effectively serve the needs of this

community.

**Comments:**

Professionally, I have known Mr. Teddy Jones for the past

18months, and in this short time I became quickly aware of the impact he and his colleagues have made in this City over the past 30 years. Mr. Jones' expertise, respect, and connection to the community are commendable, and the ACSB MH/SA Prevention Team's work is nationally renowned. Mr. Jones and his colleagues have dedicated their careers to community based programs such as the Untouchables, Peer Advisor Program, Kids Are Terrific (KAT) Summer Camp, Brent Place Tutoring & Mentoring, Life Skills Training, Too Good for Drugs, and AI's Pals. The ACSB MH/SA Prevention Team has proven through their commitment and relationships in the community that what they do works and saves the lives of youth across our City. The ACSB MH/SA Prevention Team is vital to our City and the services they provide must not be eliminated.

Natasha Duggal/Alex  
09/21/2009 11:33 AM

To Derek Schultz/Alex@Alex, Dawn Webster/Alex@Alex  
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Subject Fall FY 2011 Budget Public Hearing

History:  This message has been forwarded.

September 21, 2009

To Alexandria Community Organizations:

The City of Alexandria expects Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 to be another challenging year based on early economic forecasts. As the City begins the budget process, we would like your input regarding the FY 2011 Operating Budget and Capitol Improvement Program.

On Saturday, October 17, the Alexandria City Council invites you and your members to attend its regularly scheduled public hearing to offer your comments regarding the upcoming budget. The public hearing will be held in City Council Chambers (Room 2400), 301 King St., and starts at 9:30 a.m.

I encourage you to attend the October 17 public hearing. Due to the difficult economic conditions we face, it is important that you have an early opportunity to present your views and the priorities of your organization directly to City Council and City staff. This budget public hearing is being held in addition to a planned public hearing in the spring on the proposed budget submitted by the City Manager.

Early budget forecasts for FY 2011 will be presented to City Council at its budget retreat on November 7, which will be open to the public. After the retreat, City Council will establish guidance for the FY 2011 budget submissions to be made by the City and the Alexandria City Public Schools. I will submit the proposed FY 2011 budget to Council on February 9, 2010.

Anyone wishing to speak should complete a speaker's form before or at the hearing. You may register to speak on the City's Web site, [alexandriava.gov](http://alexandriava.gov); pick up a form in the City Clerk's Office (Room 2300 in City Hall, 301 King St.); or contact the City Clerk at [jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov](mailto:jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov) and send your request to speak by e-mail. Alternatively, you may submit your comments for the record in written form and they will be forwarded to the members of City Council.

Individuals with disabilities who require assistance or individuals needing special arrangements, such as translation services or language interpreters, to participate in the City Council meeting should call the City Clerk at (703) 746-4500 (TTY/TDD 703-838-5056). We request that you provide a 48-hour notice in requesting special arrangements, so that the proper arrangements may be made.

I hope that you will be able to attend this important meeting, and offer your input and insight on

how we can find solutions to meet the difficult challenges ahead.

Sincerely,

James K. Hartmann  
City Manager



**Roland Meisner**  
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09/22/2009 10:38 AM

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Subject Fwd: Community Interest Notice (Record Comments Attached)

All funding for public dog parks should be eliminated or paid for with a dog user's fee that would fund the dog parks. No general revenue tax dollars should be used for maintaining dog parks or picking up dog waste. General revenue tax dollars should benefit all taxpayers equally. Eliminate any expenditures that could be charged to the beneficiary group through a user's fee.

If the Council is serious, then eliminate the budget retreat and all travel by political officers for the fiscal year. If the elected officials think they need to travel somewhere, then they should pay for it themselves or from their campaign funds.

We have too many boards and commissions and those on the highlighted list should be eliminated. If there is enough interest in the eliminated commissions, then citizens can form their own civic associations for those specific subject areas and no cost to city taxpayers.

No more open space funding. That is a luxury we no longer can afford. Reprogram that money for current operations or put the funds in a rainy day or reserve fund for emergencies.

You need to make a decision about the Potomac Yard metro station. It is time for a decision. If it can't be funded, then defer it indefinitely and make the developer build the pedestrian bridge, now.

Roland D. Meisner  
710 Scarburgh Way  
Alexandria, VA 22314-6211  
703.836.0386

----- secretary@oldtowngreens.net wrote:  
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September 21, 2009

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- > submissions to be made by the City and the Alexandria City Public Schools.
- > I will submit the proposed FY 2011 budget to Council on February 9, 2010.
- > Anyone wishing to speak should complete a speaker's form before or at the
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- > [jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov](mailto:jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov) and send your request to speak by e-mail.
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- > provide a 48-hour notice in requesting special arrangements, so that the
- > proper arrangements may be made.
- > I hope that you will be able to attend this important meeting, and offer
- > your input and insight on how we can find solutions to meet the difficult
- > challenges ahead.
- > Sincerely,
- > James K. Hartmann
- > City Manager

Steve Alogna,



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10/02/2009 10:44 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Duncan Library Hours of Operation

**Time: [Fri Oct 02, 2009 10:44:50] Message ID: [15764]**

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**Subject:** Duncan Library Hours of Operation

I recently learned that due to budget constraints, a proposal includes the reduction of hours at the Duncan Library branch. Please accept this email as a request that the evening hours not be limited. Due the high number of professionals in our area, the evening hours are crucial for us to be able to enjoy the library.

I understand that the current hours are, in part,

**Comments:** 9 am to 9 pm on Monday - Thursday. The proposed new hours, which could take effect as early as January: Mon-Th: 10am to 7pm. I am not concerned about weekend hours. I request that the board keep the evening hours on Monday - Thursday until 9 pm.

Thank you for your  
consideration.

Lori Murphy



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Subject COA Contact Us: Possible Reduction in Duncan Library Hours

**Time: [Fri Oct 02, 2009 10:10:33] Message ID: [15761]**

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**Subject:** Possible Reduction in Duncan Library Hours

I read yesterday that the Library Board voted to cut back on Duncan Library's hours and this is now pending City Council approval. I understand that the economic situation is affecting all city government services, but I'm writing to express my particular dismay at this decision because it doesn't seem like a good one to me. The library has an active constituency, including the Friends of the Duncan Library, that work to support its services through additional fundraising and outreach activities, it's truly a community library. Duncan is utilized by many people in the surrounding area and serves so many different purposes -- providing children's activities, computer access, availability of a great selection of books, classes, guest speakers -- that I think it would have a real impact on people in the community if these services are but back.

**Comments:** I know these are difficult times for the City government, but they're also difficult for the citizens of the City. Libraries, especially

libraries that are so utilized by a community, seem to me to be a real investment in education and continued learning for local residents that are finding it increasingly difficult to access such opportunities affordably. In terms of a cost-benefit analysis, I have to wonder if the financial benefits of cutting back hours is really worth the costs/impacts to local residents in having less access to an important community service.

Again, I know these are tough times, but I hope that the City Council will carefully think about this issue and make a decision that promotes a continued investment in the Duncan Library.

Thank you,  
Polly

Morrison



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Subject COA Contact Us: Duncan Branch Library: Proposed Reduction in  
Operating Hours

**Time: [Fri Oct 02, 2009 12:35:20] Message ID: [15780]**

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**Subject:** Duncan Branch Library: Proposed Reduction in Operating Hours

Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members:  
Good afternoon. I am writing to

express my support for the Duncan Branch Library and specifically to ask  
that the Council decline to reduce the current library hours, as recently  
proposed by the Library Board.

The Del Ray and Arlandria communities

that rely on the Duncan Branch Library are primarily composed of working  
families, like my own, who undoubtedly would be adversely affected by the  
proposed reduction in hours. In particular, the proposal to change the  
weekday closing time from 9pm to 7pm will make it nearly impossible for  
commuters to use the library's services on weeknights. Moreover, the

Duncan Branch offers many interesting and educational evening programs and  
it is unclear whether those programs, which primarily start at 7pm, could  
continue with the proposed reduction in evening hours. Likewise, limiting

**Comments:** the availability of the library meeting rooms for public use in the

evenings will stifle community involvement, education and gatherings.

Certainly this community of working families understands the economic hardships facing the City and the Library in particular, however it is during this time of hardship that families rely even more on the affordable opportunities for self-enrichment and learning the library offers. If the

costs of operating between 7pm and 9pm are a driving concern, I would ask the Council to consider and analyze whether these costs could be offset, even if by increases in service fees (e.g. late fees, meeting room fees, etc.).

Thank you for your consideration.

Holly Cafer



**Mary Brazier**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Duncan Library

**Time: [Mon Oct 05, 2009 07:56:32] Message ID: [15820]**

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**Subject:** Duncan Library

I understand that the city council is considering cutting hours for Duncan Library. As a working mother local resident, the late evening hours on weekdays are especially important to me. Programs like the evening story time (which my child is too young for now but eventually will not be) have made the library very attractive--as a working mom its one of the few things that I might be able to do at the library with my child. I think these programs are very important to teach children the joy of learning.

**Comments:** While the collections for adults at Duncan are limited, the inter-library loan situation makes has been highly effective, and I can always count on the friendly, helpful staff at Duncan to get me what I need from a neighboring library. Recognizing financial limitations, evening hours at the library have a real impact on citizens in this area. I hope that you reconsider the hour cut, at least on weekdays.



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10/06/2009 10:03 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Closing of Pharmacy at the Flora Casey Health  
Center

**Time: [Tue Oct 06, 2009 10:03:03] Message ID: [15857]**

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**Subject:** Closing of Pharmacy at the Flora Casey Health Center

The intended recipient of this letter is the Honorable William D. Euille  
and his esteemed council members;

Dear Mayor Euille and members of the  
Alexandria City Council,

It has been brought to my attention that the  
Commonwealth of Virginia has made a determination to close the pharmacy  
located at the Flora K. Casey Health Center, effective November, 09.

I  
am writing to you because, as you all know, this clinic has a long history  
in the City of Alexandria and serves many of the indigent clients in your  
city. I am also aware that the city contributes a large portion of the  
funding to support the Alexandria Health Department (which includes the  
Casey Health Center and The Adolescent Clinic). If this pharmacy closes it  
will have a huge impact on the city ,without these clients having resources  
for medications.



Prior to resigning, I served as the Administrator of the Casey Clinic for seven years. I saw the successful operations of a pharmacy who served more clients than anyone thought possible because of the dedication and intelligence of the Pharmacists and staff who were committed to making certain that all patients received their medications.

We reduced the number of clients using the pharmacy by making certain that all eligible clients signed up for Medicare D and would be able to access their medications elsewhere. The clinic pharmacy spends a great deal of its time and resources accessing the Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs as to not drain State or City resources. I do not have the actual numbers, but I am sure that you have access to those via the health department.

**Comments:**

Furthermore, prior to my departure, I worked with General services to upgrade the clinic's HVAC, roof and interior that cost the city approximately \$800,000. Much of this included renovations to the pharmacy. How incredibly sad that such money was spent, only for services to be eliminated.

I spent much of my time interacting with Inova Alexandria emergency department staff due to abuse of the emergency room for after hours and weekend medications because the client failed to access the clinic during business hours. I cannot imagine the impact that this will have on their emergency room when the pharmacy ceases to exist.

I simply ask the question, How will these clients (more than 9,000) access medications after receiving medical care?

In a time where we have a new President that is trying to gain access to healthcare for ALL citizens of this country, we are closing down vital services just ten miles from the White House.

Although, I realize this was a decision made by the

state, I respectfully request that you, Mr. Mayor as well as members of council (who have been great supporters and advocates of the clinic in the past) use your resources to make the state understand that this would be detrimental to the citizens of your city and would also result in four long term employees losing their jobs after years of faithful dedication.

Once someone has worked in this industry, the passion never leaves. That is why I am writing this letter to you today. I am passionate that these clients receive the healthcare (that must include pharmacy services) that is needed to keep your city well.

Respectfully,

Karen R.

Poulin



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Subject COA Contact Us: proposed change in hours of operation at Duncan  
Library

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**Time: [Wed Oct 07, 2009 13:59:19] Message ID: [15905]**

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**Subject:** proposed change in hours of operation at Duncan Library

Our family visits Duncan Library almost daily. We take advantage of the children's programs, internet and WiFi access, borrowing of children and adult books and AV materials, not to mention perusing the bulletin boards and popping in to get a drink of water and use the restroom. The library for us is a place to meet new people, visit with friends, rest and relax, and expand our minds. We find out about community events and access volunteer opportunities through the resources available in the library.

**Comments:**

The current hours allow us to use the library after work, after supper, and on weekends. We are very concerned about the proposed reduction in hours that the library will be open as it will negatively impact ability to use the library's services. We hope that you will consider what the library means to our community and the livelihood it provides to its employees, and decide to not reduce the hours that the Duncan Library is open. Thanks so much.





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Subject COA Contact Us: Duncan Library

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Dear Mayor and Councillors:

I am writing to express my concern over the prospect of reduced hours, and possibly reduced programs, at the Duncan library. The library is a tremendous resource to the families of Del Ray, like mine. Every evening that I walk by the library, I can always see lots of people inside, working, reading, studying, learning. My one year old son loves the story time and other important enrichment programs that the librarians offer. He already feels comfortable and enjoys going to the

**Comments:** library -- so important for children. As I must work during the day, it is great to be able to stop in the library on a walk in the evening to exchange books, and especially in bad weather or in the winter, to stop and read some books in the children's area.

Please do what you can to maintain the staff and services of this important resource.

Thank

you.  
Liz Beardsley

Judge Stephen W. Rideout (ret.)  
Judicial Consultant  
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October 15, 2009

Mayor William Euille and  
Members of City Council  
Council Chambers  
City Hall  
Alexandria, Va. 22314

Re: Human Needs Budget for upcoming fiscal year

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council:

As I am unable to attend the upcoming work session regarding the above, I am taking this opportunity to write. Since leaving the bench in 2004, I have been worked with courts and child welfare agencies around the United States trying to improve outcomes for children and families involved in our child welfare systems. In addition I have also tried to support the good work that is being done here in Alexandria on behalf of children.

In my work I have seen the economic downturn cause significant reduction in services available to the neediest in states, counties, and cities around the country. Wherever I go, I see staffs cut while the need for services increases.

There is an ongoing need for investment in prevention and early intervention services for Alexandria's children and their families. Without that investment now a few years from now we will pay significantly more for some of those children because we supposedly could not afford needed services now.

Alexandria's leadership has always set an example in the human service area about which I boast to others when working with them in other communities.

Now is the time to find ways to defer other expenses so that we can invest in our most important and vulnerable population, our children.

I know that the task is not easy during these times but know that you will make the right decisions.

Thanks for reading and considering this,

Sincerely,

*Steve*

Stephen W. Rideout





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Subject COA Contact Us: MH Prevention/SA Prevention/Early  
Intervention-Elimination of Therapist Position

**Time: [Wed Oct 14, 2009 17:29:13] Message ID: [16104]**

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MH Prevention/SA Prevention/Early Intervention-Elimination of Therapist  
**Subject:** Position  
Good afternoon Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Honorable Members of the City  
Council,  
I wanted to make sure that I added my support and my voice to  
those who have shared their concern about the elimination of the Mental  
Health Prevention/Intervention Therapists.  
I have the wonderful  
opportunity to work with three of the staff from the  
Prevention/Intervention area of Mental Health-James "Chucky"  
Moore, Theodore "Teddy" Jones, and Deborah Smalls. These three  
individuals have been more than just staff detailed to the schools. They  
have been very integral and much-needed personnel in assisting school-based  
student services staff in meeting the many needs and challenges that our  
students bring with them to school each day.

I could cite a litany of ways in which these individuals have supported school staff, but there are a couple that I feel are more noteworthy for a time such as this. ACPS has been addressing the achievement gap for some time now. Mr. Moore and Mr. Jones jumped "into this fight" long before some concrete strategies were put into place. These gentlemen joined Dr. Lawrence Jointer in establishing the Young Stars Success Program and helped many young males become socially and academically successful. They continue these efforts, and I have seen the fruits of their labor. We had a student who came to us from the middle school (overage for the ninth grade). He was a child of a single parent household. It seemed doubtful that he would graduate, so we quickly got him involved with the Young Stars Success Program. Mr. Moore and Mr. Jones kept this young man engaged and encouraged. I am happy to say that he is a senior this year and will graduate in June 2010. Parental involvement played a part, but it was also the male mentorship that this young man received which helped him to "finish the race."

More specifically to Academy 1, Mr. Moore is considered very much a part of our staff. We depend on his physical presence and the many resources that he provides for this alternative education population. Our student population is a male majority, and Mr. Moore serves as a counselor and mentor to many of these young men. We enjoy the school environment in Academy 1 because Mr. Moore works very closely with the staff in the work that we do with our students in being excellent students and good citizens. It is extremely helpful and convenient to have a "resident" substance abuse prevention/intervention counselor on staff. He has served our students well. Mrs. Smalls has assisted us with our females students as we have worked with them to maintain academic success and develop leadership skills. She has been very instrumental in assisting me in getting several of our female students into college.

**Comments:**

Mr. Moore, Mr.

Jones and Mrs. Smalls provide prevention and intervention services which support us (student services staff) in improving attendance, academic achievement, appropriately addressing substance abuse concerns as well as behavioral concerns that might get students separated from the learning environment. They often open up dialogue with our students when it has been difficult for us to do so. Because they have grown up in this community, students are very open to receiving services from them.

Research has shown that prevention/intervention services are more economical than services that are provided once the problem has manifested itself. These individuals have not only provided economical benefits for the City through their collective efforts of prevention and intervention, but they have also saved many of this City's most valuable resources - its youth.

I respectfully recommend that these positions be considered necessary for the continued support that this City's youth need to be productive and contributing members. I think I speak for the staff in Academy 1 when I say that we certainly feel this way about the MH Prevention/Intervention Therapists. Please seriously consider their importance in our work with the youth of this City and allow them to continue to be a support for us as we work to make our students academically and socially successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr.

Diane Reese, School Counselor  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Elimination of City Prevention Programs

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**Time: [Fri Oct 09, 2009 21:33:52] Message ID: [15985]**

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**Comments:**

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October 9, 2009

Dear Mayor Euille and Alexandria City Council,

I was greatly shocked when I heard that the in-school services provided by the Alexandria Community Services board were eliminated for the 2009-10 school year. Upon researching the effects of this impact, I was even more stunned to learn that the entire community services board may potentially be dismantled the following year. The impact of this decision is one that is highly detrimental to the students and families who are supported through this community resource.

As a school counselor in the Alexandria City Public School system, I wish to describe how the programs have directly touched my students' lives, and provided direct services to many Alexandria City families. First, there are a number of mentoring programs that have worked tirelessly to guide our children who have fallen victim to mental health issues, witnessed teen pregnancy at an early age, or simply needed the insight, consistency and nurturing of a mentor. I have devoted many hours to working with two significant mentoring programs here in the city. The Untouchables is a nationally recognized male mentoring group that works directly with young men who need the guidance of a male adult. It is a program run by numerous volunteers and Theodore Jones, an employee of the Community Services Board. The Young Men of the Untouchables have graced the presence of numerous prominent figures to include former President Bill Clinton and have even been spotlighted on the Oprah Winfrey Show. Over 100 young men have been touched by this after-school program over the past five years, however, when you consider the fact that the Untouchables was developed in 1984, this program is actually a longstanding staple in the community. The group has met in the Charles Houston Recreation Center, long before it was the center we know today, back when this part of the community was drug infested and poverty stricken. This did not deter the service providers from running the Untouchables, the only constant in the lives of many of these young men. One would say this is the job of the father, yet we know the disproportionately limited amount of adult men in comparison to the number of misguided aspirations of the younger generation. To this end, the Untouchables has impacted many Alexandria city boys, who if not for the services provided by the program, would surely have either dropped out of school, run away from home, or broke into your houses.

A Space Of Her Own (SOHO) is a community project that mentors girls who are at a higher risk for dangerous behaviors and/or teen pregnancy. I have volunteered my personal time and money as a mentor, and can attest to the impact it has on young girls who are often forced to rely on themselves when mothers, fathers, and other family members are absent. Witnessing young ladies express thoughts that have been repressed for years and learn to develop trust in their mentors is an awesome experience that is indescribable. Families heal through renewed methods of addressing abuse, neglect or internal disconnect which is an essential lesson learned by connections made through mentor, mentee and the family unit.

SOHO has not only encouraged other community service workers in the city to participate in the program, but has gained recognition from the Alexandria Gazette and Washington Post and has spawned a sister program with the Visual Arts Center of Richmond. Moreover, HGTV has shown interest in SOHO and has contacted Linda Odell, program developer, for potential future involvement.

The city of Alexandria seems to be overlooking the needs of many of our young people who are products of lower-income families, who cannot afford private schooling and rely on the outreach programs offered here in the city. Programs and supports are limited for middle school students here in the city, and research has shown adolescence is the developmental stage that students begin to explore high risk behaviors. By providing organized, mission-driven programs and interventions we increase the probability of success for our children and our communities. Many of the funds for these programs operate out of donations, grants, or personal gifts of time, energy, and effort by community members who recognize the benefits these programs.

Prevention is vital to ensuring the futures of our children. The city of Alexandria kicked off its new campaign for the "50 Million Pound Challenge" as a way to challenge the city of Alexandria to "walk off" obesity. If you recognize the importance of physical health, it is essential to recognize the importance of mental health and the holistic interdependence of the human body.

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give". ~Kahlil Gibran

Most sincerely,

*Tiffini Woody-Pope, EdD*  
Tiffini Woody-Pope, EdD

21 October 2009

City Council  
Alexandria, Virginia

RE: Reported Cuts in Library Hours, Staff

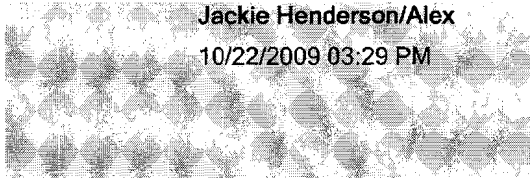
I am a grateful and frequent user of Alexandria's fine library system. I have been all of my life. First, thank you for the city's service in this regard. Recently, I have heard a gathering of rumors concerning smaller staff and shorter hours. I do appreciate all of the competing interests for city funding and I know what a tough decision this must be. But I would like to take a moment and acquaint you with a personal anecdote about how much the Duncan Branch of the Alexandria Library has meant to me.

I have always been an avid reader, and I should note that I grew up in Alexandria, having attended both Maury Elementary and George Washington High School. My love of reading eventually led me to complete a Ph.D in literature from Vanderbilt University, and the passion has not diminished over time.

In 1998, I was beset with chronic pain. I still worked but no longer had the energy to pursue much of a social life. What free time I had was spent reading. It was a way to cope with the pain, and to get through each day. I have had three fusion operations in my neck. Each time, I was gladdened by the proximity of the Duncan branch. I finally retired last year, after thoughtful consideration of the financial consequences. Although I still suffer chronic pain, I am able to manage my illness more effectively. A good part of my day still involves reading. The financial hit of retiring early did not leave a lot of discretionary income, but I have felt blessed to depend on the library for my entertainment. One of my favorite things to do is participate in a book club at Duncan.

Please let me take this opportunity to both praise and thank the personnel at Duncan, who have been enormously friendly, helpful and professional. What a wonderful staff! It troubles me to think that evening hours might be affected. As I noted, I go there frequently, and the library is more crowded than ever. It is hard to park, honestly. People seem to depend on all of the resources offered, perhaps most importantly, they rely on the ability to research employment opportunities via computer. I do understand that the dynamics of communication are changing, but I fervently believe that a society ultimately will be judged by the creative opportunities it affords its communities. Without them, there is little room for dreams. Can we really afford not to provide Alexandrians with a respite from the ravages of the present economy? Thank you for your time and consideration. I love the Duncan branch of the Alexandria library. I feel inadequate to convey just how much it has meant to me.

Susan L. Morrison, 12 West Custis Avenue



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Dear Alexandria Mayor and members of City Council,  
  
Please reconsider  
  
your recent decision to reduce the operating hours at the Duncan Library.

Duncan Library is an invaluable resource to all of us living in the  
surrounding communities - not only because of the greater distance to the



other branches, but also for its programs and community spaces. I feel strongly that the library must open at 9 am on weekdays to accommodate young children (library visits and storytime must occur before nap time!) and the library must remain open until 9 pm such that community groups may utilize the meeting space.

I can honestly tell you that I do not know what I would have done without the "Belly Talk" parenting group that meets there - it could not start any earlier than it does so there is no way it could conclude by 7 pm, and if it were held in another location I am sure I would not be able to attend as transportation is an issue for my family and the library is a place to which I can walk. Yet this program made an incredible difference in my life as I prepared for my first pregnancy. In addition, being a part of the group also made me feel much more connected to and committed to Alexandria as "my place" and I feel more a part of our city as a community because of it, especially because it is at the library which I frequent regularly as a library patron and am therefore very familiar with it.

**Comments:**

Again, please reconsider your decision to reduce the library's hours and preserve our beloved community resource!

Sincerely,  
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Honorable Council Members,

My wife and I were present at the October 17

Council meeting to support the SUP for the 7-11 on John Carlyle. I would like to praise you all as being level-headed, intelligent and even handed.

I was very impressed by your in-depth knowledge of the docket items as well as history relating to them.

**Comments:**

I am responding to the Mayor's request for taxpayer input relating to new or increased taxes to help with budget shortfalls. While I would never say I am in favor of higher taxes, I prefer increases in the local sales tax rather than the property tax. In these difficult times, everyone needs to share the load, not just property owners.

Respectfully,  
Robert Denson