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Dear City Council,

My name is Delinda Martinez and I came to speak today on behalf of Tenants and Workers United that represents thousands of Alexandria families.

I am here to ask you not to cut any health services for these families and as you go through the budget process that you invest in the clinics, medical personnel and services that keep Alexandrians healthy. Specifically I ask that you make sure the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services clinic is a priority in the budget and that you provide them the funds needed to expand their services.

Thank you and I hope you will do what is necessary to ensure all Alexandrians have quality health care.

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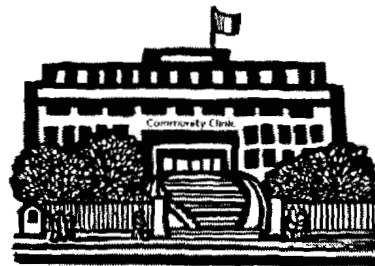
A Healthy City Depends on Quality Affordable Healthcare.

Thousands of Alexandrians lack a health care home due to repeated cuts to healthcare services, the economic crisis and unemployment. In the next few years, the need is expected to rise. City Council must act now to improve the health and prosperity of our City.

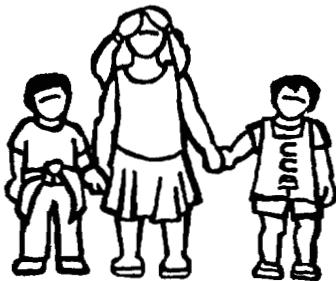
Over the last few years, the number of Alexandrians needing public health services has grown and the City and State have repeatedly cut funds for health services. Thousands of people have no place to go for medical and preventative care. Often they turn to the Emergency Room for care which is a costly and unsustainable outlet for healthcare.

The Health Department no longer not accepts new patients and only treats people that are pregnant, have an STD, or chronic disease. Everyone else is sent to the Arlandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc., a small clinic located in the Arlandria neighborhood.

But the ANHSI clinic does not have the necessary resources to provide adequate health care to the tens of thousands of patients they see each year, let alone handle the increased expected if the City of Alexandria continues to cut City health care resources.



We urge Alexandria City Council to make the health of all Alexandrians a priority and to invest in quality and affordable public health care services for All Alexandrians.



Increase funding for health care in Alexandria and put us on the path to progress. Healthy people produce and a healthy City prospers.

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Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (ANHSI)

**City of Alexandria Council Budget Public Hearing
Saturday, October 15, 2010 – 9:30 am**

I'm here today to express our appreciation for your continued commitment and support to ANHSI and to the patients receiving services at the Arlandria Health Center.

I want to give you a brief overview of the significant growth in demand for services in the past two years.

- **Between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009 ANHSI served 20,627 individuals which is a 54% increase in patients.**
- **82 percent of all patients or 16,914 were uninsured**
- **15, 883 were adult patients and of those, 94% or 14,930 were uninsured**
- **Now let me tell you about the increase in health care visits during the same two years...**

Between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009, 68,241 health care visits were held at our Health Center, which is a 55% increase in visits.

In two years we in effect DOUBLE the number of patients and the number of visits in order to meet the huge demand for primary health care.

- **During the same two years, we served 11,139 Alexandria City residents, who comprised 54% of all patients served during that period through 33,417 visits to our Health Center.**

Most likely these patients would have gone without care or ended in the emergency room were it not for the Arlandria Health Center.

I'm also here to let you know that another once in a lifetime opportunity in capital funding to build and renovate Community Health Centers will be available to **ANHSI and to the City of Alexandria** beginning this December or January when the first capital Request for Proposals is expected from HRSA.

The Health Care Reform Act includes \$11 Billion dollars (not \$11 million but \$11 billion) in capital funding for Community Health Centers around the country for construction and renovation.

We must, together, ANHSI and City Council, tap into these incredible capital funding opportunity to build the Community Health Center we need for our City. And we need a minimum of 25,000 of square feet of space to house all our services under one roof.

But our Board and staff cannot do this alone...

We need the knowledge, the resources, and the land or buildings available to the City to make this happen now while the opportunity is ripe. If we do not bring these dollars to the City, they will go to other cities across the country...

Once again, when the Request for Proposal will come out in 3 or 4 months, we all must be shovel ready to tap into those resources... so **WE MUST ACT VERY, VERY FAST!**

Request: On behalf of our Board of Directors I'm requesting that Council appoints a group comprised of at least two Council members and representatives from the City Manager's Office and from Planning and Zoning to work with ANHSI's representatives on this critical and urgent matter, so that together we can get shovel ready when the new capital funding opportunities become available....

Thank you!

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ANHSI BOARD PRESIDENT



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Testimony of Mr. Jason Middough
Northern Virginia Community College
City of Alexandria Representative

City of Alexandria Council Meeting
October 16, 2010

Mayor Euille and Council members, thank you for both this opportunity to speak and for your ongoing support of Northern Virginia Community College. My name is Jason Middough and I serve as the City's representative on the NOVA Board.

As you begin consideration of your Fiscal Year 2012 budget, within the context of the City's Strategic Plan, I ask that you view the college as a strategic partner to help realize at least six of your seven visionary goals.

A key part of both your first and fifth goals is the support of economic development along with business retention and expansion. Across Northern Virginia, higher education has long been recognized as a vital link in attracting and preserving quality development and the jobs that come with it. One of the key services NOVA provides City businesses and residents is workforce development training. This is a tool for attracting desired employers, an opportunity for existing employers to "grow their own" when new skills are needed, and a lifeline for struggling residents seeking better employment. We also partner with local community based organizations including Hopkins House, Year Up, Northern Virginia Family Services and others to offer training and apprenticeships.

Another part of the City's push for quality development can be found in Goal Three – with the specific objective of increasing transit options while emphasizing interjurisdictional coordination. As many of you already know, NOVA has been working with your planning staff to see how our Alexandria Campus can serve as the link between transit services planned for the Columbia Pike Corridor in Arlington and Fairfax and proposals for adding transit to the Beauregard Corridor. We see such transit improvements as a win-win for both the community and the college.

The strongest ongoing partnership between NOVA and the City is captured in Goal Four – supporting and enhancing the well-being, success and achievement of the City's children, youth and families. On average, we admit 20% of every T.C. Williams graduating class as new students each fall. We accomplish this by working closely with your school guidance counselors to ensure that students are prepared to succeed at

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NOVA and beyond. Over the past decade an average of 6,134 Alexandria residents are enrolled each year in credit classes along with hundreds more in not-for-credit classes. In addition, NOVA supports many more Alexandria families facing hard times through our close partnership with the City's community based organizations. This includes at least a half dozen different job training and placement programs.

Your sixth identified goal is to continue to ensure the safety and security of your residents. NOVA is proud to be the trainer of choice for 80% of the region's first responders. This covers everything from police and fire administration to emergency medical and Haz mat training.

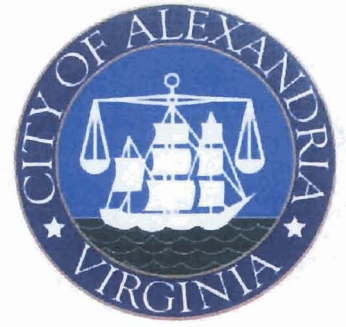
Finally, turning to your seventh goal, NOVA is a recognized provider of life-long learning opportunities. As space allows, the City's seniors can take classes at no charge to pursue new interests or to keep their minds engaged.

Again, NOVA is grateful to be a strategic partner as you plan for 2012 and beyond. As you consider your budget and your local capital commitment to NOVA, please remember that in order to continue serving literally thousands of City residents we will also need to have your continued support.

Thank you.

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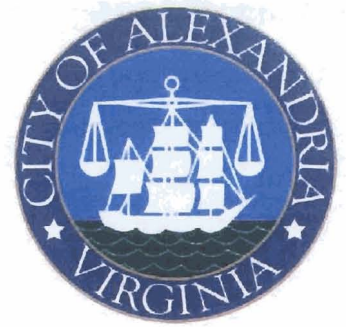


NOVA-City of Alexandria Partnerships



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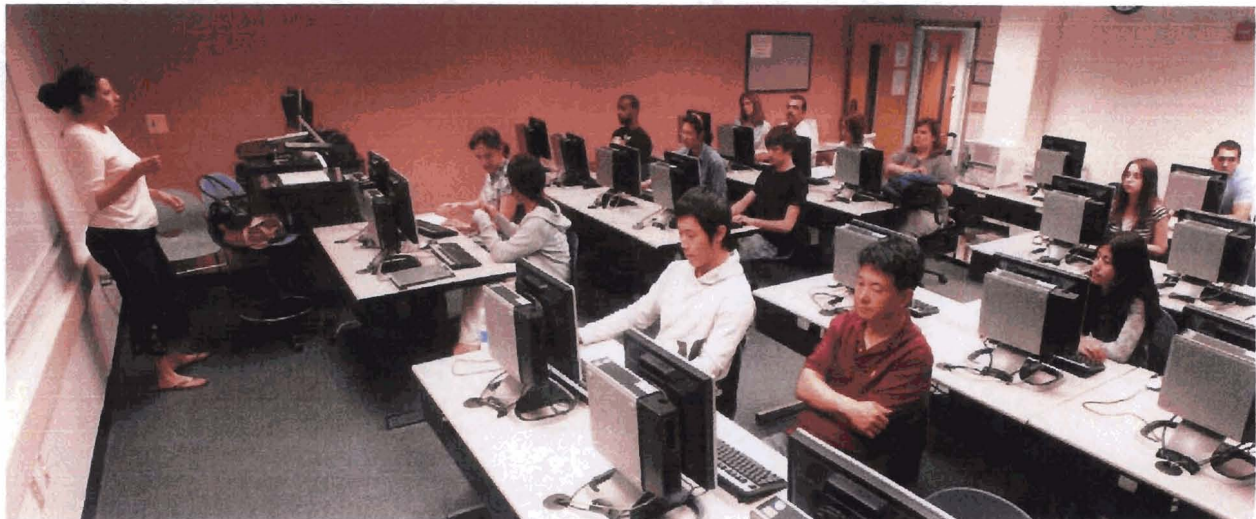


NOVA-City of Alexandria Partnerships Continuing Education

Northern Virginia Community College provides residents of the City of Alexandria with a wide variety of non-credit courses. Whether for personal enrichment or workforce development, NOVA's continuing education program offers engaging, short-term classes for the entire community. Classes are offered at NOVA's Alexandria Campus, located in the West End near the convergence of Arlington and Fairfax Counties with the City of Alexandria.

By the Numbers

Number of Classes Offered	105
Number of Students	1,090
Number of Instructors and Staff	81



NOVA-City of Alexandria Partnerships

Alexandria City Public Schools

College readiness is extremely important to success in higher education. To that end, NOVA has developed a strategic partnership with the Alexandria City Public School system. Several initiatives are designed to provide students with college credit while still enrolled in high school or to facilitate the transition from high school to college. Programs are targeted to assist students at all levels, from at-risk students to advanced placed students.

Dual Enrollment

Students are provided with the opportunity to earn college credit while simultaneously taking advanced high school courses. Those teaching these courses have been qualified as NOVA adjunct instructors.

- Number of Students 51
- Total Dual Enrolled Courses 3

Pathway to the Baccalaureate

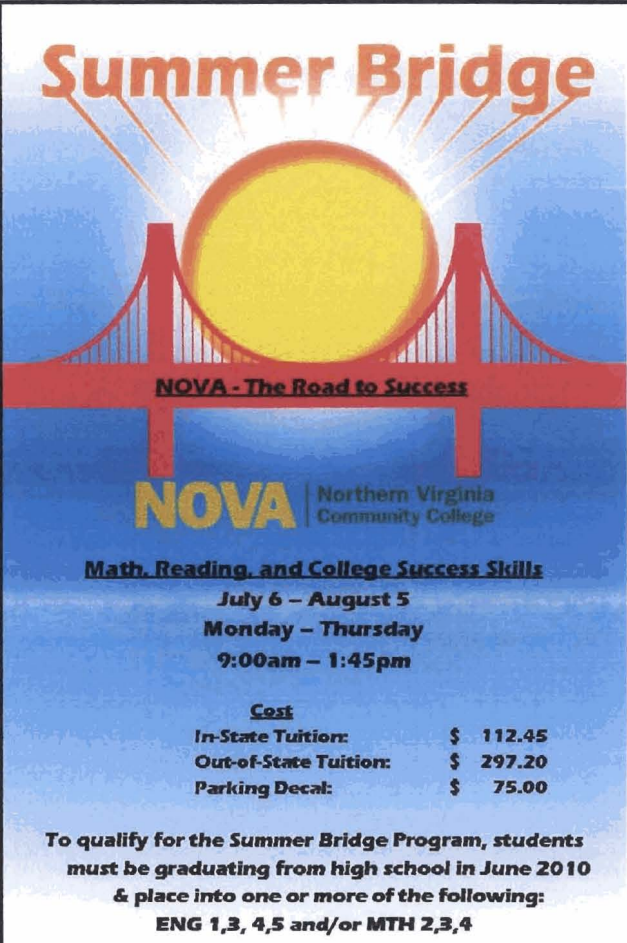
Pathway to the Baccalaureate is a consortium of education institutions in Northern Virginia: K-12 public schools (including the City of Alexandria), NOVA, and George Mason University. The three groups have joined forces to provide a web of support to students as they make the transition from high school to NOVA to George Mason University or another four-year institution. The program's goal is to improve college access and success for underrepresented students in higher education living in Northern Virginia. Pathway has emerged as an award-winning program model that has demonstrated remarkable outcomes in the areas of college access, success and persistence. Pathway students graduate from NOVA at more than twice the rate of the general student population. Additionally, 99% of Pathway graduates plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at universities across the country.

- ACPS Pathway Students 348
- NOVA-Alexandria Pathway Students 280

Summer Bridge

Offered to recent high school graduates, Summer Bridge allows students in developmental math and English courses to earn college credit through a college success skills course while completing remedial studies. The goal of the program is to increase the retention rates and college readiness of these students. Upon completion, students are eligible to retake the math and English placement tests in an effort to place into a higher level. Summer Bridge is also an Achieving the Dream initiative, which is a nationwide program focusing on student success. Summer Bridge is exclusive to the Alexandria Campus.

- Number of Participants (Summer 2010) 40
 - Percentage of Participants from Alexandria 42.5%
 - Percentage of Students Who Advanced 43.0%
- One or More Developmental Levels



Summer Bridge

NOVA - The Road to Success

NOVA | Northern Virginia Community College

Math, Reading, and College Success Skills
July 6 – August 5
Monday – Thursday
9:00am – 1:45pm

Cost

In-State Tuition:	\$ 112.45
Out-of-State Tuition:	\$ 297.20
Parking Decal:	\$ 75.00

To qualify for the Summer Bridge Program, students must be graduating from high school in June 2010 & place into one or more of the following:
ENG 1,3, 4,5 and/or MTH 2,3,4

Get a head start at NOVA's Alexandria Campus!

During the Summer Bridge Program students will:

- Complete one college credit: SDV 100 - College Success Skills
- Prepare for college-level work while working closely with NOVA English & Math faculty
- Experience college life and complete a service learning project all before the Fall Semester begins

Register Today!

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Building Careers and Community

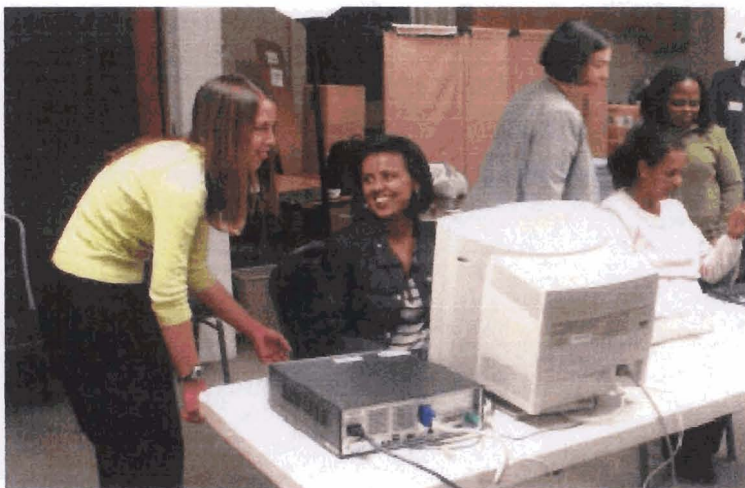
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City of Alexandria Community-Based Organization Partnerships

Together, the nation's community colleges and community-based organizations can form key components of a comprehensive workforce development system to benefit workers, the unemployed, and America's businesses by joining their job training programs. NOVA's community-based organization (CBO) partnership model provides CBO students with the opportunity to be co-enrolled as NOVA students, therefore, earning college credit and being eligible for financial aid. This model, exclusive to the Alexandria Campus, currently has six partnerships, one of which is with an organization located in the city of Alexandria.

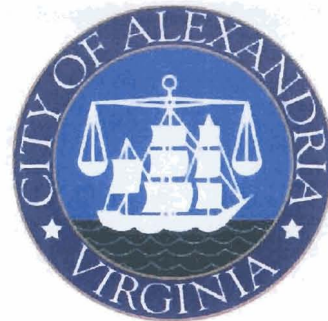
Computer C.O.R.E

The mission of Computer C.O.R.E. is to create a world where all people shall have the skills and confidence to pursue their dreams, reach their full potential, and make meaningful contributions to their communities. This is accomplished by helping low-income adults acquire the technological and life skills they need to pursue their career aspirations.



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Other City Involvement

Programs Focused on the Success of At-Risk Populations

Project Discovery and Great Expectations are two programs focused on increasing the success rate of at-risk populations. Project Discovery is geared towards helping low-income (and potentially first generation college) students succeed in high school with the end goal of enrolling these students into college courses upon graduation. Great Expectations is an initiative designed to increase the retention and graduation rates of foster children enrolled at NOVA. There are currently 17 foster children participating in the Great Expectations program, 12 of whom are represented by the Alexandria Department of Human Services (70.5%).

Local Motion

In 2010, the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College was recognized by the City of Alexandria's Local Motion program as a Gold Employer. This distinction acknowledged the city's efforts to provide green commuting choices for faculty and staff. To earn this award, the Alexandria Campus encouraged employees to consider green commutes at least three days a week and provided incentives for doing so.

Association Memberships

The Alexandria Campus is a member of two professional organizations within the City of Alexandria: The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the West End Business Association. Additionally, the Campus has supported other professional organizations in the City of Alexandria including the Eisenhower Partnership and the Quantico-Belvoir Regional Business Alliance who held a summit focusing on the positive impacts the BRAC 133 building will have on the business, housing, education, and workforce sectors.



BACCALAUREATE

2010-11 ALEXANDRIA CITY PROGRAM UPDATE

OUR MISSION

Since 2008, the Pathway to the Baccalaureate Program has facilitated access to a baccalaureate higher education for Alexandria City high school graduates who have both the desire and the capacity to achieve a baccalaureate degree, but whose likelihood of academic success and access to higher education would be significantly enhanced by receiving the special support and structural guidance provided by the Pathway Program. The program provides an environment for a smooth transition and increased retention and graduation of students from high school, through Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), to George Mason University or another university of the student's choice.

WHAT WE DO

The Pathway to the Baccalaureate Program provides support to students as they make the transition from high school to NOVA, throughout NOVA, and as they transfer from NOVA to George Mason or another university. Our interventions include:

- One-on-one meetings with a Pathway Counselor to prepare for college transition at participating high schools during the regular school day
- Regular workshops on college transition issues, including the application process, placement test preparation and applying for financial aid and scholarships
- Early placement testing and priority registration on-site at participating high schools
- Learning community/cohort courses and programming at NOVA and George Mason
- Over \$2 million in grant and scholarship funding dedicated to program participants
- Participation in academic, social, athletic and cultural events and early dual enrollment opportunities at both NOVA and George Mason University
- Designated program counselors on campus use one-stop, case management model to guide students through all aspects of their college careers
- Assistance with each step of transferring to a four-year college or university
- Guaranteed priority admission to Mason with an Associate's Degree and 2.50+ GPA

OUR ALEXANDRIA PROGRAM

In Alexandria City, the Pathway to the Baccalaureate Program operates in TC Williams High School. Pathway also operates in 36 high schools in Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Manassas City, Manassas Park and Prince William County.

OUR ALEXANDRIA STUDENTS

4975 students are expected to participate in Cohort 6 of the Pathway Program in 2010-11, including nearly 150 Alexandria City high school seniors. Nearly 300 Alexandria City students have been served by Pathway since 2008-09 and have demonstrated strong outcomes in transition, retention, graduation and transfer at NOVA and beyond.

PROGRAM ASSESSMENT DATA (COHORTS 1-4)

- 84% of students transition from high school directly into post-secondary education
- 12% of students transition directly from high school into a four-year institution
- 90% of students at NOVA persist from the first to the second semester
- 81% of students at NOVA persist from year-to-year
- 70% of students are in good academic standing after the first semester
- 98% of students earn college credit in the first year
- Associate-level graduation rate is more than double the NOVA average
- 66% of student deferrals and stop out students enroll/reenroll within one year
- Students exceed both college and national benchmarks in all measured outcomes¹

¹ For more information on Pathway to the Baccalaureate, visit our website: www.nvcc.edu/pathway

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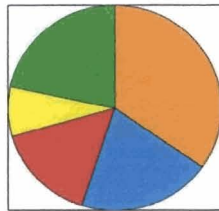


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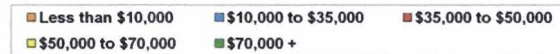
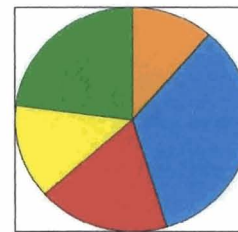
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STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS 2010-11 ACADEMIC YEAR

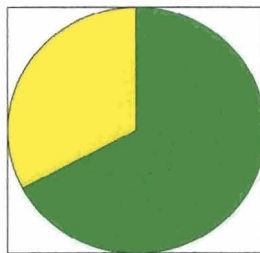
PATHWAY STUDENT ETHNICITY DATA



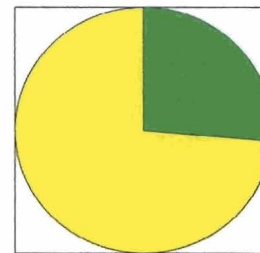
PATHWAY FAMILY SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA



FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT DATA



PATHWAY STUDENT DISABILITY DATA



ADDITIONAL STUDENT DATA

- High School GPA Range: 0.5 to 4.1; Median High School GPA: 2.50
- 35% of students completed at least one college-level course while in high school
- 55% of students completed at least one vocational/technical course while in high school
- 36% of high school participants receive free or reduced lunch
- 65% of participating students apply for Federal Financial Aid and/or scholarships
- Financial aid participation rate of NOVA Pathway students is more than double the college average
- 65% of high school participants are newly-identified by the Pathway Program, as they have not participated in other formal college access programs

PROGRAM RECOGNITION

Since its inception, the Pathway Program has been lauded as an innovative model of college access and success. Educational organizations across the nation have invited us to share our collaborative model, including the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, the National School Boards Association, National College Access Network and The College Board. The Pathway Program received the 2009 Virginia Excellence in Education Award as recognition of the program's successful and sustainable effort to increase college access and success. The program was the focus of a 2010 case study by the New America Foundation and was recently described by US News & World Report as "a national example" for promoting post-secondary success among at-risk student populations.

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COA Contact Us: Alexandria Chamber Preliminary Comments on FY2012 City Budget

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members,

Thank you for the
opportunity to provide our attached preliminary comments on the FY2012 City
Budget. We look forward to working with you throughout this process.

Comments:

Sincerely,

Tina Leone
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alexandria City Council

FROM: Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

DATE: October 15, 2010

RE: Alexandria Chamber Preliminary Comments to FY 2012 City Budget

The Chamber supports the City's commitment to budgetary transparency and we thank you for the opportunity to comment on next year's budget.

We again encourage you to have a greater emphasis on economic forecasting by the City and the development of a multi-year budget both for City operations and capital improvement projects. A multi-year budget will serve as a roadmap to achieve future goals with fiscal certainty, fostering private growth and development.

The Chamber urges the City Council to take a long term view toward fostering programs that promote business and that generate or increase revenue for the City. A strong, viable business community is central to the City's success. We encourage the City to maintain its funding for the economic development partners of Alexandria- the AEDP, ACVA and SBDC.

The Chamber also strongly supports the City's commitment to fund the much needed major transportation projects of Alexandria in order to support the existing and future traffic loads expected from increased development both within and around our City. However, reasonable minds may disagree on the most equitable approach for sourcing these funds. The Chamber will be engaging its members in a discussion regarding transportation improvements and the funding sources proposed by the City. With the continuing economic uncertainty, Alexandria's businesses may not be prepared to bear a disparate tax burden, particularly in light of other taxes and fees that have been imposed on businesses in recent years. The Chamber pledges to engage its members and Council in this discussion.

Challenging times also present opportunities for re-examination of long-established processes. The Chamber encourages the City further consider how it may maximize its existing resources, implementing greater efficiencies in its operation.

The Chamber looks forward to engaging the City staff and City Council in a healthy dialogue over the coming months on issues of transportation, development, education, public safety and tax policy.

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TO: William Euille, Mayor
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From: Sandra Genrich, Mount Vernon Recreation Center – Senior Program Participant

RE: Fiscal Year 2012 Budget: Support for Security Staffing at Recreation Centers

I strongly urge you to support increased funding for security staffing at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center and other recreation centers in Alexandria that have a need for enhanced security. I realize that the current financial situation is challenging and an obvious decision to contain costs is to freeze or cut staff positions. However, adequate staffing to assure a safe and secure environment at every recreation center in Alexandria is critical.

I am proud to be a resident of the City of Alexandria and appreciate all that Mayor Euille and City Council members have done to make Alexandria an outstanding place to live. Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to your final 2012 budget resolution regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sandra Genrich
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Citizen Input Regarding Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

As a resident of the City of Alexandria for almost 33 years, I have consistently been impressed by, and grateful for, the quality and scope of the services that Alexandria provides to its citizens. In working through the City's 2012 budget process, I hope the Council will continue to give appropriate consideration to mental health and substance abuse services, especially those available to our less fortunate residents.

The Council's Strategic Plan commits the City to pursue the following goals pertaining to mental health and substance abuse:

1. GOAL NUMBER 2, Objective 1, looks to "maintain and expand essential health and behavioral health services."
2. GOAL NUMBER 6, Objective 1, looks to "expand citywide initiatives and services for persons with mental illnesses."
3. GOAL NUMBER 7, Objective 3, seeks to "maintain safety net services with a focus on prevention services."

It seems unnecessary to go beyond the language already contained in the Strategic Plan. All I ask is that the budget process reflect as closely as possible the goals so clearly spelled out in the Plan, and note that several of the goals specifically use the word "expand" in addition to the word "maintain."

As only one example the type of difficulties that ensue when budgets are cut, Community Services Board staff have called to my attention the cutbacks forced on their Outpatient Substance Abuse Team. Last year the Team reduced services in response to budget cuts resulting in the loss of a therapist position. Several support groups were eliminated, a wait list was created and referrals for individual therapy were limited. The effects were felt *directly* by Alexandria citizens.

In summary, mindful of the scarcity of resources, I respectfully suggest that the Council give budget priority to the services that *directly* affect Alexandria citizens, and especially those citizens most at risk or in need.

Thank you for all you do. You make Alexandria a city we are all proud to call home.

Daniel Sweeney, Jr.
22 East Oak Street