

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Community Feedback

Information captured from April 30, 2021 through May 13, 2021

Survey

Allocation and Use Responses

If it were up to you (and assuming each costs about the same), how would you allocate \$100 among each of the following service areas?

(Note, the aggregated responses below are shown as percentages rather than dollar amounts)

Business Recovery and Workforce Development	14.01%	Economic Recovery	23.64%
Housing	12.35%	Human Services	25.37%
Health and Social Services	13.01%	CIP	51.00%
Cultural Art, History and Events	9.63%		
Infrastructure	19.65%		
Technology	11.89%		
Emergency Services	8.50%		
Government efficiency	4.71%		
City facility improvements	6.24%		

In your opinion, should the City prioritize projects that...

	Percent	Responses
Focus on those projects that directly relate to an issue or challenge that was created or exaggerated by COVID-19	16.70%	220
Focus on projects that are a critical investment for the City's future, regardless of their connection to COVID-19	31.20%	410
There should be a balance between those projects that related to the impacts of COVID-19 and those that are a critical investment for the City's future	52.10%	684
	Total	1,314

Open Ended Survey Responses

Economic Recovery

Workforce

1. support for paid internships/jobs for young people during the summer, as they may be an important source of income for families stretched during COVID
2. Programs/projects should be developed to aid low/moderate income individuals in developing a greater understanding of financial literacy and money management and other areas designed to elevate, educate and give hope for a greater future. In addition, training should be offered that is focused on skill development in technology so low/moderate income individuals who are unemployed as a result of COVID-19 can find more suitable employment.
3. Working with small businesses in the area to help them hire, creating local mini jobs fairs for local companies.
4. I'd like to recommend additional employment services to people who are homeless and need better access to jobs (and perhaps job training/workforce development programs).
5. Training and job placement for people who are looking for work. - help employers to improve their work force
6. Maybe a work program for people who lost their businesses in 2020
7. A program to market to the community free computer use at the library to help people apply for jobs who lost employment during the pandemic would be useful.
8. Promote trade training/certification programs for well paying technical jobs for high school graduates.
9. Workforce training and education programs or grants for residents in lower income brackets and/or lower skilled jobs who want to switch career fields or enhance their competitiveness for higher skilled jobs/fields
10. Training and job placement for people who are looking for work. - help employers to improve their work force.
11. Promote trade training/certification programs for well paying technical jobs for high school graduates.
12. As to economic impact to residents: Hardest hit were the low income residents, Address the need for training and guaranteed wages, benefits for the trades people, including construction workers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, etc. Work Force Development centers needs to reach out at high school level to this population.
13. Training and job placement for people who are looking for work. - help employers to improve their work force.
14. Prioritizing reskill/upskill programs for those disrupted by the pandemic and include wraparound services like childcare/social services assistance to enable people to take advantage of workforce development opportunities in high-wage & high-demand jobs with growth potential.
15. Job training. Alexandria needs a more educated workforce so residents can work in the community.
16. Support early childhood workforce development.
17. Funds for contracting workforce development, up-skilling, re-skilling, and preparation of employment opportunities (not Alexandria Workforce Development Center) STEM programs for underserved youth to prepare for future employment opportunities.

18. Early childhood education Career training & assistance finding work Programs to assimilate immigrants
19. Support childcare for all Alexandria families so women, primary care givers, can get back to work.

Arts, History, and Events

1. Theaters closed during the pandemic, and these venues generate income for several sectors of the economy. The City has a significant opportunity with the completion of a new theater building for MetroStage, Alexandria's only professional theater. It will provide an anchor for the new North Old Town arts district.
2. Matching grants for the capital campaign of MetroStage, the arts anchor in the Old Town North Small Area Plan.
3. MetroStage theatre! To further enhance the growth potential and arts for the North end.
4. I would like funding to help the Arts industry recover, specifically the performing arts
5. I am writing in particular support for Metro Stage and the Arts District in North Old Town. By supporting the building fund for MetroStage's new theatre in Old Town North, this grant would support the "cultural infrastructure" and help the City fulfill the OTN Small Area Plan by establishing a designated Arts District. The theatre, which is a central feature of the Arts District, will be a permanent establishment and be an economic catalyst supporting multiple facets of the community, including restaurants, hotels, retail, residential and more, all of which will benefit the City with tax revenue. A dollar for dollar match would encourage contributors to participate in the Capital Campaign, attracting corporate, foundation, and individual donors. Covid-19 has caused a shutdown of all theatres, and MetroStage must raise \$1.5 million to outfit the building at 901 N. Fairfax St. and reopen. A fully equipped theatre would serve MetroStage and its award-winning programs, but, in addition, it will serve the community as a meeting/gathering space for special events. This money would go to the permanent building structure, not programming, so it would have a long-term impact. (The theatre has a 30-year lease.) Building out the "cultural infrastructure" is vital, and the future of the area would be assured with a contribution from this fund
6. Funding for programs to increase Alexandria's tourism and hospitality sector. More funding to help pay for more outdoor dining, more street closures like the 100 block of King Street, waiving business fees/permits/taxes, or grants to help entrepreneurs get businesses off the ground. TV advertising (similar to Williamsburg ads) to encourage people in other parts of the state to visit Alexandria and Mt. Vernon
7. Fund MetroStage Theater reconstruction in The Venue to ensure theater, dance and music performance can thrive in new facility in Old Town Alexandria
8. Full funding for cultural arts and impacts of Covid and spend by 12 - 31-2022.
9. Full funding of the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant as well as fully funding programming grants to support artists and arts organizations. This request, which was submitted by the Office of the Arts, is for \$170,000.
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13. Fully fund the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant! The small groups that would benefit from this grant are some of the hardest hit during the pandemic, yet the arts are so vitally important to the health of a community.
14. fully funding the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant as well as fully funding programming grants to support artists and arts organizations
15. fully funding the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant as well as fully funding programming grants to support artists and arts organizations..
16. Fully funding the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant, at the Office of the Arts request of \$170K.
17. Fixing the infrastructure of the Torpedo Factory, marketing the arts as a major attraction. Getting the art center staff back in the building. The art center is unique in the world and a huge draw. A tourist on King Street would not even know it exists. It needs some care and appreciation!
18. By supporting the building fund for MetroStage's new theatre in Old Town North, this grant would support the "cultural infrastructure" and help the City fulfill the OTN Small Area Plan by establishing the designated Arts District. The theatre, which is a central feature of the Arts District, will be a permanent establishment and be an economic catalyst supporting multiple facets of the community, including restaurants, hotels, retail, residential and more, all of which will benefit the City with tax revenue. A dollar for dollar match would encourage contributors to participate in the Capital Campaign, attracting corporate, foundation, and individual donors. Covid-19 has caused a shutdown of all theatres, and MetroStage must raise \$1.5 million to outfit the building at 901 N. Fairfax St. and reopen. As the oldest professional theatre in Northern Virginia (established in 1984), money from this fund would play a significant role in completing the buildout and the anticipated reopening in early 2022. A fully equipped theatre would serve MetroStage and its award-winning programs, but, in addition, it will serve the community as a meeting/gathering space for special events. This money would go to the permanent building structure, not programming, so it would have a long-term impact. (The theatre has a 30 year lease.) Building out the "cultural infrastructure" is vital and the future of the area would be assured with a contribution from this fund
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20. Art and art therapy
21. While people seem to see local art as non-essential, covid will have decimated small arts orgs & artists in business for themselves, & this will change the entire culture of the city. To combat this, please consider switching the focus of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts from constantly trying to monetize the Torpedo Factory, as it seems to have been doing for some time, to helping publicize & feature the work of local artists actually in business in Alexandria
22. Full funding the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant. This request, which was submitted by the Office of the Arts, is for \$170K.
23. Please support the arts and makers in our community!

24. Low income/ Free entertainment facilities are very much needed.
25. Alexandria claims to value history. That is what makes Alexandria different from Arlington. Old bldgs. need maintenance. How can anyone even consider \$100 of any use?
26. The Office of Historic Alexandria has a significant role in developing The Cities tourism, culture artistic vibrancy, creating a place of American historical significance. Not only does this directly impact commercial development, it promotes recreation, health and welfare of it's citizens, such as a "Historical Interpretive Trail in Fort Ward Park.
27. Support for exhibits and programming at Freedom House
28. Supporting the local library. Use the money to add back to the library's budget, which has taken a hit every year for almost a decade. Invest in the creative, cultural and educational opportunities that the libraries offer.
29. I also support full funding for the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant as well as full funding for programming grants to support artists and arts organizations. This request, which was submitted by the Office of the Arts, is for \$170,000.
30. It is my hope that the Alexandria African American story can be enhanced and told. It would help if "WayFinding Signs can be placed along the AA Heritage Waterfront Trails as well in the AA Neighborhoods. It too would be of great help if the Black History Museum budget can be increased to hire staff.
31. fully fund the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant
32. Please fully fund the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant that was submitted by the office of the arts in the amount of \$170,000.
33. Please strive to fully fund the arts
34. Support the art and culture infrastructure that is critical for the economic recovery.
35. Fully fund the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant, also fully fund programming grants to support artists and arts organizations. This request, for \$170,000, was submitted by the Office of the Arts.
36. --Interpretation of Alexandria's African American history --Digitization of archival collections -- 275th anniversary of the founding of Alexandria projects
37. Fully fund the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant and programming grants to support artists and arts organizations
38. Support cultural arts, history and events.
39. Invest in creating a cultural center, like the Durant Center, to build community
40. Archeology and it's support of smart development
41. fully funding the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant
42. Enhance and recover the city's cultural attractions. Provide infrastructure to make more of Old Town a car-free pedestrian zone
43. Art Relief Infrastructure
44. Arts Grants and Alexandria cultural organizations Sewer upgrade
45. broadband expansion
46. Support for the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant
47. Support gig economy workers who have lost everything for a year with lively open-proposal grant programs and support small business owners as well as immigrant support programs including <https://www.immigrantwelcomecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/4.1.2021-LEI-Grant-for-BELL-Program.pdf>

48. Support grants that fund artists!! The Art community is a huge part of what makes alexandria such a treasure. I'm asking for full funding of the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant
49. Support Torpedo Art Center to offer help to artists who can't afford to maintain studios there because of the Pandemic, Old Town Alexandria--so that the Art Center becomes more vibrant and serves the community better
50. respond to the public heath and its negative economic impacts bring the arts back to life
51. Our city's arts community has been hit hard by the pandemic since they rely on large gatherings to perform and fundraise. I urge that the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant is fully funded.
52. Over the 3 years of funding eligibility, take care to not overfund the current crisis AS you move toward porjects with lasting effects
53. It would be beneficial to see funding go towards the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant as well as fully funding programming grants to support artists and arts organizations
54. I would specifically support the Alexandria Singers. Arts are critical to the mental health and we'll being of a community. And they have lost significant revenue de to Covid-19. Their mission of arts, education, and inspiration is vital to our emotional and economic recovery.
55. I'd like to see us expand the interpretation of Alexandria's African American history.
56. I would like to record my full support for fully funding the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant. This request, which was submitted by the Office of the Arts, is for \$170K
57. I think we are all tired of what has to be done. it would be nice to have an event to let people just have fun and forget for a little but about COVID. A block party in the must needed areas with hot dogs and water would go a long way to lift people's spirits
58. Alexandria Symphony Orchestra
59. The Alexandria arts community was hit hard by COVID-19 pandemic. Arts organizations and individual artists were not able to obtain funding from the CARES ACT program. In is vital to provide financial support to Alexandria-based individual artists and arts organizations to give them financial stability, which will allow them the opportunity to produce high quality arts programs either free or at low costs, enabling more Alexandrians to participate and benefit from arts experiences. The arts organizations are nonprofits businesses and individual artists run small businesses who economically support tourism, travel, and the hospitality industries in Alexandria. The American Rescue Funds will help with rebuilding arts audiences, help artists and arts organizations focus on their missions, and enhance the in-person arts experiences whereby stimulating the local economy and have an impact on the quality of life in Alexandria. Alexandria.
60. Waterfront Museum
61. Support the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant as well as programming grants to support artists and arts organizations.
62. Symphony support
63. Support for the arts is critical and severe funding gaps might cause irreparable loss of the talent (artists, musicians, actors, etc.) and is not easily ramped up.
64. rent forgiveness for artists at the Torpedo Factory
65. Public history that will enhance tourism and improve overall community
66. Put these funds into the arts and the creative people of that sector will begin generating more revenue at once. Other funding will be available for issues like physical infrastructure and emergency services. Thank you.

67. Provide cultural activities that would attract young couples or families to Alexandria, such as the concept of a Low-key background music on the weekend afternoons just before dinner in city Hall Plaza bandstand.
68. Promotes the arts and grants and other support to record and preserve this important part of our history!
69. Projects to benefit the city's museums, since they have been closed for much of the pandemic. Historic Alexandria has special projects related to the 275th anniversary of the city's founding, the 250th anniversary of the American War for Independence, and programs to highlight African American history.
70. Please don't forget Alexandria's museums when considering the priorities for this funding. The City's museums are an indispensable link in the City's tourism industry. Archeology and historic preservation are a big part of what makes Alexandria such a desirable destination--if it becomes no different than any of its neighbors, not only will a priceless history be lost, but the tourism industry will suffer significantly.
71. please fully fund arts Relief and Recovery Grant
72. Office of Historic Alexandria projects are vital to our tourism, building jobs within the community, and making our town special. This serves both the local and tourist community
73. I think it would be beneficial to the community to fund the Arts Relief and /recovery Grants and to support artists and art programs.
74. Investment in outdoor venues (creating, expanding). Amphitheaters, parks, creating semi-outdoor store groupings of local, independent stores like Union Market in DC and the Arts Walk (<https://www.monroestreetmarket.com/>). Would be fantastic to incorporate near the new metro or somewhere easily accessible.
75. Like all the Alexandria indoor museums, Alexandria Black History Museum has had to be closed and had limited ability to raise funds because of Covid. It has several positions that need to be filled, especially with the addition of Freedman's House Black history sites which require interpretation, and the need to staff it as well as the main museum.
76. Local artists, youth public art
77. Fully fund Artist Recovery Grant Rent relief for those small businesses and individuals most negatively effected by Covid
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83. fully fund the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant; any worthwhile initiative for small business!
84. Fully funding the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant and programming grants to performing arts organizations.
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87. Funding the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant for arts organizations and artists severely impacted due to COVID-19
88. Freedom House
89. Freedom House and outdoor African-American history projects
90. Arts relief and recovery and funding for artists Small business relief
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92. Any project completed under Historic Alexandria would benefit the city in compounding ways. It would compensate for revenue reductions due to COVID-19 as well as employ untold other Alexandrians in the completion of projects. Investing in history/museum sector projects will play a future role in continuing to bring tourism to Alexandria.
93. \$15K to Alexandria Symphony for Alexandria Birthday Party to celebrate end of Covid restrictions.
94. Small grants to help keep arts organizations going until the pandemic is over would be great.
95. Provide funding for the symphony which closed during the pandemic.
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105. Fully fund grants for the arts and artists. This benefits all citizens by providing positive and uplifting things to do while the city recovers from a difficult year... and beyond. This might take the form of a small concert series in various areas of the city. The City can do more to support its symphony and various arts organizations as it grows and develops by leveraging some City funds with private donations and sponsorships. In my opinion, our city is behind other cities of the same size in supporting the place making, community spirit- building and cultural benefits of performing arts in the community. The City should play a leadership role in working with the new big companies coming in and helping its arts organizations. I have lived in Savannah, Orlando, Honolulu, and other cities due to being a military spouse and can say that other cities have done a lot more to use art as a positive way to bring its citizens together. There is so much that can be done here if only the City had the will to do it! It's as much about the will to lead than about the money!

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109. Fund food security and the arts
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112. Support the Arts Relief and Recovery Grant as well as programming grants to support artists and arts organizations.
113. Symphony support
114. grants for city services for outdoor events like running races
115. rent forgiveness for artists at the Torpedo Factory
116. Put these funds into the arts and the creative people of that sector will begin generating more revenue at once. Other funding will be available for issues like physical infrastructure and emergency services. Thank you.
117. Investment in outdoor venues (creating, expanding). Amphitheaters, parks, creating semi-outdoor store groupings of local, independent stores like Union Market in DC and the Arts Walk (<https://www.monroestreetmarket.com/>). Would be fantastic to incorporate near the new metro or somewhere easily accessible.
118. Many businesses were forced to shut down for months and months in 2020 - while the city has been very accommodating in deferring rent payments, businesses are trying to recover, slowly, while now tacking on months of rent in arrears. Help towards business rent abatement could be one priority.
119. I think it would be beneficial to the community to fund the Arts Relief and /recovery Grants and to support artists and art programs.
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131. Arts relief and recovery grant
132. \$15K to Alexandria Symphony for Alexandria Birthday Party to celebrate end of Covid restrictions.
133. Advertising for the hotel, restaurant and retail trades that make Alexandria a vibrant community. Hotels & Restaurants have seen 70% reduction in staff due to COVID and we need to bring this industry back; these wages stay in our community.
134. Advertising into Alexandria to build back loss revenues.
135. AEDP, Visit Alexandria, Old Town Business
136. Please use some of the funds to support the arts, especially arts groups based in the City who entertain and engage with underserved parts of the population.
137. Please support the full \$170K request for re-granting funds related to cultural arts programming. Many of our professional arts orgs are hanging by a thread, were not eligible for prior CARES funding, and are critical to making Alexandria a vibrant community and destination. It's a very small drop in the bucket of total ARPA funding with a very high return on investment. Thank you!
138. 275 birthday celebration and related tourism promotion
139. I would also like to see some funds put towards enhancements and programming for the Alexandria Black History Museum within the Office of Historic Alexandria.
140. Increase arts funding.
141. more city events that bring the community together
142. music festivals & family events
143. Investment in outdoor venues (creating, expanding). Amphitheaters, parks, creating semi-outdoor store groupings of local, independent stores like Union Market in DC and the Arts Walk (<https://www.monroestreetmarket.com/>). Would be fantastic to incorporate near the new metro or somewhere easily accessible.

Taxes and Finance

1. Please do not invest in programs and projects that have year over year costs that would result in taxpayer burden of property tax increase
2. Fuel the economy which generates taxes that support all other needs. Our business rebound, jobs rebound all falls in line.
3. Compensate for revenue reductions due to Covid-19

4. Heavily invest in growing the City's private employment & commercial tax base which was shrinking before the pandemic. Residential taxpayers are overburdened & residential revenues (taxes, fees, etc) will not be anywhere near enough to fund the City's deferred, current or future needs which are daunting.
5. Compensate for revenue reduction and support infrastructure
6. Refund money to taxpayers in the form of lower property taxes and business taxes. The government spends too much money.

Businesses

1. Old Town is full of vacancies from businesses that closed due to the pandemic. We should invest in marketing and offer tax incentives and grants under the federal findings to entice Small businesses to fill the vacancies.
2. Rent/debt relief for those impacted by jobs lost during covid - credits for Small businesses offering health benefits
3. Provide free parking or transportation for restaurant workers on King and Union.
4. To help local small businesses recover so they can have jobs for residents
5. Upgrade to economic impact on businesses and residents.
6. Strengthening the City's business organizations and business assistance programs.
7. Small Business and Restaurant Recovery
8. Restaurant bail out funds
9. provide assistance to small businesses through grant/loan programs such as the SBA does
10. Provide funding/other resources to restaurants and other small businesses that closed due to COVID-19-related financial hardships to help them re-open or start a new business.
11. Provide money to the establish business associations so they can support the recovery of their businesses through marketing and other support, which will also serve to strengthen ties with the community and draw people into the Alx area
12. Promotion of small businesses, local interests and restaurants to encourage tourism and stimulate our economy. Help people affected by lack of services and necessities through providing food and services
13. Perform outreach that results in detailed data about economics impacts to businesses and property owners that includes information and any demographics of ownership and consumers if possible. Short term financial relief for those impacted by flooding while long term Projects are completed. Rent relief and long term financial supports and engagement for this impacted by loss of housing options.
14. Permanently close more sections of King Street to car traffic
15. Old Town needs a BID. Now more than ever, of course. I'm aware that OT is not the entire City but the tax revenue generated there is the City's life's blood. To at long last have an organization that can bring together the City and the business community for the common good - special event production, street beautification and more - is a critical issue at this time. We all must come together to ensure the survival and growth of the Old Town business community.
16. More assistance to small businesses and more support for lower income residents--housing, food, jobs, etc
17. KEEP BUSINESSES OPEN - compensate for revenue reductions, and encourage employees to return to work.

18. Invest in beautifying "upper King st".
19. I would use money to help small business community and support the old town business association
20. I would like to permanently close King St. except for the major cross streets.
21. I would focus on programs that allow local, small businesses both established and new navigate the complexities of doing business in the City of Alexandria. A healthy , thriving small business community builds relationships within their local neighborhoods and the City, employs local residents, draws visitors to the City contributing to the overall financial health of the City and the region
22. Fund small businesses who can prove a loss of revenue due to Covid and help the business make payroll rather than spending more on compensation checks for those not working.
23. Fund Alexandria Business Associations that have worked hard to keep all their businesses open.
24. city infrastructure improvements and pro business programs will help this city recover from pandemic quicker
25. Boost businesses that were negatively impacted by covid
26. Any program that would help get small businesses back on their feet. A lot of the grants to help small businesses only helped them in the short term; many businesses are still negatively impacted long after those funds have been used up
27. Alexandria Small Business Development Center to help small businesses recover from the devastating loss of revenues due to Covid
28. All of the funding should go to small business. Our small businesses took massive cuts and several business owners were forced to permanently close and sell their property due to the government mandated lockdowns and strict limits on customers. Completely unfair to force a business to only receive X amount of customers, etc.. Federal assistance shouldn't be going to other projects.
29. Fund BIDs to help businesses and restart tourism
30. Targeted funding for independent (non-chain) small businesses 2) Targeted relief for restaurant industry workers
31. Continued easy access to business loans &/or grants for small businesses.
32. Strengthening the City's business organizations and business assistance programs
33. The volunteer response was incredible thru this - I believe directly from organizations such as Volunteer Alex. Somehow some of this recovery funds plan should be supporting the philanthropic groups in the city so that these groups can remain vital and limber
34. Old Town Business Association's response to COVID helped small businesses in Old Town survive 2020. This was done on a shoestring budget with a small group of overwhelmed volunteers. A little seed money would go a long way to ensure OTBA's continued success in supporting local small businesses navigate COVID and whatever challenges may follow. Visit Alexandria will be necessary to start drawing tourists back into the City. Give a little extra here so we can really push for more tourism/ tourism revenue to make up for a lost year. I'd rather put money towards a big 2021 than just handouts for a bad 2020.
35. I. Small business GRANTS for Alexandria businesses with less than 50 employees: 1. revenue reductions due to COVID 19, not covered by PPP (PPP gave us 16 weeks of payroll, and we're in WEEK 60 trying to keep 10 people employed as we recover) 2. advertising and recruiting for

hiring (recruiters, headhunters, indeed, zip recruiters, online job advertising) 3. advertising (online ads, direct mail, and traditional newspaper print ads)

36. Due to the impact of COVID-19, our small business community, accepted the challenges and changes. We worked closely with city staff and other organizations to pivot and to gain momentum to move upward and onward. Our small business associations should be offered a matching grant opportunity to continue moving forward in a positive environment. In 2020, our organization, Old Town Business, accepted the City's offer of a TRIAL closure of the 100 block of King for 3 months. The businesses gained a renewed sense of value in the transformation, and currently it still exists. In addition, OTB worked closely with city staff and the restaurants and retailers to engage in outdoor dining and retail opportunities to invigorate their businesses due to limited capacity inside their businesses. In addition, we worked to enhance the annual 2 day sidewalk sale to encourage visitors to come shop in our shops. We strengthened our relationship with Visit Alexandria to create a more robust holiday shopping season. As the cold weather set in, OTB joined forces with city staff to work on opportunities for restaurants to survive the winter months, such as tents and heaters. In the new year, 2021, we transformed the Warehouse Sale into the Walkable Warehouse Sale, so merchants remained in their shops and encouraged shoppers to come inside or to shop online. OTB persevered and hosted 4 Vaccine Clinics for restaurant and retail employees. There was a renewed sense of trust among merchants and city staff, and a positive atmosphere of moving forward and thinking more creatively of how businesses could survive and thrive. We feel strongly that if the City offered us a \$200,000 matching grant opportunity, we would be able to do even more, and build upon our successes thus far. We are currently pursuing 4 parklets to enhance upper King and an area on the Strand. We believe that with additional funding, we will continue to enhance and build upon our new strengths and talents. We look forward to strengthening our relationships with city staff, and hope to build new opportunities to thrive in our future together within this community.
37. Focus on ways to continue to support small business. Provide pay/a paid position to those in the business associations that organize major events that have helped keep the business community active, connected, and alive.
38. Although we definitely need the water problem addressed and to keep city beautification alive to encourage more tourists to shop and tour I think that the businesses desperately needs grants the have in the near past kept us alive economically speaking. I do not see recovery happening without more direct cash and forgivable loans. Retail business is essential to recover, especially now.
39. Provide more funding for regional marketing initiatives
40. Provide funding for a Walk in Old Town North that would attract tourists and residents of other neighborhoods toward the riches of Old Town North and induce them to spend at neighborhood restaurants and shops.
41. Provide funding for established business organizations to hire professional staff to expand marketing programs and inform/guide local businesses. The business groups have achieved a lot using volunteer labor, and could be so much more effective in helping drive regional spending toward Alexandria-based businesses. 2. Provide funding for Small Area Plan Implementation. The City should be proactive on implementation, not just reactive to private sector development proposals. It takes more than a new building to make a small area plan

work. For each small area plan that has significant economic development potential, there should be someone who can pull together various sources of funds, contributions, community initiatives, and in general promote the area and work toward realizing the plan's vision. Old Town North would be a perfect place to start.

42. Support to small/family owned businesses particularly in the Old Town and Del Ray neighborhoods
43. The funds should be used to upgrade Alexandria's waterfront to reduce flooding, promote outdoor recreation, and increase tourism/economic activity on the waterfront (which have been hammered by covid).
44. whatever brings the tourists back
45. Alexandria's trade and business arm have to create and bring programs to the forefront that won't just move us away from the grasp of COVID, but also move the city into the future. That means critical changes in future developments, proper funding of local organizations like Visit Alexandria and supporting the city's strongest revenue generators like restaurants, the arts, and the hotel industry
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48. Targeted funds for helping local, independent businesses
49. Small business grants aimed at businesses which were directly impacted by the pandemic and with a focus on the tour/travel and hospitality sectors.
50. Recycling, reusable program with Old Town businesses
51. Provide support for the small business person. It is known that the majority of Americans work for small and medium sized businesses. Take care of the small business will sustain and boost employment, which will enable an increased number of people to pay their bills
52. Provide each Alexandria resident a cash voucher that can be used at a locally owned business (restaurant, corner store, etc). Provides at least some good news for residents and, in the aggregate, a big boost to small business. The total amount of the stimulus could work out to about \$400 a resident. Surely some percentage of that should be dedicated to a win-win proposition like vouchers.
53. Promoting the city to attract visitors from the DC area would help small businesses
54. Permanently block to traffic the 100 block of King Street
55. Many businesses were forced to shut down for months and months in 2020 - while the city has been very accommodating in deferring rent payments, businesses are trying to recover, slowly, while now tacking on months of rent in arrears. Help towards business rent abatement could be one priority.
56. Invest in small businesses to keep Alexandria thriving. That includes boutique shops, locally owned restaurants, tourism and support for arts.
57. I think brick and mortar retail in our city needs some help. Restaurants are great for a vibrant downtown and they have already received a lot of assistance. A vibrant downtown needs good retail too. Our visitors and our citizens both benefit from lively commerce.

58. Business grants to support businesses hit by COVID to help them hire, train, and retain their workforce and support new business models if needed.
59. Alexandria needs to continue to support the backbone of our business community: small businesses, which are only beginning to recover from our covid year. More GRANT monies, so no further crippling debt is incurred.
60. aid retail, hospitality and restaurants.
61. Make Old Town more pedestrian friendly like blocking streets from city hall to water permanently.
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64. If there is a focus on business recovery, it should favor local unique stores as opposed to chain stores. Also, as someone who lives off of union, we hate that the first block is closed off and restaurants are out there. It is such a cheesy tourist scene and takes away from Old Town's charm.
65. More opportunities for nonprofits and and minority small businesses
66. Tourism marketing for hospitality industry
67. West end revitalization efforts
68. The conversion of King St in Old Town to a walking mall would help business recovery by creating added revenue with more seating for restaurants, create more of a draw to the city by visitors, and make the vacant commercial spaces more attractive to potential businesses. A King St Walking Mall would also address the issue of indoor dining that is more than likely stuck with us after enduring an airborne illness for the last year and a half. Many folks will always be more comfortable dining outside from now on. The costs wouldn't be that high nor would the reduction of parking. It's a win win for everyone and there will never be a better time to make this conversion than right now. It's been a huge hit on the 100 Block and the public loves the outdoor dining on the rest of the street. It's time.
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81. Compensate for revenue reductions. Small loans or grants would help a lot.
82. Fuel the economy which generates taxes that support all other needs. Our business rebound, jobs rebound all falls in line.
83. Compensate for Revenue Reductions. As a Hotel Sales Manager, I lost a chunk of my salary and was furloughed for several months.
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92. Advertising for the hotel, restaurant and retail trades that make Alexandria a vibrant community. Hotels & Restaurants have seen 70% reduction in staff due to COVID and we need to bring this industry back; these wages stay in our community.
93. Advertising into Alexandria to build back loss revenues.
94. AEDP, Visit Alexandria, Old Town Business
95. As to economic impact to residents: Hardest hit were the low income residents, Address the need for training and guaranteed wages, benefits for the trades people, including construction workers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, etc. Work Force Development centers needs to reach out at high school level to this population.
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99. Help restaurants or other businesses at risk of going out of business.
100. Rental and business assistance
101. The cost of renting workspace in addition to high taxes in Alexandria appears to be prohibitive for small business. Alexandria is a very pleasant place to live and visit however part of this charm is small shops and local business. These are being driven out and replaced by large companies and chain restaurants. More could be done to attract and keep small business and maintain the character of Alexandria. There appears to be a disconnect between the Board of Architectural Review and the planning office when it comes to creation and enforcement of regulation relating to buildings. Many of the new builds (mainly large condos) do not fit with the character of Old Town. When it comes to family housing the BAR prohibit many changes which would modernize houses and maintain housing that is safe and comfortable to live in. When it comes to rentals there are many that appear to be below the standard that people should live in with holes in the cladding and damage to windows. If those who want to make changes to houses are being forced to comply with the BAR "vision" for Alexandria then those houses which are falling into disrepair should also be notified that they are not up to the required standard.
102. You probably only get disgruntled messages, so I'd like to say that I love the new waterfront and the art installations. I like that the last block of king St doesn't allow cars and I think it'd be great if king st south of washington was pedestrian only (if the businesses were ok with it).
103. Small business support, especially for Black- and Latino-owned businesses
104. Create a recovery fund for small business (category for those with less than 50 employees and those with 50-100 and those with 100+).
105. local business support from COVID issues
106. I think our small businesses could use a one time influx of cash or rent assistance. This has been hard times for them.
107. Help the city's small businesses.
108. Special attention focused on services for the West End and Chirilagua where covid was more devastating and a lot of retail workers and restaurant workers live. Also on helping businesses like theaters and King St businesses that are critical to Alexandria's soul and future of the tourism industry.

109. Providing subsidies for child care, providing support for business who provide paid parental leave, and providing support for small businesses who offer health care benefits to all employees
110. Make the pedestrian part of King St permanent
111. any "business" recovery grant program must include charitable nonprofits as eligible recipients. Charitable organizations in Alexandria have an outsized influence on the City's welfare, quality of life, and economic health. Their wellbeing is essential for the City's wellbeing to be secured.
112. Hire more parking enforcement officers to honor the restrictions in the city so that residents can have some sense of enjoyment of their homes.
113. Prioritize businesses that employ Alexandrian's and were most affected by the pandemic.
114. Support small business recovery efforts
115. Fast track Waterfront Development between Oronoco and Pendleton (sewer outflow) focusing on large, continuous waterfront open space. Make our waterfront open spaces connect to create Alexandria's version of the Emerald Necklace in Boston designed by Frederick Law Olmstead. The project would benefit businesses and hotels re-engaging tourists and locals to generate sales and hotel taxes while also covering the sanitary sewer project already underway.
116. King St business development and recovery to reignite this important commercial district.
117. It would make sense for at least part of the funds to be spent on the redevelopment at Landmark. Care should be taken to ensure that Inova makes enough space for City initiatives, which would ease the need for City run property elsewhere. It would be ideal to have housing for the elderly and a shelter at this site.
118. expand the sidewalks in crowded streets to allow for proper social distancing - close the king street to vehicle traffic and transform it to a pedestrian are with ample outdoor space for restaurants and other stores
119. Respond to the public health emergency AND the Trump administration's negative economic, social, and health impacts on residents and businesses with particular attentions to immigrants, refugees, and those of diverse faith backgrounds
120. Small retail businesses should receive the funding. Restaurants and shuttered venues are having their moment, the businesses that bring tourism, support the local job market and make the heartbeat of the city are left out. The tourists will come back, but only if they have places to shop, places that make our City unique, places that are critical to the local economy.
121. Support businesses who are still recovering - grants for city services for outdoor events like running races

Human Services

Housing

1. Affordable housing is lacking - fancy new buildings are being built forcing low and middle class residents out of the City. Both are long term investments that are needed in this City.
2. Rent and house assistance

3. Projects focused on equitable rental assistance and food distribution. Providing homes for the homeless and helping those who are struggling to pay rent every month. We need to fulfill the bases of Maslow's hierarchy of needs for our struggling populations. Once we accomplish that, we should create jobs that would give back to our community. For example, every day I see so much trash on the side of the road and pollution in our water. Why not pay people to pick up trash rather than relying on volunteers or prison labor? Why not pay people to distribute food instead of relying on charities and mutual aid? We can help those struggling right now with housing and food insecurity with direct economic relief and programs, and then later create jobs for them to give back to the community in the future.
4. Low Income Housing homes must be increased.
5. I would like to see a housing grant that supports the construction of AUD's. As well as a dedicated source of funding to use the new AUD stock to rent them at a set rate from property owners for the unhoused population. I would also like a property tax credit for all new assessed taxable property value to be applied as long as any owner of an AUD is contracted with the government for the AUD rent while the AUD is being provided to a previously unhoused person.
6. Homeowners have been able to get assistance from their mortgage lenders with their actual mortgage payments, but the property values have continued to rise quickly with the incoming Amazon HQ development. Our property taxes are going to be considerably higher just based on property value, not to mention the aggressive budget of the City. I would strongly encourage property tax relief for those who are middle- or low-income first-time home-buyers, especially those who have participated in the first-time home-buyer programs in the City. Eligibility for middle-income home-buyers was taken away.
7. Housing cost relief
8. Ayuda para renta (help for rent)
9. Affordable housing for low- and moderate income workers; social supports/assistance to our undocumented neighbors and other vulnerable populations; preparing for the next pandemic
10. A safe, stable home is the bedrock of life, and segments of our community have had the stability of their housing greatly affected. In particular, the Black population's percentage of people that are homeless in our community has risen. Recognizing this and responding in that vein should be key
11. Housing - invest in housing subsidies and whatever else will help renters and 1st time buyers in the City during this crazy housing boom
12. Fund more permanent supportive housing
13. Convert closed hotels to affordable housing units
14. Permanent, sustainable affordable housing for families at and below 40% AMI, through both preservation and expansion. Health equity and access to healthcare for those who historically lack coverage, like undocumented/mixed-status families.
15. Many employers do not pay employees if they do not come into work. So continuing to provide the Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief program is an important safety net, but incentivizing/encouraging employers to organize a formal or informal COVID response for employees affected by COVID one way or another.
16. Housing assistance program.
17. Continued rental assistance.
18. Build more housing!

19. Alive especially for help with utilities and housing after the moratorium on evictions is over
20. Help with rent payments for previous months, ensuring no evictions for both people and businesses.
21. Moratorium on evictions; rent assistance; assistance payments to those out of work due to the pandemic
22. Investments in more affordable housing so Alexandria can be a more equitable community
23. Support for rent, food and utilities is important
24. continue funding for rental assistance.
25. Rent support for families facing eviction
26. Rental assistance
27. Provide rent/mortgage assists so people aren't evicted
28. Provide housing and support to the unemployed and homeless
29. Please continue to support the homeless, homeless shelters, affordable housing and mental health initiatives. Covid brought into greater focus how fragile we all really are; emotionally, financially
30. Making sure underserved communities can stay in the homes and enjoy the same quality of life as all Alexandrians, diminishing housing, job and food insecurities. I do not think we should be giving more opportunities or funding to business owners and developers. That line of work is risky and that is the chance you take when you make it your livelihood
31. Increase available low income rental units. More support for mental health which has seen an increase do to pandemic. More employment programs in the city to help residents get back on their feet after pandemic
32. Full Rental/mortgage and utility arrears forgiveness for people below 150% federal poverty line. Work with all utilities (electric, water, sewer, etc.). Use money to make this easy on people impacted. Simplify process. Perhaps categorical eligibility fir certain census tracks. Cut checks and put people back even
33. Assist renters specifically hit by Covid
34. Any program or policy supporting AFFORDABLE HOUSING
35. Increase housing options across income levels
36. Prevent homelessness
37. more low cost housing
38. Affordable housing and inadequate wages are intertwined problems. I'd like to see more affordable housing and an increase in the minimum wage in Alexandria, as much as Council has authority to implement.
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45. stop with all the " new govt housing" projects in high cost of living areas. What is the incentive to better yourself when you live in a million dollar neighborhood?? I think we still take care of folks who need it but NOT in the most expensive areas (I.e. Old Town). I wouldn't want to leave
 46. Rental assistance for those left unemployed due to the pandemic.
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 52. Rental assistance for workers who lost jobs due to COVID-19.
 53. Rental Assistance programs
 54. Housing: Low interest Home Repair loans
 55. when dealing with housing don't forget small landlords who have also been greatly impacted by tenants paying rent
 56. update ARHA housing to be more like OTC
 57. rental assistance for low-income tenants, particularly those whose income was negatively affected by the pandemic
 58. I definitely think affordable housing is nonexistent in this town. \$1700 a month (just for rent alone) and the most I made when working is \$10 an hour. BS!
 59. funding for housing to increase affordability in the region to support the regions workforce.
 60. Increased affordable housing
 61. Low income housing assistance
 62. encouraging new businesses and development
 63. Lack of Low cost housing is going to be an ongoing issue nationwide and local leaders/communities need to act outside of Federal assistance.
 64. Have a housing project for low income residents, building condos for low income residents.

Health & COVID-19

1. Support the establishment of a Tobacco Control, Prevention and Cessation program, housed within the Alexandria Health Department, and focused on the reduction of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke in the Black/African American and Hispanic/Latinx communities. This comprehensive program would have two overarching goals: 1. Promote tobacco free environments which reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and promote quitting tobacco amongst low-income African American and Latinx/Hispanic residents, and 2. ensure the availability of comprehensive smoking cessation services (including access to all FDA-approved drugs) to all low-income African American and Latinx/Hispanic residents. We will submit an accompanying document explaining our rationale for this priority.
2. Support for federally qualified healthcare clinics that help to extend services to communities in which people live.
3. Health care services - especially dental.

4. Deal with public health emergencies or economic impact on the residents
5. Continue promoting vaccine uptake among all residents and even visitors. Take vaccines to the people through mobile distribution teams. Demonstrate how life can get closer to 'back to normal' when vaccinated
6. Compensate Covid volunteers testing and vaccine
7. All of this money should be put toward fixing the flooding issue in Alexandria which is a public health and infrastructure issue. Dedicating funding to this will allow us to address it faster and then focus on many other priorities.
8. Allocation of funding should include all three with appropriate set asides for public health emergencies based on average yearly resident or business needs of say, last 5-10 years. Water infrastructure improvements are critical, widespread and with additional housing and business development, will take time and a lot of money, and must be addressed ASAP. Revenue reduction compensation would be assigned balance more or less based on actual need. Water issues 35% Public health emergencies 30% Revenue reduction compensation 35%
9. Affordable housing assistance, Childcare assistance, training for people who lost their jobs or quit due to safety concerns, Healthcare assistance (including giving money to help with medical and associated bills due to covid diagnosis), ensuring safe conditions and fair pay for caretakers, funeral cost reimbursement or assistance, funds for people suffering from long term covid symptoms that need long term care, funds for psychological and behavioral health for people who cannot afford it, food assistance, funds for citizens (not businesses) to get internet, etc. Help the people
10. continued funding for case investigation and contact tracing specifically focusing on Source Containment, more testing and especially sequencing of viral genomes. b) my 14 month experience, starting as a Medical Reserve Corps volunteer (and grateful to see several elected public servants answering the Alexandria Health Department hotline phones together!) and then as a Case Investigator contractor, has given me several hopefully useful insights into our wonderful, polyglot City and the daily lives of our people in this terrible pandemic. People across the racial, gender and economic spectrum are truly hurting. Many times I get to speak with folks who are positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus or have been closely exposed and feel they cannot afford to stay home! The communicable disease, the virus, spreads and infects more of us that way. It's frightening how many don't get paid any leave. I hope we will fully fund incentives for people to effectively stay home and quarantine or isolate. The history of the 1918 influenza epidemic is instructive. Several times public health officials thought the epidemic was over
11. establish a public health emergency office
12. Expand substance use disorder services and care
13. Community Wellness Hubs
14. Introduce the CAPABLE model for older adults = ties an occupational therapist, with a nurse, and home modifications to keep people healthier... longer in their own homes. 2) Offer residents who are challenged by cognitive health concerns a program like StrongerMemory (free from Goodwin House). Ideally, establish sessions weekly which allow for participants to check-in 3) Establish more care coordinators (similar to what we do for our Goodwin House at Home
15. More long-term research and patient care projects for people suffering from long COVID/post COVID symptoms

16. Incentivizing employers to encourage or mandate employees or customers to get vaccinated to come into work/use their services. Those who are going to be swayed by national messaging are vaccinated. We need to start moving to trusted, local and community messengers. Partner with community/local/grassroots organizations to provide vaccine education/discussion sessions.
17. easier access to vaccines in low income communities. More PODs in west end.
18. Consider planning and preparedness. This may not be the last pandemic we experience
19. We should use some of this funding to support people who have to quarantine (or care for children who have to quarantine) and who don't have sick leave to use at their place of employment. This could be in the form of wage replacement, rent subsidy, or grocery/utility subsidy.
20. Provide financial support for residents to maintain isolation and quarantine. Many companies will not pay employees to be off for these purposes despite the fact the employees can't afford to stay away from work and people do not inform their employer of symptoms or exposure because of financial hardships
21. More health care support for families without insurance
22. Increase support to Neighborhood Health and/or AHD to expand primary care to residents in need.
23. Increase outreach to expand and train more Medical Reserve Corps and CERT members to help with emergencies
24. currently work as a Case Investigator for COVID-19 at the Alexandria Health Department. While many people are cooperative in following guidelines to quarantine and isolate, there are those who cannot due to the financial impact. Most of these people have jobs that expose the public to COVID transmission - restaurants, ride-share drivers, and other workers who get paid very little and hourly/for small jobs. They need a financial safety net to quarantine and/or isolate to stop COVID transmission in the community. There are employers who are requiring people to come to work because their business cannot afford to close when they have outbreaks. These people need financial support to temporarily close if necessary in order to stop COVID transmission
25. Focus on preparedness with public health and emergency management to help respond to public health emergency. Also, increase public health infrastructure to keep essential public health programs running such as immunization and health services for community members.
26. At the health department we find many people are unable to quarantine or isolate or be willing to report any signs /symptoms of COVID-19 to stay home from their workplace because they do not have paid leave; it would be great if the city could help reimburse people for lost wages when their workplace does not provide any paid leave for COVID-19. It really has affected our COVID-19 response to not have paid leave as an option for those that need to isolate/quarantine. Even ACPS contract staff, food /dinning/ classroom monitors do not get paid leave and we have found out that many work while symptomatic. Having an option to provide a subsidy of 50-100 dollars per day for those to quarantine or isolate. This year has been a hard year for many businesses and they may not be able to afford to pay their workers for staying home but simple tools such as quarantine are essential to help contain the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

27. Continued Case Investigation on source containment of Covid in Alexandria and DC area. Several million for Alexandria at least.
28. funding for businesses to provide paid leave for individuals who need to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19. 2. Childcare support for parents that need to stay home if their child needs to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19. 3. Financial support for businesses to incentivize employees to get vaccinated, 4. Financial support for small daycares and home daycares that may need to temporarily close after a COVID-19 exposure. (I work with the Alexandria Health Department, and I work with businesses that have COVID-19 exposures. The impact of COVID-19 on small businesses has been crippling, and they are unable to prioritize the safety of their employees and employees' families if individuals are needed to return to work while they may be infectious with COVID-19. In order to "box it in" and get back to normal, businesses and individuals need the resources to quarantine at home if they are exposed.
29. Increase healthcare access, especially for those who are uninsured
30. Proving the community with funds to be able to self isolate/quarantine as needed will help with us in the future. Many families are struggling to make it possible to stay home.
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35. Public health initiatives (Free/Low cost vaccinations, health & wellness checks, free/low cost PreVMed services) 2. Lack of Low cost housing is going to be an ongoing issue nationwide and local leaders/communities need to act outside of Federal assistance 3. In my mind, Alexandria is a relatively affluent community and thus lower priority should be assigned to economic relief to citizens and business owners. We need to prioritize "the basics" of human security (health, wellness, food security, etc.)
36. Direct outreach to getting residents and employees vaccinated.
37. School expenses for distancing/capacity, healthcare for those affected by Covid and long haul symptoms

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39. Public health COVID-19

Mental Health

1. improved low-no cost mental healthcare Access
2. Would like to see a community crisis center to help people in mental health crisis.
3. Establish a mental-health crisis intervention center
4. Mental health is at a crisis point, which exacerbates substance use disorders, violence and other crimes, and academic problems for teens and children. Increase services, particularly in the schools
5. Fund on-line mental health counseling like Talk Space
6. Expand mental health counseling services
7. Increase in mental health opportunities.
8. Mental Health: Development Representative Set of Core Mental Health Benefits
9. Vastly improve mental health programs
10. re-open and support mental health and addiction services particularly Mill road facility
11. Alexandria should get a ton of Psychiatrists. Because of COVID a lot of us have faced a lot of mental health issues you should provide services that help with that. As much as housing reform and stuff like that is important students are failing and falling behind. Living with a mental health issue is damaging and they should provide better resources to help students. The resources they have now aren't up to standard.
12. Focus on preparedness with public health and emergency management to help respond to public health emergency. Also, increase public health infrastructure to keep essential public health programs running such as immunization and health services for community members.
13. Let us make mental health a priority. Each person, regardless of age, should be able to have FREE mental health services dealing with COVID-19 pandemic, reintegration, etc. until Dec 21, 2024. I am open to something similar to this, but we NEED to take care of our people as this pandemic has affected everyone differently. There could even be a subset of mental health services offered for classes for kids of all ages or groups of adults (businesses for example), not just for individualized services. Please, let's take the opportunity to do this. The pandemic could have long-term effects for some, and now is the time to act.
14. Free limited space events for the public. I think it will boost mental health to get our there and do things again with limited or vaccinated people. On the flip side a mental health support group for those struggling to transition from being remote all the time to going back out into the world.
15. Respond to the current and future mental health/substance abuse emergency caused by COVID-19 in both youth and adult population.
16. access to services , employment, online support groups for recovery and mental health

Domestic Violence

1. part of the grant should be offered to sexual assault and domestic violence clinics/centers to help with further assistance in regards to home, health, and mental support

2. Why is there no mention of increase in outreach and comprehensive services for Domestic Violence? The requirements to stay at home, job loss with resulting financial problems and other COVID related problems have caused a rise in DV and no way out for the victims.

Equity

1. More racial equity trainings, particularly in police forces.
2. I would invest most funds toward addressing racial disparities and inequities in health and social determinants of health that have been most heavily impacted by Covid-19, e.g. limited access to primary care services and mental health; supporting prevention and management of chronic diseases likely made more vulnerable by pandemic especially for residents of color, e.g. diabetes, heart disease, COPD, maternal and infant care; and address food insecurity and affordable housing for communities of color
3. Respond to inequity and provide opportunity for both those who won't have access as well as improving systems to not only respond to the lowest common denominator
4. EVERY project should have as its priority the reduction of disparities among segments of the City's population.
5. All expenditures should benefit the poor and increase their opportunities to survive and thrive
6. no thoughts on specific projects, but funds should be focused on projects that disproportionately serve those who were impacted hardest in our community by this and other systemic issues. Projects should disproportionately benefit low income people, renters, immigrants, BIPOC, essential workers, etc - not wealthy white homeowners
7. Making sure underserved communities can stay in the homes and enjoy the same quality of life as all Alexandrians, diminishing housing, job and food insecurities. I do not think we should be giving more opportunities or funding to business owners and developers. That line of work is risky and that is the chance you take when you make it your livelihood.

Assistance Programs

1. The funds should be prioritized to be spent on the most impacted by Covid and the most vulnerable. A smaller part of the funds should help with the storm water and other infrastructure needs.
2. support CRITICAL infrastructure that does not get enough attention or funding during normal times. Do not spend on discretionary programs for social services or new policies that can be paid for from general revenues
3. I am responding as an individual, but as one who directly supports the work of ALIVE!, which has become the City's primary partner in food distribution during the pandemic, helping thousands of residents monthly. It also directly helps Alexandrians with rental assistance, emergency payments (e.g., for medicines, doctor's visits, etc.) eviction prevention and other emergency needs brought about due to COVID-19. ALIVE! is a community-wide effort that has served Alexandrians in need for more than 50 years. The pandemic has seen it stretched beyond imagination but ably rising to meet the challenge. I'd like to see program funds go towards helping ALIVE! continue and expand its programs in support of our community
4. Hub concept providing services food/ rent etc to residents in need. Also support for early childhood education and job training

5. Concentrating on programs whose budget has been reduced over the years, that creates a strong safety net for residents, should be prioritized. The goal should be self sustainability, not dependency
6. Be the Good project has helped many in DC and Alexandria (Fairfax) through various food assistance programs (care packages, little free food pantries) - could expand to further support in the city of Alexandria. Carpenters Shelter and ALIVE do amazing work to support members of the alexandria city community
7. Basic human services for people affected by the pandemic have to be the top priority.
8. Improving language access to city services (including public library)
9. Anchored Port-a-Johns in locations (notably parks) where homeless individuals are camping out and where no public toilet facilities are available. These are needed anyway, but during COVID I have observed open latrine areas in Four Mile Run Park that are being used by homeless and/or drunk individuals -- it is a public and environmental health crisis.
10. Create a Director of Food Security for Alexandria
11. make more emergency food distribution sites available
12. Provide short term housing assistance and food pantry provisions
13. My primary concerns are evictions and food insecurity
14. In particular, I believe it is most important to help our most vulnerable citizens. That is, those who are suffering due to food and housing needs. ALIVE could provide additional necessary services, if provided much needed funds to so so.
15. Food pantry and other social services GRANTS.
16. supplemental income or UBI
17. Support the most vulnerable, past, present and future
18. Walk-up facilities would allow clients to pick up food and have access to other social services at a time and place of their convenience. Work schedules and transportation issues often interfere with their availability to receive social services
19. support ALIVE with food and financial assistance programs which help families with medical, housing, other urgent needs. esp to assist on longer term when necessary
20. Post-Covid, establish an ongoing food distribution program for families in need. Consistent sites should be available throughout the city.
21. Programs for adults with disabilities 18-59 (meals on wheels, transportation, home rehabilitation)
22. Increased food availability to residents requiring it. Increased funding for senior services of Alexandria so they can increase serviced to elderly in need, especially those living alone or those dealing with food insecurity or lack of access to technology
23. I have no specific project/program to suggest, but I've selected two items from the City's list: Improved access to City services and assistance programs, including food hubs/distribution, transportation aid, childcare, and healthcare, particularly on the West End and in Arlandria. Increased rental assistance to help prevent evictions and navigate services to maintain long-term housing stability
24. I think the concept of bringing basic services (food, etc) to the vulnerable in hubs convenient to them makes sense
25. Helping people in need due to covid, like some people cant pay rent because they lost their jobs and its difficult to feed themselves and others.

26. I have no project idea at this time, just a general sense of priorities. The bulk (maybe 85%) of the support funds should be given to people (private citizens, programs that support the homeless, small business owners) who desperately need support, who are still struggling to pay debt, medical bills, etcetera. The rest (maybe 15%) to the city to make up for overspending or deficits. These broad categories cover both Human Services and Economic Recovery.
27. I am hoping that a portion of these funds can be allocated to the local non profit organization, ALIVE. During the pandemic, the City of Alexandria partnered with ALIVE to provide food distributions and financial support for rent, utility and medical costs. During COVID 19, the amount of the support provided by ALIVE increased tremendously. In addition, ALIVE has joined with the Alexandria Eviction Prevention Partnership to assist Alexandria residents who may be facing eviction; a problem that will only increase when the moratorium on rent payments ends. It is also my understanding that this new funding will allow ALIVE to work with the city to develop "HUBs" that would provide food and other support services to Alexandria residents. This would be an excellent program to lift low income residents into better quality of life living standards
28. Anything that keeps people in housing because homelessness is more expensive to address. More housing-first option. Also the research into giving people monthly stipends-no string attached-is very promising
29. Focus on the most vulnerable city residents first (homeless, jobless) through existing programs and partners
30. Food supports Financial supports Child care Employment support Support of non profits
31. Reopen the Churches and give all the assistance money to the Churches because they do a better job of helping the poor than the government.
32. Provide direct payment to all residents
33. More support for people that are working vs the ones collecting checks of unemployment when there is actual work. A lot of people making more money staying home vs going to work. If we provide a stimulous to the ones working, unemployment will drop drastically.
34. Take care of your people first! Ensure people's physiological needs are addressed, such as food, shelter, water, sleep.
35. Food Insecurity
36. assistance with housing and obtaining employment, emergency food assistance.
37. Programs for adults with disabilities 18-59 (meals on wheels, transportation, home rehabilitation)
38. Increased food availability to residents requiring it. Increased funding for senior services of Alexandria so they can increase serviced to elderly in need, especially those living alone or those dealing with food insecurity or lack of access to technology.
39. I trust Alexandria city government to allocate the funds appropriately since the city is more aware of the most pressing issues we have; however, I'd like to see residents who are struggling with rent and food insecurity be helped as a priority
40. supports Financial supports Child care Employment support Support of non profits
41. Focus on the most vulnerable city residents first (homeless, jobless) through existing programs and partners
42. Alive Casa Chiricahua Alexandria Medical Reserve Corps

43. A monthly stipend, no strings attached, for low-income residents. Such as this program in California, which has successful outcomes.
<https://www.npr.org/2021/03/04/973653719/california-program-giving-500-no-strings-attached-stipends-pays-off-study-finds> Anything that can keep people in housing is critical because homelessness is more difficult and expensive to address.
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46. Food and housing assistance.
47. Funds should be provided via DHSC to non-profits that provide emergency assistance to the most needy to prevent eviction, provide food and necessities, and support efforts to get back to work
48. grant funding to Alexandria nonprofits also responding to priorities in line with City of Alexandria and especially human services
49. Eliminate library fines completely as Arlington Public Library has done. Any shortfall can be made up from the Friends of the Library
50. Funding unemployment as well as providing funds for local businesses and schools to reopen safely with the materials they need to operate.
51. I support unconditional cash transfers to the vulnerable in coordination with academics who can study their impact. This is the future of public policy, we must be on the forefront. This would efficiently reduce city poverty while boosting the local economy.
52. unconditional cash transfers
53. The closest you can get to direct cash assistance to people who faced inequities prior to covid and those who were harness by covid the better. And the more you can give it directly to those individuals rather than their employers or landlords the better. And don't link then to work- ie they should get it even if they are currently working so they don't disincentivize work. The latest ubi findings out of Stockton California show that people who receive unconditional cash transfers actually work more.
54. Guaranteed income pilot to see if providing a fixed amount of funds to defray monthly costs would prove beneficial and help to get folks on steady footing.
55. In my mind, Alexandria is a relatively affluent community and thus lower priority should be assigned to economic relief to citizens and business owners. We need to prioritize "the basics" of human security (health, wellness, food security, etc.)
56. Provide shelter and healthcare for the homeless/disadvantaged
57. Take this chance to advance Alexandria's biggest challenges regardless of their relation to the pandemic because they'll help us manage any and all crisis going forward. That includes infrastructure like stormwater and reducing poverty in young children.
58. Invest in the government's ability to track food data and child care needs by neighborhood. Create food gardens indoor and outdoor in low-income communities and as a part of affordable housing initiatives.
59. provide food and goods for the residents who don't have income
60. support housing and food needs for community

61. Guaranteed Income pilot program
62. Grants for Nonprofits addressing housing and food insecurity, access to City services by providing service navigation and language assistance.
63. The other areas of focus should be housing support, mental health support, food support and job support for those who are struggling to survive.
64. I think it would be awesome for Alexandria to have a guaranteed income pilot -- similar to the Stockton CA program. This program would serve low-income residents and help them move up the economic ladder. We should use this opportunity to invest in our community's human capital and potential. Raising incomes and addressing income and wealth disparity will generate long-term benefits for everyone.

Family care/Enrichment

1. Project for affordable, safe child care/daycare allowing mothers/fathers to work -Real affordable housing/home purchases for middle class & elderly citizens
2. We should invest in early childhood and daycare facilities and centers for children and their families in Alexandria. We need to invest in families by ensuring parents can send their children to high quality, caring environments so they can get back to work. This is a two-generation issue - by creating centers in our lowest income communities to ensure equity in access to childcare and early education. Ideally, this would mean ensuring childcare facilities and programs are given preference to space. This has to happen in coordination and collaboration with businesses so families have access to getting back to work AND care for their children. We can do both and become a role model city! I'm wondering if this could also look like tax credits for businesses that set aside spaces for childcare. This could also happen for developers too. Not just affordable housing but also community centers that allow our entire community to thrive!
3. Parents in an emergency are not likely to take their children from their own daycare to the recreation center in a local emergency. Further, I argue, maximum capacity at a single location might be reached easily in an emergency. I would argue that buildings used for childcare be added to the list, in addition to recreation centers.
4. I would recommend offering grants to afterschool programs that'll help enrich education. As well as offering further assistance to first-generation students and people who just came to the United States
5. Focus on unified/overlapping strategies between the City, ACPS, and CHIP strategic plans as well as the Children and Youth Master Plan 2025 for the City of Alexandria's Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
6. Create a teen center at Burke Library
7. Expand childcare for evenings and weekends
8. we need more investment child care program and school so that American can make excellent generation future
9. The city should make investments in early childhood education, including grants to sustain existing programs, along with investments to expand high-quality early childhood education to more families in the city.
10. Nice environment and more investment for child care programs, school so that Americans can get excellent future generation.
11. consider organizations that provide quality education for our low income families

12. I would like to see additional investment in early education/child care to ensure parents are able to work, early educators are prepared for the classroom, and are paid consistent with their impact in the lives of children.
13. Child Care Assistance for all City of Alexandria Residents: Using income levels to determine equitable "dollar" assistance.
14. child care expansion in del ray to get back to pre-covid capacity or greater
15. Take the opportunity to expand pre-k. There are a lot of people who currently need childcare
16. A study or pilot project for municipal broadband or broadband competition initiatives. The current broadband monopoly in Alexandria has not resulted in cost-effective service. Our business internet is slow, unreliable, and has doubled in price over the last three years.
17. After school programs for troubled/disadvantaged teenage youth that focus on teaching job skills in a fun environment
18. The city needs more options for childcare, including daycare, preschool and afterschool care for school aged children. As jobs reopen, parents want to return to work, but can't because childcare is a barrier. It is expensive and there are not a lot of affordable options, especially after school and during the summer. Partner with the rec center or private, community based organizations to allow them to expand their capacity and serve more students. This will require the city to support them with funding and physical space. Limit requirements for all programs. Especially in the 22305 zip code, residents often don't have their own lease, pay stubs etc. which bar them from participating in much needed programs
19. Strengthening education, especially to help students who have fallen behind because of the negative impact of the pandemic on their learning as a way to strengthen our economic future. For example, summer tutoring and other enrichment programs
20. Ongoing support for early childhood education, educators, students and families
21. I think education, training, and small business loans aimed at helping childcare open will be the biggest help in the long term
22. Allocate money to help parents pay daycare
23. Affordable housing, child care, affordable healthcare
24. Affordable quality childcare
25. provide grants for stop-gap childcare for low-income workers to be able to return to work sooner; provide grants for education for parents that are not being served adequately by the public school system.
26. Funding to sustain affordable, quality child care services in the City; -Funding to help child care providers in the City recruit, train, and retain educators; -Funding to help child care providers expand and enhance their facilities; and, Funding to enable child care providers that remained open during the pandemic to give bonuses and compensation enhancements to their employees who risked their health to care for the children of essential workers
27. Expand city offerings for childcare options (camps, after school programs) since working women have especially been hit -Create paid apprenticeship/internship opportunities for youth, possible partnerships with businesses so young people can learn practical skills, especially related to tech
28. Also, besides child care for our workforce - we critically need help with elder care! Keeping an aging loved one in our homes with assistance so that we can continue to work - without crippling anxiety and physical demands that make productive work impossible.

29. Summer Programs for underserved children
30. Strengthening education, especially to help students who have fallen behind because of the negative impact of the pandemic on their learning as a way to strengthen our economic future. For example, summer tutoring and other enrichment programs.
31. Prevention Programs, Free recreation programs for low-income citizens.
32. Ongoing support for early childhood education, educators, students and families.
33. One area that seems to need more thought and creative solutions is the apparent gender inequity in the number of women impacted by the pandemic in needing to leave the workforce and getting women back to work, and one area is a focus on child care. It might be a good effort for the city to look at from the local perspective whether there are support system improvements, particularly as it relates to child care but could be broader. Another issue that might be worth a local, city investment/review is the mental health recovery for the collective citizenry.
34. Increase funding for daycare centers specially those families who lost their jobs because of the pandemic.
35. Funding to sustain affordable, quality child care services in the City; Funding to enable child care providers that remained open during the pandemic to give bonuses and compensation enhancements to their employees who risked their health to care for the children of essential workers.
36. Funding to sustain affordable, quality child care services in the City to support 1) learning and development of young children and 2) work responsibilities for parents. 2. Funding to help child care providers in the City recruit, train, and retain educators. 3. Funding to help child care providers expand and enhance their facilities. 4. Funding to enable child care providers that remained open during the pandemic to give bonuses and compensation enhancements to their employees who risked their health to care for the children of essential workers.
37. Funds should be provided via DHSC to non-profits that provide emergency assistance to the most needy to prevent eviction, provide food and necessities, and support efforts to get back to work
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39. Education is completely missing in this survey and it has been one of the biggest casualties of the pandemic, particularly concerning equity in education. This is not just an ACPS/school board issue and should not be relegated to them: it is a health and human services issue, it is a housing issue, it is an economic development issue. These students will not graduate, they are more likely to become addicted, and they will not thrive in our society, if we do not treat the damage that this pandemic has visited on their education and overall wellbeing as the crisis that it is. So many of our students have been forced to take on adult roles such as joining the workforce, caring for siblings and cousins, cooking and cleaning, or being independent while adult caregivers work. Funding must prioritize individualized care and support for students who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Schools do not have the staff and

resources to support each child as if they were a case, but this level of individualized intervention and support will be necessary to ensure that students who have suffered at the hands of systemic inequality are not further harmed by being forgotten or relegated to school budgets.

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43. Support child care for all Alexandria families so women, primary care givers, can get back to work.
44. Help families that were negatively impacted by the complete shutdown of public schools for over a year.
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 55. Funding needs to focus on quality early childhood care and education and expansion so children have stronger opportunities to succeed in life and parents have opportunities to work.
 56. Funds to provide free daycare / after school program for all Alexandrian children (e.g., direct financial assistance to parents to pay childcare providers, or have childcare providers draw salaries directly from the city / local school board).
 57. It would be great to have enrichment for the city's children k-12 in the form of \$ for camps or provide camps that will help them be active and also try to address some of the academic loss that they've suffered this last year.
 58. Support for caregivers- respite, child and elder care programs, education, employer engagement
 59. Increased childcare
 60. Funding to sustain affordable, quality child care services in the City; Funding to enable child care providers that remained open during the pandemic to give bonuses and compensation enhancements to their employees who risked their health to care for the children of essential workers.
 61. youth development -social-emotional needs and ensuring digital infrastructure in place for continued virtual learning
 62. I would like to recommend the Alexandria Parent Infant Education (PIE) Program. The PIE Program provides early intervention supports and services to infants and toddlers who are not developing as expected or who have a medical condition that can delay normal development. Early intervention supports and services are available for all eligible children and their families regardless of the family's ability to pay. The PIE program is part of the statewide early intervention program known as the Infant Toddler Connection of Virginia. Services offered include service coordination, developmental therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, social work services, speech therapy, and vision services. Children served are between the ages of 0-3 years old. The PIE program currently operates with a personnel structure that creates program instability. This program instability was exacerbated during the COVID 19 pandemic due to the hiring freeze and subsequent personnel shortage. This program is also being recommended due to the anticipated funds that will be required to address the social-emotional impact of COVID on young children and their families. Over the last year, Alexandria PIE Service Coordinators have operated with a caseload size that is nearly twice the state recommended size. A recent analysis of a nearby early intervention program in Arlington was completed. The Arlington PIE Program serves a similar number of families each year; however, their personnel structure is much different than the Alexandria PIE Program. The Arlington PIE Program

currently consists of 5 full-time Service Coordinators and 1 temporary Service Coordinator; compared to Alexandria who currently operates with 3 full-time Service Coordinators and 1 full-time temporary Service Coordinator. In addition, the Arlington PIE program consists of 5 Early Intervention Providers (including a Physical Therapist, Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Infant Developmental Specialist). In comparison to the Alexandria PIE Program, who has only one Early Intervention Provider (Infant Developmental Specialist). There is roughly a \$400,000 difference in local funds received by Arlington and Alexandria PIE Programs. Arlington's funding results in a personnel structure that more adequately meets the needs of their early intervention families. Due to the limited number of Alexandria PIE full-time personnel, families in need of developmental supports and services may experience a waitlist. In addition, the ongoing personnel shortage impacts the overall quality of services being provided to early intervention families. The Alexandria PIE Program is currently located at 4480 King St 5th Floor. The current cost of the program is nearly \$1.5 million per year; however, the program would benefit from \$2.5 million dollar annual budget. An increase in funding would result in the program's ability to expand services to more families, increase personnel, enhance the quality and timeliness of early intervention services, and ultimately address the unexpected social-emotional impacts of COVID on young children and their families. Thank you for your consideration for this request.

Capital Improvement and Government Services

General

1. Within the scope of this funding, I would like to recommend the following in order of priority : 1. Infrastructure, water, sewer - Aging infrastructure is a perennial issue in Alexandria and lack of funding is always given as the single largest barriers to implement projects even after numerous surveys and studies performed confirming the need for updates 2. Affordable Housing, and Health Planning for underserved areas of the city - Related to infrastructure and suffering similar roadblocks.
2. unknown specifics, but generally speaking improvements to sewer and broadband (internet connectivity)
3. The city should prioritize improvements in physical infrastructure that are impacted by climate change: stormwater sewer improvements, preserving trees and parklands, investments in flood-prone areas to mitigate damages.
4. The city needs to fix it's water infrastructure problems. The constant flooding of Old Town and Del Ray needs to be fixed. The insane increases in our water and sewage bills in the 15 years we've lived here show you're taking money for these projects but doing absolutely nothing. Or is it just lining those companies' pockets? If you want to push mass transit, go all in. Fine, take Seminary down to one lane, but not just in the rich area. Once you cross 395 it opens up and the speed limit is much higher despite a smaller setback from the road. Seminary and Beauregard has so many more accidents. But so much HUD housing there too so you guys don't care. You assume the poor and immigrants don't care or have time to have a voice or vote. The schools are a joke. 30% of city residents send their kids to private schools and the city has only recently managed to get all its school accredited. Disgraceful! I can't believe how you celebrated that, it was embarrassing. Please don't let people start splitting their houses into multiple units in a feeble attempt to address affordable housing. Look at Detroit, it was a mess!

5. The bipartisan pandemic relief bill should be sufficient federal funding for addressing the pandemic. The "American Rescue Plan" should moot any additional infrastructure spending now under consideration and should, accordingly, go entirely to infrastructure.
6. Support infrastructure projects related to water, sewer, and broadband (not consultant fees)
7. Open our schools and fix our infrastructure, namely sewage system.
8. Need to fix water, sewer and broadband and negative effects on residents
9. Need to improve stormwater management, street repair, sewer repair, and upgrade utilities (underground wires, improved internet access, etc.)
10. Green technology, buildings and transit needs to be enhanced.
11. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.
12. It's covid relief. Don't mistake it for an opportunity to make up for poor city management on critical infrastructure issues.
13. I would not spend any American Rescue Plan funds on infrastructure or technology projects because there will be subsequent funding coming for those projects when the infrastructure bill passes.
14. Support investments beyond Covid that all residents can benefit from, regardless of their socioeconomic circumstances.
15. The money should be spent on one time projects and not recurring expenses. For example, the city has infrastructure that needs repair, such as poorly maintained roads, a collapsed Holmes Run trail, and massive flooding problems. Spending it on recurring expenses, such as social programs, is a huge risk because there is no guarantee federal funding will continue.
16. Actual infrastructure, not whatever amorphous definition the law uses. We clearly need additional capacity in our sewer and road systems (witness recent flooding and high traffic periods). If this city is to continue growing, these are vital investments. Do NOT buy anything that would require inordinate upkeep costs, though - that just ends up costing more money in the long term and is a poor use of these one-time dollars. Do not create any additional city jobs, which represent future expenditures in pay and benefits. One-time funds mean a one-time investment; buy your toys and then walk away.
17. investments in critical infrastructure especially in the aging parts of the city, that will help lower tax burden for homeowners
18. With one time money, public infrastructure like storm drains and school modernization is critical.
19. To keep Alexandria an affordable, sought after by businesses and residents alike, well maintained for community enjoyment, Alexandria must accelerate proposals for high speed broadband competition and infrastructure as well as correct storm water and sewer capacity limitations and systems.
20. Traffic flow; flood prevention; road and bridges
21. Please support infrastructure projects related to water, sewer, or broadband. These issues haunt the community every summer and are causing a lot of stress, not to mention will lower our property value (and taxes)
22. Please support infrastructure projects related to water, sewer, or broadband. These issues haunt the community every summer and are causing a lot of stress, not to mention will lower our property value (and taxes).
23. Infrastructure improvements needed to address increasing water/flooding issues.

24. Infrastructure is so huge for this city. What an opportunity! Work on the storm sewer and drainage, and bringing competitive broadband to all city residents. Making city infrastructure, buildings, and transit greener as we enter the Amazon age. Of course, you have to first make sure that people can stay in their homes rent assistance first
25. Support infrastructure projects related to water, sewer and broadband
26. Parks, sewer broadband
27. hard to believe much infrastructure funding can be successfully designed, bid, and implemented by 2024
28. Would like to see much of the funding focus on workforce recovery, housing, infrastructure, and parks.

Environment, Open Space, and Recreation

1. tax credits/rebates for EVSE infrastructure at condos
2. Public Boating Access- More communal docks in Old Town -Dredging of public launch at Belle Haven -Better management of access to 495 from Old Town- Gibbon Street is a joke -Metro to reach further south, potentially to Woodbridge -Public boat dock and fishing pier off GW Parkway near where Vernon View Drive intersects with the GW Parkway
3. Protect green space, protect land from erosion, flood prevention
4. On-street or curbside car chargers
5. Micro Forrest plantings to increase tree canopy
6. Loss of the tree canopy and associated problems (flooding/run off, noise, pollution, higher temps, etc.) are further complicated because while developers must retain a certain amount of trees during development (35%?) new homeowners may cut down each and every tree on their newly purchased lot. The developer's retained tree target accomplishes nothing without a limit for the new homeowners. Alexandria should establish that limit.
7. Create better outdoor spaces. Parks and trails. More bike lanes. Fix closed bridges on Holmes Run trail
8. Beautification projects
9. Alexandria should emphasize projects designed to reach its greenhouse gas emissions goals
10. increase solar energy
11. Climate resilient investments and environmental improvements and reclamation projects - more projects like Taylor Run!, more greenway projects that encourage outdoor walking and running and biking.
12. Invest in environment projects to reduce climate change, enlarge stormwater system, reducing flooding, increase pervious surfaces, invest in green solutions
13. Ft Ward Park initiates
14. Focus on long term needs that have been exposed and made more critical by the pandemic and climate change
15. As recognized by the City in declaring a climate change emergency and the negative effects of climate change on both health and the financial well being of all Alexandrians, some portion of the funds should be used to fully fund those initiatives in the Environmental Action Plan 2040 that are supposed to occur during the period January 1, 2021 through and including December 31, 2024
16. fix Holmes Run trail

17. Anything to promote reducing carbon emissions, including making city services carbon neutral, incentivizing biking/public transit/solar energy, campaigns to reduce energy usage (such as cutting back on A/C)
18. Parks
19. more soccer fields
20. This city needs more green space and less development as the densest city in all of Virginia.
21. Additional funding to support infrastructure to protect, clean, and mitigate pollution in the Potomac River and its tributaries
22. I am also a believer in taking care of the elderly, investing in parks and recreation (ours is weak), and
23. Anything to promote reducing carbon emissions, including making city services carbon neutral, incentivizing biking/public transit/solar energy, campaigns to reduce energy usage (such as cutting back on A/C)
24. Trees!
25. Fixing Holmes Run Trail- gets people exercising, supports infrastructure, and hopefully will be spent by 2024. Speeding up other West End projects for low-income communities who were most severely impacted by COVID.
26. converting empty lots into parks or open space (for social distancing)
27. More green space
28. Address environmental impacts of the metro station development, namely the removal of the wetlands that were removed to build the new station
29. Improvements to windmill hill park/Lee St park, to encourage outdoor play for neighborhood kids, a safer environment than being inside due to COVID.
30. The city should provide incentives for use of solar energy in existing homes. Furthermore, it should require that new buildings have both solar energy and green spaces. The city needs more trees.
31. The city should systematically weatherize, modernize, and upgrade homes, multifamily buildings, schools, communications, and health infrastructure for greater energy conservation and resilience against extreme weather and other climate threats to health and safety. This should be conducted throughout the jurisdiction, prioritizing low-income areas first.
32. Refund the Open Space fund
33. Require all new development commercial and residential to meet LEED and carbon neutral standards.
34. Fully fund Green Building person for Dept of Planning per the EAP2040 goal on this subject.
35. Improve and expand on very dated parks and rec. facilities and fitness/aquatic equipment so more residents have safe places to play and to work on their health and wellness goals
36. Bicycle trails, parks, cleaning of the city (a lake behind Palazzo Park Center is in horrible shape for example)

Transportation and Mobility

1. Traffic calming, removing bike lanes on Seminary Road
2. The Central Recreational District -- The properties that define the center of our beautiful city are predominantly residential. While there are very few commercial properties there are MANY schools, senior facilities, and places of worship. There are unlikely to be a significant number of "major" land developments to facilitate infrastructure improvements in this area that typically spur

projects such as sidewalk improvements, utility undergrounding and new parks. The roads are congested with cars and buses go to destinations located at the perimeter of the City and are simply passing through. I propose creating a recreational destination at the heart of our city, where there are two (2) significant areas of land that are bound by major routes. One them is a triangular area, bound by King Street to the north, Janneys Lane to the south and Quaker Lane to the West. Alexandria City High School, Chinquapin Recreation Center & Park, Forest Park, Douglas MacArthur Elementary School and Taylor Run Park occupy a good percentage of this area. The other is an adjoining rectangular area, also bound by King Street to the north, Quaker Lane to the East, Seminary Road to the South and Howard Avenue to the West. Episcopal High School and the Virginia Theological Seminary occupy the majority of this area. Fort Ward Museum & Park anchor the NW corner, the Inova Alexandria Hospital site (soon to be redeveloped), Burke Library and Francis Hammond Middle School anchor the SW corner, and the Minnie Howard Campus sits right to the north of this area. St. Stephens and St Agnes Upper and Middle Schools, Blessed Sacrament School, and Bishop Ireton are additional educational facilities adjacent to these routes. The routes around each of these land areas is over 2 miles each and about 5 miles combined. They are excellent training routes for runners, walkers and bikers. What makes them great training routes is that there are no major intersections that need to be crossed when walking on the "inner loop" of these areas. Many walkers, runners and school sports teams already use these routes. I envision an enhanced mixed-use sidewalk that facilitates and encourages the use of existing infrastructure as a recreational trail. This trail would require no new land acquisitions. Those wishing to use the trail can park on local streets, such as Janneys Lane or at existing facilities such as Chinquapin Park or Fort Ward. Projects related to this could include: 1. widening of existing sidewalks to allow groups of 2-3 and potentially youth bicycle riders, 2. addition of benches, trashcans, and bicycle racks at destinations and key "meeting points", 3. minimal signage such as mile markers, directional and educational signage, and 4. potential infrastructure such as watering stations for pets and supplemental lighting. Additional improvements could include: 1. Reduction of overhead power lines to enhance beauty of routes and widen sidewalks, 2. Addition of landscaping and shade trees along route, 3. Tactical and sensory experiences along lengthy sections of route like constructed ramps, bridges and art. Recreational programming could include youth bicycle clinics and running programs, senior walking groups, school sports training, and more. Lastly, this route would increase access to existing natural walking paths and bike trails that currently run through Forest Park, Chinquapin Park and Fort Ward for those who don't only want to run and walk on the street. Sidewalk widening and enhancements along route would encourage recreation, but also facilitate access to schools, churches, historic landmarks and libraries. Covid-19 has brought to light the importance of outdoor recreation as an option for all. Safe and accessible running, walking and bicycle routes not only should be planned to reduce traffic, but to also provide an accessible and safe form of exercise and socialization to all.

3. Replace overbuilt Richmond highway, GW memorial parkway, patrick street highway and Washington outer lanes through old town with transit and protected bike lanes in old town. The NPS is planning to reduce the number of lanes of the memorial parkway south of old town, and washington street will soon have more lanes than the segment of George Washington memorial parkway it feeds. Upgrade pedestrian crossings of Richmond highway in between Vernon and Fayetteville street. Cars speed along this long, straight section of the highway (with 6 lanes and no intersecting roads or crossings, it does not appear to be built to encourage 25 mph traffic speeds)

which physically divides this section of old town for cars at the expense of pedestrian safety. There is no way to cross Richmond highway from N. Fayette street and the crossing at first street is dangerous and inadequate. An additional crossing north of first street between Braddock gateway and the northeast alexandria neighborhood is needed so that residents in northeast alexandria can reach Braddock gateway and the Braddock road metro station safely. Fund a pedestrian crossing of GW memorial parkway in between slaters lane and bashford lane and fix and upgrade the pedestrian crossings at slaters lane and bashford lane. Since the pandemic more people have been trying to cross this segment of George Washington memorial parkway, which is bisected for high speed car use at the expense of pedestrian access and safety. Cars regularly use the long straight parkway scaled stretch of road on the GW memorial parkway between slaters lane and bashford lane to speed/race. This section of the parkway is built to the same scale as the segments of the parkway north of slaters lane where the speed limit is 40mph. The lack of intersecting road connections in this section of GW parkway is partly due to the adjacent superblock at the GenOn property. However, more pedestrian activity from nearby development projects such as the residential conversion of the Towngate property, the opening of the Potomac yard metro station that will be accessed by Potomac greens and west abingdon drives, and the future subdivision and development of the GenOn property will generate more pedestrian traffic and the need for pedestrians to safely cross George Washington memorial parkway to get to the parts of old town east and west of the parkway currently separated by the parkway's disruption to the fabric of old town. Also fund public transit service extensions, transit facility upgrades and expansions, and other pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

4. Reconstruct ALL streets in the City of Alexandria that are two-way streets lined by perpendicular street parking. Reconstruction shall include paved drive lanes and permeable pavement at parking areas. Examples of these streets include: 1. East Glendale Ave (between Wayne and Mt Vernon Streets), 2. North Howard Street (between North Jordan and Raleigh Ave), and 3. Executive Avenue (between West Glebe and Mount Vernon Avenue). There are likely many more like this. This would better define parking areas, provide traffic calming on these unique streets, and reduce water surges into storm water systems.
5. Like motorcyclists and automobile drivers, bicyclists should be required to have licenses and tags. Why are bicyclists allowed to drive through red lights and not automobile drivers?
6. Improve walkability in central business area. Improve parking in central business area.
7. Improve pedestrian safety on Mt Vernon Avenue - add more cross street stop signs and increase street level lighting
8. i note that you did not put road repair in the previous list and thank goodness you did not put bike lanes
9. bike/ped infrastructure...esp. with the pipeline issue right now, being able to safely get around--the King St. and Seminary bike lanes have been critical in being able to stay active and distance from others; mental health, housing and food insecurity--continue what the city is doing
10. Transportation infrastructure
11. Increased access to public transportation, to include analysis and efficiency of existing bus routes. With significant density changes in Alexandria, bus routes and other public transportation should account for new demand. -- COVID has also changed the way people commute and work. Money should be used to accommodate the changing work climate to make Alexandria more attractive to future employers. - Improvement to Alexandria critical infrastructure; to include high speed fiber

connections to commercial and private, studies on the resilience of utilities (power, water, telecommunications, etc), and increased analysis of city traffic. -- The best time to improve infrastructure is yesterday. One time funds should absolutely be used to spend on aging infrastructure in Alexandria to ensure the next big storm does not cause irreparable damage to the city

12. Direct funding to widening sidewalks so that restaurants and other businesses can carry out some of their business outdoors more easily; this also would enable residents to walk outside without dodging people coming in the other direction. Many of our sidewalks are broken, uneven, or too narrow, making a brisk walking pace difficult. Walking brings health benefits to the individual and also helps support business -- a window shopper may come in for an impulse purchase.
13. Public safety improvements that encourage more walkability and accessibility to businesses, public spaces and green spaces. ie. better street lighting, better crosswalks, wider sidewalks, encouraging a transition away from single occupancy vehicles
14. We should increase (not decrease) street safety infrastructure projects.
15. Road and sidewalk improvements through out the city
16. Increase bus system with smaller efficient buses
17. I would like the city to invest more on road infrastructure. Currently the streets are pretty bad and makes the city look bad. If the citizens are paying taxes to have a better place to live, it is expected that it's reflected in the city's infrastructure
18. Better bus service from west end to old town, especially on weekends. AT6 specifically.
19. Increase sidewalks in neighborhoods that don't have them
20. Road and sidewalk improvements through out the city
21. additional bike lanes and public transportation
22. We should increase (not decrease) street safety infrastructure projects.
23. Better bus service from west end to old town, especially on weekends. AT6 specifically.
24. Increase sidewalks in neighborhoods that don't have them
25. Bike Paths!
26. Accelerate implementation of Alexandria Transit Vision Plan and creation of new high capacity transit on Duke St.
27. Improve traffic and congestion on King St in West Alex.
28. Repaving roads and update infrastructure
29. more cameras at crossroads
30. Increased public transport in the west end Services for low income residents
31. As kids return to school, bus crowding - while still in a pandemic - is a huge concern. Building out more child-safe pedestrian and bike infrastructure to provide more robust safe routes to school can help reduce bus usage for years to come. We have many intersections that parents just won't let their kids cross alone currently and we need to change that to help evolve our city towards more eco-friendly and economically sound options as we continue to grow. 2. Other cities around the world have seen an uptick in consumer retail spending in locations where complete protected bike infrastructure attracted families and commuters. Long term, bike infrastructure is lower cost for the city to maintain and helps increase equitable access across the city while reducing our carbon footprint. Most of Alexandria's current bike infrastructure is not designed for all ages and abilities to feel safe commuting around town and this contributes to more people opting to use cars for even short trips. Long term, just like cities around the world have already proven, bike infrastructure,

when designed thoroughly for less-skilled users, can save cities enormous infrastructure costs with each car trip that is converted to active transit. We can't add more lanes for cars so it's time to start building out real options for non-car daily-life transit throughout Alexandria. 3. Open streets with cosmetically appealing barricades (large flowerpots, etc.) and parking spaces converted to parklets create an ongoing festival environment that will lure more visitors to stroll around town and spend money in our businesses. These outdoor open streets spaces may be incredibly important if we see any further need for social distancing if the virus issues linger. These spaces will also help make empty local office building space more competitive as the park-like pedestrian environments are beloved attractions. 4. Make the buses free and make them far more frequent. We need to remove all barriers to people hopping on buses rather than driving. The free trolley gets lots of use and our buses would too if you could grab one every ~20 minutes to get to where you need to go in our city. 5. Work with area employers to implement solutions to reducing congestion traffic including promoting telework options, staggering hours to not be at peak traffic times and implementing internal programs promoting the use of non-car transit options in our city. This will reduce the strain on our local infrastructure of too many cars at rush hour. 6. Work with VDOT, MDOT and the federal government to alleviate single-occupancy car traffic on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Solutions include turning the inner lanes into HOV/toll lanes, rapid bus transit between Alexandria & Maryland and educating inbound commuters about other transit options they may not be aware of. 7. Identify more places to disincentivize cut-through traffic. While it's great to have easy access for those who want to live or work in Alexandria, not all of our traffic contributes to our community and we'd be better served if those cars stayed on 395/495/295 rather than driving through town. Simple things like reducing local road speeds can trigger apps to prioritize more appropriate routes to these drivers while simultaneously making our roads safer for pedestrians. Dedicating more lanes to local buses on our heaviest traffic routes can further disincentivize this kind of traffic here (Route 1, Washington St, etc.). Where possible, remove lanes/slip lanes/ramps or slow down turns and traffic lights and make it less appealing to cut through town at peak hours. With fewer cars coming in, locals can more easily navigate local roads in more appealing timelines at peak hours. Help educate the community about the benefits of road diets and help the public realize that slower roads not only save pedestrian lives but reduce the number of cars cutting through town overall. 8. Promote active transit and public transit to residents with a solid, ongoing education program as other cities have that successfully convinced their populations to change their transit choices. We need ongoing community effort to convince our town that the eco-friendly, healthy choices are often actually faster and more pleasant than crawling through town in a traffic jam. Public opinions and choices aren't going to shift on their own without a strong example and message from the city on this critical issue. Every commuter that makes a better choice reduces our infrastructure costs long term. We won't see that cultural change without a plan to make it happen.

32. infrastructure for flooding and broadband but NOT transportation.

Technology

1. fast, secure public wifi
2. Upgrade the City's cybersecurity for City employees, City owned IT infrastructure, and perhaps funds to private city infrastructure for cybersecurity upgrades.
3. Upgrade broadband/technology

4. Invest in technology enhancements in the city. Broadband performance improvements, etc. The city is very reliant on tourism via the King St. corridor, but there is a massive opportunity to increase non-tourist business in the city if the infrastructure could support it.
5. Municipal fiber optic internet
6. Invest in broadband infrastructure for the city
7. Develop a municipal broadband system to provide high speed affordable internet to all residents
8. city fiber optic backbone initiative to provide competition for internet services in Alexandria
9. But after that, I think broadband access is key for community resilience in the future
10. Any infrastructure related to broadband (improving access in general and more high-speed internet)
11. support infrastructure projects related to broadband and bring G5 to Alexandria
12. Create a Manager for the Digital Equity work
13. Allow more broadband vendors. Comcast service is subpar with old cables and supporting infrastructure. I have poor internet service but I can't switch because they are the only provider. So I pay high prices for a poor product
14. Universal internet access is critical for our kids and our businesses. In Alexandria we are hostage to one expensive provider.
15. Invest in 5G infrastructure and allow competition among internet carriers. As of now, COMCAST has an unfair monopoly in Old Town.
16. Expand broadband options beyond the existing monopoly provider: comcast. 2. Secure City IT infrastructure security to prevent breaches, ransomware attacks
17. mobile hotspots that could help people without internet with job searching and other necessary online needs, these could be borrowed via the Library
18. Digital Divide: Broad band access
19. Infrastructure projects would be another priority that I'd like to see funded. Broadband is now an essential service for children who need to do virtual school, people trying to book vaccine appointments, etc.
20. We need competition in the broadband sector so Comcast is not the only provider. Small grants to help keep arts organizations going until the pandemic is over would be great.
21. Support infrastructure for broadband to end the monopoly by Xfinity that prohibits cost effective services for all residents
22. Put overhead utilities underground and upgrade to underground internet like Verizon Fios -a 100% fiber-optic network that delivers some of the fastest internet speeds. COMCAST has a monopoly in Alexandria which is why they can charge whatever they want
23. Please get better Internet - we need competition here and all Alexandrians clearly need ACCESS. Telecomm here is much inferior to City of FC, where I used to live
24. Mobile circulating hotspots for wifi access, part of American Rescue Plan technology recommendation from city
25. Improve broadband for ALL citizens
26. Internet options throughout city
27. I like the Library's proposal for mobile hot spots. Even if a poorer child is given a laptop, without more hot spots, they can not do their remote work.
28. Expand or update broadband to better serve residents and provide option of carriers in Old Town
29. Advancing reliable broadband as a public utility
30. insuring access to broadband

31. Increasing the ability of Alexandria citizens to access a public computer and/or broadband via hotspots or increasing city buildings with public computers available
32. responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts to residents and businesses: Please improve communication among public service providers to be able to respond fast to emergency situations ... most commissions were unable to host online events or communicate via email during the pandemic ... I don't think this helps our city to recover fast even though now learning that it was a state mandate and there were some exemptions, I think the law should be reviewed for future incidents. Thank you.
33. Provide alternative high speed internet access options to Comcast
34. broadband
35. Public WiFi
36. faster internet city wide
37. update power lines that frequently lead to outages in a way that can prevent as many outages
38. High speed broadband for all of Alexandria.
39. Please get better Internet - we need competition here and all Alexandrians clearly need ACCESS. Telecomm here is much inferior to City of FC, where I used to live.
40. Support infrastructure for broadband to end the monopoly by Xfinity that prohibits cost effective services for all residents.
41. Ensure fiber optic internet to all alexandria residents. And prohibit use of any public funds for more cooper cable lines.
42. Expand or update broadband to better serve residents and provide option of carriers in Old Town.
43. City broadband! Comcast is horrible. It should be built to serve all of us.
44. Closing the opportunity gap by providing equity in access to broadband and technology necessary to thrive in today's economy. Helping students get back on track after dramatically different learn from home experiences.
45. broadband expansion
46. Advancing reliable broadband as a public utility
47. Provide alternative high speed internet access options to Comcast; provide grants for stop-gap childcare for low-income workers to be able to return to work sooner; provide grants for education for parents that are not being served adequately by the public school system.
48. Public WiFi
49. faster internet city wide -update power lines that frequently lead to outages in a way that can prevent as many outages
50. High speed broadband for all of Alexandria.
51. Ensure fiber optic internet to all alexandria residents. And prohibit use of any public funds for more cooper cable lines.
52. Closing the opportunity gap by providing equity in access to broadband and technology necessary to thrive in today's economy. Helping students get back on track after dramatically different learn from home experiences.
53. Broadband!
54. invest in broadband and oversee it as a utility
55. Expand city fiber and oversee as a utility, covid has shown how internet access IS a utility in 2021.
56. Broadband - PLEASE! Comcast is horrid and there is no other viable option.
57. Free wifi for families doing school, therapy, and work from home.

58. Improve internet / broadband throughout city to better facilitate work from home. Verizon FIOS/ fiber options within City.
59. Invest in fiber optics so we can break down the Comcast monopoly in most of Alexandria
60. <https://digitalbridgek12.org/toolkit/deploy/chicago-connected/>
61. Broadband
62. I'd like to see better broadband/technology infrastructure for ALL city residents and businesses. We pay exorbitant costs for service and have very little choice for fairly terrible service. The last 1.5 years has proven that modern life cannot function without internet.
63. Broadband broadband broadband.
64. Upgrade city's broadband capacity
65. improve cities web services to allow for ability to do all city related transactions online
66. This city is quickly becoming unaffordable and inaccessible for low to middle income people. Alongside digital infrastructure projects should be job training (create community WIFI and train people in how to configure and maintain the networks for the city rather than hiring externally) and digital entrepreneurship (move people out of essential work into other roles, i.e. help the struggling tamale vendor set up a digital storefront for her goods) incubators to help those individuals and families not only benefit from affordable housing and upgraded technology, but also receive better opportunities. I have been a part of projects such as this in other areas as part of my role with the Internet Society of DC (isocdc.org) and working with vulnerable groups in disaster mitigation and just transitions (Monica Sanders Georgetown 360) and have an idea of what is possible and scalable.
67. Finish municipal broadband!!
68. Fund the city's Digital Equity Plan with a full time staff person to lead, and hire a firm to do the plan, which needs to include a broadband census so we know who has what level of broadband where. We can't fix our digital divide without this important baseline info and surveys won't do it (buy the data) We can't ensure everyone will obtain access without a paid person (not current staff) leading the effort; someone who wakes up in the morning and this is all they think about.
69. Fiber optic internet please
70. provide wireless fee free internet connection to those who have no income due to pandemic
71. Broadband projects address both infrastructure and COVID-19 needs. Breaking Xfinity's monopoly and improving the sewer and wastewater infrastructure would improve the quality of life and allow more residents to access quality Internet services for a better price.
72. Reasonably priced broadband. I pay \$100/month for just internet. And that is because there is only one option. It's ridiculous.
73. City wide public broadband
74. The city needs more broadband options NOW. Comcast is expensive and has regular service disruptions. Competition is needed to bring them in line.
75. Expand broadband in the city of Alexandria. Comcast has a monopoly over the majority of the city and have no competition and are able to charge exorbitant prices for their service with no consequence. There was supposed to be a FIOS rollout, however disagreements between the city and Verizon prevented this.
76. * Upgrade broadband infrastructure so any Alexandrian citizen with a smart device can sign up for a password protected wifi account and access internet anywhere in the city in public.
77. Fund the Digital Equity initiatives and broadband digging/deployment
78. Broadband as soon as possible, including fiber deployment.

79. increase preparedness/resiliency through investment in broadband access
80. Improving WiFi access in low-income neighborhoods, school modernization
81. Bring in affordable broadband.
82. City bulk contract for broadband to all ARHA housing.
83. North Old Town is in dire need of high speed internet infrastructure.
84. Municipal broadband and infrastructure for sewers and climate change mitigation should be priorities
85. Municipal broadband is critical for the city, and will benefit students and employees working from home.
86. broadband
87. Improve broadband access given the number of new residents in West Alex and more people working from home
88. Something other than Comcast.
89. Currently Alexandria has only one internet provider. This ensures a monopoly and without competition it removes any means to reduce costs to households.
90. I'm also interested in more broadband choices.
91. Free Citywide Broadband Internet
92. Broadband. As you have many more working from home.
93. Free Citywide Broadband Internet - to close the digital divide... this has always been an issued, exacerbated by COVID-19. This also connects to human services as hopefully human services programs will remain hybrid in person/digital in support of access & equity. People need it to find jobs, too.
94. Municipal broadband or another alternative that would break resident's dependence on Comcast.
95. Broadband. We need Fios.
96. Inclusion of free broadband in affordable housing development

Stormwater

1. Work on reducing the flooding in Del Ray.
2. Upgrade wastewater and sewer systems, invest in public broadband access, safety net for housing and health services, including dental and eye health. Food security by providing gift cards so families can shop for their specific needs and not have to access public food pantries and give aways. Food insecure families may have members with special dietary needs.
3. Vast majority of this money should be spent on infrastructure. However, I would include efforts to improve public safety and traffic and pedestrian safety coordinating with police. This has become a greater problem and streets and pedestrian walkways need to be redesigned for safety.
4. Waste Water project
5. Water and sewer improvements for delray lynhurst.
6. Water sewer and broadband
7. water, sewer, flooding. Rental assistance.
8. Water/sewer issues
9. Water/sewer line improvements to stop flooding

10. We need to address the flooding of residential homes during rain events. Homeowners can't do this alone as sump pumps don't protect your home from city water coming up through the drains
11. Upgrade infrastructure to mitigate flooding.
12. Unplug drains, reduce flooding.
13. Update the sewer system, better flood management, housing opportunities, support for locally owned small businesses.
14. upgrade alexandria's sewage system and mitigate storm drainage issues
15. The storm water / sewer issue must be addressed. As one of many affected by the storms, I feel it is imperative that the city do feasibility studies and set the wheels in motion to update the storm water infrastructure.
16. The water/sewer issues that result in sever flooding in Alexandria have to be resolved. Rehab facilities need to be reopened. < COVID-19 has increased drug and alcohol use, and Alexandria shutdown its facilities for recovery
17. The water/sewer/broadband issues must be resolved.
18. The city should provide funding for residents and businesses to purchase rain barrels at a reduced cost to prevent flooding
19. The city urgently needs to replace and improve the storm water drains on East Howell Avenue (between Commonwealth Avenue and Clyde Avenue, the part closest to Clyde Avenue). Almost every house in the areas of East Howell Avenue closest to Clyde Avenue has experienced flooding in 2019 and 2020.
20. The city really needs to look at the flooding over on Glebe and Commonwealth area.
21. The City clearly has an infrastructure issue with all of the flooding that occurs.
22. Support infrastructure projects related to water, sewer and flooding.
23. Support infrastructure projects related to flood mitigation and sewer
24. Spend funds and time on updating city's pipes and infrastructure as it has large impact on many parts of the city, as well as financial, mental and emotional impact on many people in the city.
25. Storm water flooding mitigation is extremely needed. Especially in the Potomac Yard/lynhaven area. Torrential summer rains of over an inch per hour are now annual events, and cause major flooding in the street and in homes. No amount of individual mitigation can prevent the water from coming up through the toilet and shower drain.
26. Storm water management, PLEASE!
27. Storm water runoff needs to be a priority. Global warming and sea level rise is going to threaten Alexandria as much as any costal city, an we are already feeling some of the effects. We need to prioritize storm water removal because it's guaranteed to get worse and will detract from every other investment the city makes if not treated as the urgent issue it is.
28. Stormwater and flooding infrastructure improvements throughout the city.
29. Stormwater infrastructure improvements to mitigate flooding in Hoofs Run
30. Stormwater infrastructure to avoid the floodings that happen in the Del Ray area several times every summer.
31. Stormwater mitigation
32. Stormwater sewer improvements planning/engineering and homeowner improvements reimbursements
33. Stormwater. Green energy

34. Stormwater/flooding issues in North Del Ray/Lynhaven areas.
35. Sewer infrastructure
36. Sanitary and storm sewer upgrades throughout the City.
37. Sewer & stormwater investments to stop flooding
38. Sewer and stormwater infrastructure should be the sole focus.
39. Sewer issues that have been exacerbated by the increased density climate change and inaction by the city for decades. Single sewer lines have been addressed by the General Assembly and Alexandria continues to drag its feet causing sewer back up in homes.
40. Sewer upgrades in Del Ray/Rosemont/Old Town
41. Remediate the storm sewer pipes to limit flooding in north del ray. I'm a resident of auburn village and this is super important to us. Not only is there always extensive property damage whenever it floods, both to cars and homes, the water on the streets is fast and deep enough that it is also a threat to life for the young and old.
42. Projects that address home flooding due to sewage overflow.
43. Projects that prevent the flooding and sewer back ups we experienced last year.
44. Please use some funding to support projects to improve storm water drainage infrastructure, as that appears to be a critical issue for residents throughout Alexandria and could help create jobs, too. Otherwise I believe funding should help people recover directly from the effects of COVID-19.
45. Prepare our city's infrastructure for the future.
46. Prioritize funding the sewer replacement project and environmental issues like keeping the Potomac clean. Fund physical improvements to ACPS buildings that are in need.
47. Our flooding is a critical issue in my neighborhood
48. Our flooding issues are critical and need to be addressed as soon as possible. It is not right that residents have persistent flooding and must do repeated repairs from the city's neglect at their own expense.
49. Money should be spent to prevent sewage backup into Alexandria homes during storm events. This is a public health issue that needs immediate attention.
50. Management of storm water could be improved significantly if the city promoted rain gardens as strongly as does Seattle <https://www.12000raingardens.org/> (grants, workshops, training community wide goal of 12,000 rain gardens). City COULD pay for 10-15 garden designs by landscape architects to inspire residents to plant more vegetation that slows down/absorbs storm water & does not need chemicals; negotiate with native plant nurseries, reforestation wholesalers for discounts for residents to; launch youth jobs program thru parks & recreation?? to train employ youth (or unemployed because of Covid)& teach them how to plant & care for landscape. Incentivize developers, commercial property owners to plant more trees, remove paving or pave with permeable paving, FINE developers/commercial property owners who do not remediate too much pavement and add to water problems. As the local watershed's last stop before the Chesapeake Bay, work with Fairfax and Arlington counties on contests to plant water absorbing trees, landscape, incentivize positive actions.
51. Massive subterranean storage tanks for storm water runoff, positioned under the GW Middle School ball fields and fields adjacent to Monroe and Rt 1. Stormwater runoff mitigation efforts for current gen issues are insufficient for future climate events. Plan for 20-30 years from now, and be hailed as heroes.

52. Let's get everyone "to the other side" first, and if there is anything left over, invest in needed and durable infrastructure, like stormwater remediation.
53. Increased funds (grants) and resources (guidance on which measures might be most effective) for home improvements related to short-term flood prevention. We need this stopgap measure IMMEDIATELY while we wait for the long-term infrastructure projects to come to fruition.
54. infrastructure
55. infrastructure - prevent flooding increased communication in our non-English speaking areas - include provide more adult English language
56. Infrastructure and dealing with local flooding on Linden Street and the Rosemont Park area
57. Infrastructure and health. More bike lanes and bike parking spots. Remedy instant flooding issues.
58. Infrastructure projects
59. Infrastructure projects are necessary
60. Infrastructure projects re water, sewer, broadband
61. Infrastructure related to storm drains, specifically Hooff's Run projects already planned to prevent flooding.
62. Infrastructure related to the flooding in Alexandria DelRay area. Sewers need addressing
63. Infrastructure repair for Schools and sewers
64. Instead of spending money on things that are NOT the responsibility of the city government, just focus on things that ARE the responsibility of the city government. Like sewers, for example.
65. In addition to filling gaps related to Covid, I'd also use funding partially to address infrastructure related to water projects and flooding
66. Improve storm water and flooding issues in all neighborhoods.
67. Improve the flooding situation in Alexandria
68. I'd like to see the city invest in the flooding spot projects and completing the maintenance.
69. I'd like to see this one-time federal cash infusion used to solve the city's stormwater and sewer problems once and for all. A 100-year type project. I would hope that wouldn't require all the funds. If it does require all the funds, then I'd shift some funds out of public safety and roads to increase funding temporarily for food, mental health and rental assistance
70. I would like to recommend that the city pays particular attention to sewer infrastructure projects. Given the increasing severity and unpredictability of storms owing to the global climate crisis, Alexandria's low lying situation, and the ageing and inadequate existing infrastructure, it seems to me that water management is one of the great challenges lying ahead of the city. This challenge is beyond the ability of individual householders to manage through domestic fixes, and must surely now be addressed seriously through major works at the local government level. I understand the limitations and deadlines on spending the funds, and that completing such major projects will take several years. I would like to suggest that funds be applied to planning and feasibility studies for the projects currently on the Capital Improvement Plan. This would allow for more timely and effective prioritization of these projects, and would also free up funds raised through the stormwater fee (and other revenue streams) to undertake the projects themselves and to add others as the need arises. In particular, an honest reappraisal of necessary sewer works currently labelled as "stream restoration" would be appropriate and beneficial in order to complete essential repairs in a minimally destructive way that is acceptable to the community. Thank you for your consideration.

71. I would like the focus to be on repairing the infrastructure we already have, including water, sewer, and especially stormwater systems.
72. I recommend you make long-term investments in infrastructure programs to mitigate our flooding problem.
73. I would dedicate as much as possible to fixing the flooding problems- the flooding is literally destroying our city.
74. I live in the Auburn Village condo complex and the flooding around our neighborhood is really bad. I would like to see some of the money spent to fix the drainage issues.
75. I lost my homeowners insurance because of city sewage backup issues. Please -- for the love of all that is good -- prioritize this work...with urgency!
76. Glebe and Commonwealth flooding issues
77. Hoffs Run sewer infrastructure
78. Flood risk mitigation
79. Flooding and storm water drainage needs to be addressed immediately
80. Flooding is a huge issue that needs immediate attention throughout Alexandria from Del Ray, Braddock heights to Old Town. City sewers and stormwater need immediate attention. Storm drains need to be cleaned and monitored. We were told storm drains were being cleaned regularly by City leadership, which was false. A citizen posted pictures and videos of the debris in storm drain on social media. Once the pictures/videos were distributed then finally storm drains are slowly getting cleaned by the city. T&S dept needs to do a much better job.
81. Flooding issues in del ray need to be addressed
82. Focus on fixing pipes and infrastructure specifically in the historically lower income areas of North Del Ray and Chirilagua.
83. Fix existing sanitary and storm sewer capacity and maintenance issues. Also, plan for (funding, design, etc) increased density IN ADVANCE
84. Fix the damn drainage/sewage system. I'm done with my basement flooding.
85. Fix the damn sewers
86. Fix the drains and sewers. Allocate the extra fees residents have been paying for a long time to these projects and NOT to anything else, such as city salaries. This benefits your tax paying residents and all of us that are paying extra fees and not seeing any results!
87. Fix the flooding issues around Commonwealth Avenue and Ashby Street.
88. Fix the infrastructure flooding issues that were identified and ignored in the CASCA 2016 study ASAP.
89. Fix the sewer / water flooding issues in Alexandria
90. Fix the stormwater drainage issues
91. Fix/update water & sewer pipes to stop the unnecessary flooding that has now occurred 3 times in 15 months (July 2019, July 2020, Sept. 2020).
92. Fixing core services, specifically water and waste water management
93. Fix the storm sewers. Actually act on the permits you have already received from the army Corps of Engineers to clean the entire system. Do the projects identified in the 2016 CAASCA report. For those projects which are longer term by their nature, and physically can't be sped up, but need design and feasibility studies, pay for those studies now out of these funds. DO NOT spend any of this money on salaries. Do not hire 12 new people for storm sewer management when the 7 you already have do exactly nothing. Go back to taking all of their salaries out of the

general fund. If you do not fix the sewers, and allow us to continue to flood (perhaps to raze our neighborhoods and "smart develop" us to build more highrises on the other side of the tracks, where the master plan forbids it - we see what you are doing there) the riots in Jerusalem now will be nothing compared to what you will see in Alexandria. You may have been able to displace powerless subsidized housing residents with a lot of platitudes, and replaced their perfectly structurally sound buildings with high rise condominiums for rich white people, but in case you had not noticed, rich white people have taken over the neighborhoods near the metro stations, and we are not so easily cowed. Do not think that if you do as Lambert said, and try to make us do individual abatement where it is physically impossible, that we will go quietly into that dark night. We will resist the continued, city sponsored, destruction of our homes. You will regret it. Fix the storm sewers, or pay the price - public unrest is right around the corner.

94. Fire Jinks, fire Baker, fire Lambert, fix the drains
95. Eisenhower Avenue (road) HOLMES RUN TRAIL (Bridge have been closed for years) Sewer /flooding problems
96. Drainage and sewer infrastructure
97. East Glebe infrastructure/sewer
98. Don't squander this once in a lifetime opportunity to take care of the sewer and storm water problems. Help the people who are really hurting from Covid, but Alexandria's future will be severely compromised if the infrastructure continues to be ignored. Fix the sewers!
99. Deal with sewer/flooding project
100. Clean the drains. Stop the flooding
101. Anything related to flooding
102. Although unrelated to COVID, Alexandria needs improvements to sewers and storm water drainage. Fix the issue of storm water drainage
103. Address persistent flooding issues in existing problem areas such as along East Glebe Rd
104. Address flooding through maintenance and improvements to our stormwater systems
105. Support infrastructure projects related to water, sewer, or broadband. - Expand the stormwater draining capabilities as soon as possible. My condo village- Auburn Village is severely flooded each year
106. water/sewer infrastructure needs to be addressed - fix/repair/replace the existing water infrastructure
107. Water and sewer in North Old Town. Lots of flooding issues in the neighborhood near the Powhatan Firehouse that seem to be ignored in budgeting discussions.
108. Stop flooding, enhance/overhaul infrastructure and pipes in Rosemont and Old Town, historic districts that define the character of this city and bring in high tax revenue and tourists.
109. Storm/Sewer Infrastructure, specifically on the N. and S. ends of the Del Ray neighborhood which sees yearly devastating flooding for its residents.
110. Support infrastructure projects related to water, sewer or broadband
111. Fix the sewers and pipes and stop the flooding, particularly in Old Town and Rosemont historic districts.
112. the issue of flooding for some of our residents should be high on the priority list. Thank you!

113. Alexandria City government has neglected water and sewer issues for decades and continues to be a major polluter of the Potomac river. Intense focus on bike lanes over sewage is incredibly lazy.
114. Use funding to get the sewer/water issue completed faster
115. The funds should also be used to update the city's water and stormwater/sewage system to remove any remaining lead piping, aging materials, and to reduce flooding and sewage overflow into the Potomac and tributaries.
116. The sewer projects
117. The city is failing homeowners who are dealing with combined waste and storm water systems. This issue needs to be 100% of Alexandria's focus. Homeowners pay extremely high taxes which also include tax that goes towards assisted living and your asking for input when people's homes are flooding every time it rains...
118. Support projects related to storm water mitigation. I'm beyond tired of bailing my basement out in Del Ray.
119. support infrastructure projects related to sewer
120. Support infrastructure
121. support infrastructure
122. Sewer and flood abatement
123. Sewer infrastructure is usually ignored now would be a good time to invest.
124. Sewer infrastructure to prevent basement flooding in north old town Rent assistance
Basic income pilot program
125. Sewer to keep Rosemont homes from being ruined annually.
126. Storm water improvements along Commonwealth/Glebe/Hume Springs area.
127. Stormwater/sewer should be priority
128. Prevent flooding, however needed.
129. Projects which relate to the city's flooding problem. Specifically those that do not affect only the business/Old Town areas of the city and concentrate on the neighborhoods which continue to be hit hard by flooding
130. storm water management on Hume ave
131. Infrastructure: Provide resources to enable completion by 2024 of the first phase of the Del Ray area flooding project. Housing and Health & Social Services: No specific projects in mind, but additional funding of projects to assist affected communities will help address economic and social needs exacerbated by the pandemic.
132. Infrastructure
133. Infrastructure
134. Improve city online services and information Harden information security stance Add broadband access points across city
135. improve infrastructure of run off water management
136. improve infrastructure of storm water run off management
137. in light of the overdevelopment that continues throughout the city and leads to the flash flooding, sewer improvements are a priority.
138. Increase funding to stormwater improvement spot projects that will make immediate, tangible improvements while working on the longer term strategic initiatives for stormwater. Specifically on Hume Ave

139. Hume ave needs immediate attention because of failing city sewer infrastructure. The flooding is unnecessary and caused by city negligence. Fix this now! Everything else can wait—we can't go to work if our cars are totaled or contribute to the community when our houses are filled with water and our property damaged. We have to stop being scared when it rains bc the city isn't taking care of its responsibilities to citizens. FIX THE PIPES
140. Flooding in our area is a constant problem so I would like the city to focus on infrastructure and improvement on drainage.
141. Flooding is an on-going issue in the City of Alexandria that desperately needs to be remedied.
142. Focus on the foundation of the city...we can't have bold dreams about the future without a stable foundation....infrastructure i.e. sewage system, stormwater, fiber, etc. Build the foundation and then build up from there
143. Addressing flooding issue and its economic impacts on families
144. Address flooding that has become a serious problem throughout Alexandria
145. respond to the public health emergency support infrastructure projects especially with flooding issues in our neighborhoods.
146. Projects that ameliorate flooding to homes and businesses, assistance with housing and obtaining employment, emergency food assistance
147. stormwater and infrastructure improvements
148. Climate change--rising waters in the Chesapeake, storm water run off
149. Support infrastructure projects related to water, sewer,
150. El proyecto RiverRenew para reducir su costo para nosotros ciudadanos (The river renew project is for reducing your cost for our citizens)
151. sewer
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193. Addressing flooding issue and its economic impacts on families
194. Additional funding to support infrastructure to protect, clean, and mitigate pollution in the Potomac River and its tributaries
195. Support infrastructure projects related to water, sewer and broadband
196. Expedite the timeline for the stormwater plan to mitigate flooding as quickly as possible
197. support increased capacity & maintenance of wastewater/stormwater infrastructure to mitigate flooding potential for households during heavy rains
198. Expand storm water and waste water capacity.
199. Water and flooding
200. Fix the storm water issues
201. I would like the money to be spent on infrastructure that addresses the flooding issues in alexandria.
202. Improvements that prevent sewer backflow into basements and prevent above ground flooding from storm water culverts like Hooff's Run.

203. Support infrastructure projects related to water, sewer, or broadband.
204. Improve infrastructure with a particular focus on storm water and sewage.
205. Much of this funding should be spent on mitigating the stormwater flooding issues that are on the rise and will make Alexandria an undesirable place to live if not addressed quickly
206. Paying down part of the sewer costs is a good idea
207. Increasing storm water drainage capacity throughout the city must be a top priority.
208. All funds should be spent on storm water improvements and repairs. Otherwise residents will have to wait decades for all of our needs to be addressed
209. Stormwater capacity increases as identified in the spot fixes. Green infrastructure. Anything to help urban flooding.
210. We should spend some of the money on water and sewer improvements, spot treatments and capacity. The city should also look to creating rain gardens to help with runoff and to help catch water before it hits the sewers.
211. Take this chance to advance Alexandria's biggest challenges regardless of their relation to the pandemic because they'll help us manage any and all crisis going forward. That includes infrastructure like stormwater and reducing poverty in young children.
212. expanding stormwater sewers, reducing street flooding and compensating for loss of property
213. Infrastructure projects - my home has been impacted by the city's flooding and we need solutions so that the residents can still actually live here. I also believe very strongly in helping those with less - housing subsidies, food, etc., and don't want the funds to only help those wealthy enough to afford houses. Some balance between supporting the poor and helping solve the critical infrastructure issues is what I would like to see.
214. You just doubled the drainage fees and with that projects are still years out. These funds would help speed up and enable more infrastructure needs to be addressed
215. Upgrade storm water removal and city sewers to prevent major flooding like we've seen these past summers--- in all parts of the city, but Old Town and Del Ray specifically
216. Hooffs Run culvert/water and sewer infrastructure. There are literally signs everywhere telling the city to do more.
217. Storm water system, road improvements, and
218. Storm water drainage Waterfront flooding drainage/ mitigation Broadband access and subsidies for low income
219. The sewers need to be fixed. Flooding is only getting worse. Allowing installation of fiber optic lines within the city would be so helpful as people transition to more telework even after the pandemic ends
220. Investments in flood mitigation and green energy and transport
221. If there's enough funding to also support broadband that would be great but prefer expedited storm sewer improvements to prevent further flooding of homes and businesses in Del Ray and other affected areas.
222. Infrastructure! My neighborhood floods when it rains and as a result my car was totaled. And broadband/internet - Comcast is terrible, we need other options!
223. Focus on crumbling infrastructure
224. Speed up the Sewer overhaul.

225. This money should be spent on the urgently needed storm water and flooding mitigation issues. These are a public health and safety concern and must be prioritized to protect the city and its residents for now and the future.
226. Accelerate infrastructure projects to reduce future debt, which will free up funding for operating expenses in out years.
227. Expedite flooding fixes in Rosemont near open portion of Hoofs Run culvert.
228. It has become clear that the water and sewer infrastructure throughout the City is in critical need of repair. While doubling the SWU fee was an aggressive step, it still falls woefully short of being able to fund the number of projects, in an adequate amount of time, to make a real impact for many residents. Layer in how changes in project scope to something like Taylor Run might affect where those dollars are spent, and there is a strong argument for using as much of this funding as possible on infrastructure. Recognizing the limitations of above, most notably on timing to be spent, my recommendation is to fund the design and feasibility studies of the large capacity projects and smaller spot improvements currently prioritized within the 10-year CIP. By front-loading the funding to these studies, project timelines could be accelerated by the time it would have taken to raise funds for each study. In addition, the fee revenue that would have contributed to the studies could be used to add additional projects to the 10-year CIP. Hopefully enough would be saved to add a few large capacity projects.
229. Stormwater infrastructure improvements (grey and green)
230. support infrastructure projects to increase capacity of the city's sewers and address flooding issues in the neighborhood of Del Ray by funding spot infrastructure projects.
231. Please accelerate storm water management plans.
232. Flooding. My Del Ray property is being assessed at a much higher rate than the sales market because it is distressed due to flooding. Maintenance first, and then address capacity. And don't take ten years to do it.
233. Support/improve/increase Water and sewer infrastructure
234. Fund studies in the 10-year CIP for all of the large capacity water and sewer capacity projects, as well as the small spot improvement projects, currently prioritized in the 10-year CIP to allow projects to be accelerated.
235. Stormwater management
236. Fix the broken sewer system
237. I would like 90% of the money committed to Stormwater Sewer Capital Improvement Projects. Because the City already committed to numerous spot projects I think that the money should only fund large projects.
238. Infrastructure projects
239. Stormwater management (flooding prevention) & continued execution of the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan, including separating the combined sewer system.
240. Take care of the constant flooding especially in the DelRay/Rosemont/arlandria area!! The sewer system is inadequate and the development without infrastructure to take care of runoff is outdated! People should not have to live in constant fear of rain storms!!!
241. Invest in infrastructure to better prepare our city for worsening climate, especially stormwater and flooding; and transit alternatives that help reduce the harm our city contributes to the unfolding climate change crisis. COVID-19 is an urgent but relatively short-lived problem. Climate change is important and long-lived.

242. Fix the existing sewage lines so that water does not seep into sewage and lead to sewage in homes.
243. support infrastructure projects
244. FLOODING!
245. You've got to fix the Intranet and the flooding or the city has no future. Please spend O dollars on yourselves. You didn't suffer and the city government should improve the city, not itself.
246. The city's sewer problems are epic. Use every dollar available to help solve this crisis.
247. Flooding has been an issue for around 20 years now in Alexandria. This should have been addressed a long time ago. We put people on the moon faster, we developed the 747 faster, what else needs to be said??
248. Do something about the extreme flooding and sewage issues that have arisen in the last few years.
249. Improve the sewer/drainage in the rosemont neighborhood. Sewage has been backing up in to peoples homes. This needs to be a top priority.
250. Increase sewer capacity in select areas so people's houses stop flooding with sewage.
251. Fix the flooding in Delray and Rosemont areas. These areas shouldn't be flooding.
252. Water issues. Sick of flooding.
253. Infrastructure, including stormwater and streets. More affordable housing, and middle income housing.
254. Fix sewer and water flooding
255. One-time funding should be used for investments in Alexandria's future. While rental assistance, mental health support, etc. are all important issues, these areas have received targeted funding from Congress during the COVID-19 pandemic. The city should use one-time funds for physical (or digital) infrastructure, with a significant portion going to solving storm water and sewer issues.
256. Please use the funding on expanding the storm water capacity. This is the only place in Northern Virginia I'm aware of with giant puddles of standing water when it rains. Alexandria won't be valuable if it's not livable.
257. My hope is that the City will fund the design and feasibility studies for all of the large capacity projects, as well as the small spot improvement projects, currently prioritized in the 10-year CIP. My immediate vicinity is Ashby St & E. Glebe. We have experienced severe flash flooding issues every year since 2018, which require expensive repairs, maintenance and upgrades to my and my neighbors' homes.
258. Flooding.
259. Stormwater/sewer infrastructure is a must, and I do not live in a flood prone area—but this is a City issue that must be addressed. Broadband wifi for the entire city
260. The city has had an infrastructure plan for over 20 years to address flooding issues and nothing has been done. It's frustrating to pay taxes as well as thousands upon thousands of out of pocket dollars to still have these issues. High density building is killing this beautiful city.
261. Focus on infrastructure, sewer, broadband, traffic/parking. Focus on helping people with housing, jobs, education and not necessarily businesses directly.
262. Fix the flooding.
263. Flooding in Alexandria is a real problem, especially in Del Ray where I live.

264. Stormwater management/sewer backup and flooding
265. Infrastructure
266. Flooding is the biggest problem faced by Alexandria. It is essential that it is resolved as soon as possible.
267. Fixing the sewers/flooding is the biggest issue I've faced here. My house has flooded multiple times from water coming out of our basement shower and toilet. I would like to see more independent stores and fewer chains.
268. The sewer and storm water capacity in Alexandria is a disgrace. There is no reason that sewer water should be backing up into houses when it rains, given that this issue has been identified and ongoing for many years.
269. I'd like to see infrastructure investment to reduce flooding
270. I would like to see funds applied to the improvement/repair of our sewer system that is already underway but has not been successful in controlling flooding, and especially sewer backups.
271. Infrastructure is essential to quality of life for all residents and businesses. Fix flooding to benefit all. Ensure drinking water quality; but also mandate more assistance from developers: insist on their contribution to more affordable housing, and sewer and road and trash management costs.
272. Rapid stormwater infrastructure improvements in Rosemont/Hoofs Run area to alleviate flash flooding
273. Implement specific improvements to storm water infrastructure capacity to prevent flooding in our homes in Del Ray. Please prioritize the alley in the 500 block between East Alexandria and East Nelson Avenues.
274. Funds should be spent on projects that offset impacts to residents. Sewer overflow project, stormwater, and transportation. This funding should then offset planned fees that will be raised for these types of projects in 2021 and in near future fiscal years.
275. Upgrade power lines infrastructure so they are buried underground and no longer subject to damage during times of strong winds.
276. Our City is in dire need for infrastructure improvements. Flooding has greatly impacted the cost and quality of my family's life, and this is one area of spending that the government should be responsible for.
277. Flood mitigation, in particular in the Rosemont and Del Ray neighborhoods that have experienced multiple extreme flooding events in recent years. We need not only improvements but also regular, routine maintenance.
278. Continue to fix long term infrastructure like water, sewage, roads , internet and parks.
279. Consider investing/supporting a new community at Landmark that is a model for sustainable design, green energy incorporation and resilient healthcare. This is a once in a generation opportunity for Alexandria to build for the future and adapt to/mitigate against climate change.
280. Sewer infrastructure in Del Ray needs to be fixed. We've had 3 floods inn14 months that cost residents \$14k+ to fix each time. This is unacceptable.
281. Before anything else can happen in the city, the basic infrastructure needs to be stable. Everything beyond having water and sewage that drains, and stable internet, seems superfluous without first addressing these basic infrastructure issues.

282. Flood mitigation
283. PLEASE focus on the infrastructure related to water and sewer TOO many of us are flooding no matter what we do around our houses
284. Fix the flooding issue. Before anything else.
285. I would specifically like to see improvements made to Timber Branch stormwater management. My home has flooded several times and it is very costly, and unsafe. We need responsible management of stormwater and sewage to update existing systems to climate change and overdevelopment, that will improve the quality of life for all city residents and the entire region. We must act as good stewards of our environment.
286. Solve traffic flow, parking and flooding problems!
287. Highest priority is storm water infrastructure improvements.
288. Sewer/stormwater issues to prevent massive flooding in the Rosemont and Del Ray area that have plagued these areas/homes for decades, and especially in the last two year (3 major flooding events in 15 months).
289. Please support infrastructure projects. The flooding issues in Alexandria must be addressed. This problem is overdue for repair. It is a safety issue, a property value issue and will only get worse without attention.
290. improve sewage system to avoid floods and infrastructure, labs etc.
291. speed up stormwater mitigation efforts,
292. As much money as needed should go to our on-going flood mitigation problem in the Rosemont/Del Ray areas.
293. Infrastructure is in bad shape and need to fix sewers, flooding conditions, internet limited to one provider only is problematic, and roads.
294. Fix the flooding issues.
295. flooding and stormwater infrastructure is a huge component of quality of life in Alexandria. Without mitigation and upgrading people and businesses will begin to move out, home values will drop, and we'll cycle back to high vacancies as an undesirable community.
296. Design and implement a plan to handle flooding in Alexandria
297. Please fix the flooding in Alexandria near Hoofs Run.
298. Infrastructure projects related to water, sewer, broadband. STOP THE FLOODING OF HOME AND BUSINESSES!!!!!!!! Forget the bike lanes!
299. Short-term and long-term solutions to the acute and critical flood and storm water drainage issues that directly impact Alexandria residents in terms of quality of life and financial risk.
300. Please please make investments to help abate the flooding in Del Ray. Continued flooding will decimate the value of homes in the area, and will erode the attractiveness (and tax base) of Alexandria.
301. Please accelerate funding for design and delivery of capital infrastructure projects, including transit, sewers, streets and roads, and stormwater management.
302. Sewer project is very important and I hope it is prioritized.
303. Make sure the sewer project is completed on time and correctly
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308. Sewer infrastructure and flood readiness
309. Clean water and septic remediation

City Facilities

1. Repair the crumbling city owned buildings. City Hall and the underground garage for a start.
2. Community Hubs to provide resources to address SDoH including housing job training/financial literacy programs, support to access social services like WIC and SNAP, etc. Can be co-located in existing Rec Centers.
3. The air quality in City buildings needs to be addressed. Specifically City Hall.
4. Upgrade gov't buildings and schools infrastructure, including HVAC, to ensure safer environment and ability to occupy if there is a surge of COVID 19 variants or a new virus.
5. Holistic plan for city buildings to improve indoor air quality (can partner with HVAC company like Trane to audit and develop roadmap).

Emergency Services

1. crime in Old Town North, particularly shootings. Not enough policing in this neighborhood.
2. COVID-19 has caused an increase in crime in our city. We should prioritize spending on the police department and having an increased police presence in the city.
3. I dont think we invest enough In our police officers. Crime has gone up in this area and we need to keep everyone safe. I am also a believer in taking care of the elderly, investing in parks and recreation (ours is weak), and stop with all the " new govt housing" projects in high cost of living areas. What is the incentive to better yourself when you live in a million dollar neighborhood?? I think we still take care of folks who need it but NOT in the most expensive areas (I.e. Old Town). I wouldn't want to leave
4. There is increased crime in old Town (car theft, a nanny attacked in the Royal tunnel, etc) and also a lot of dangerous traffic in the area. For example, Cars not stopping at stop signs, scooters etc. it will only be worse in the summer. Also, the tourist area needs more security. I propose at a minimum speed bumps on union and more funding to the police for enforcement.
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9. Body cams for law enforcement ASAP. Police abuse of citizens is a public health emergency.
10. The main issue in my area is security. Crime is on the rise. Perhaps investing in smart security systems would be beneficial. Also, education is lagging behind.
11. Increase (not decrease) funding for police/fire/EMT who are over burdened generally and even more so because of the pandemic. Hire more "beat" police to help reduce the crime--especially the increase in crime that apparently has resulted during/because of COVID. They are underappreciated and much needed at this time.
12. Compensation for emergency service workers to include day care and education providers.

Government Efficiency and Services

1. I would think in general we would want to replace lost revenues from the pandemic to keep the city's basic services and CIP on track. There have been other programs that have targeted individuals and businesses.
2. I do not have a project specifically in mind, but it is no secret that the City has money issues. Less money to Parks and Rec as they just waste the money they are given or take from others. That department needs a complete overhaul and it is a shame that the City Manager does not realize all of the issues with that department. Start at the top and work down. When you get about half way down, those people that make a fraction of the cost actually care about doing their jobs properly. The top part of the department needs a deep review.
3. Funding for Alexandria Library to hire staff, counteract reductions due to hiring freeze
4. City website and all communication should be readily accessible in languages spoken by larger minority communities in the City (spanish, amharic) and every City department should improve outreach to these communities
5. The clerk or the court needs more money to modernize
6. I would suggest the city invest in hiring at least one individual on a temporary to deal solely with compliance issues related to this funding. By compliance, I mean National Historic Preservation Act compliance (usually Section 106) and National Environmental Policy Act). This position(s) could be within the Office of Historic Alexandria or Planning & Zoning. The position(s) should not be within ARHA.
7. The present government spends too much money on social engineering
8. The clerk or the court needs more money to modernize
9. Give it back.
10. Finally modernize the clerks office. Implement an e-filing system accessible to all attorneys. Not just prosecutors. dysfunctions in the clerks office due to COVID-19 and other factors have resulted in prosecutors having more access to the courts and everyone else having less. Now attorneys can't even use the email address To file, everything still has to be hardcopies. Other states have been using e-filing for years, with both a positive environmental impact. And a reduced necessity to be in the courthouse
11. Completely re-organize the City website. Review organization of departments, e.g. collapse recreation, parks and historic programs into one department. Review class programming.

City Employees

1. The City Sanitation Employees are at risk for COVID 19 Virus. Longer hours are required to collect and dispose of refuse.
2. City employees were not granted their merit increase due to COVID. Since the fiscal impact was not as bad as projected and the city has received \$59.6 million, the city should grant the merit increases the employees earned during COVID. This would only be \$3.6 million leaving \$56 million for other projects.
3. Give police a raise
4. Focus should be made to properly compensate all city employees who did not have the luxury of teleworking, who had to respond to work daily and put themselves and their families at risk, yet still saw cuts to their paycheck or did not get their previously approved annual or step increases in their pay while putting their lives on the line. I.E. Police, Fire, T&ES, Shop employees. Then revenue should be addressed. PUT PEOPLE OVER MONEY FOR ONCE CITY COUNCIL!
5. I'd like to see the money used to bolster services and hiring for Fire, Rescue, EMS, and Health Department who were on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic -- responding to calls, transporting sick residents, testing, and running the vaccinations. (I received my vaccine from an awesome paramedic from ALX fire & rescue). I'd also like to see the funds used for Police because they also responded on COVID-19 calls, and spent the last year-and-a-half continuing to respond to calls about theft, robbery, break-ins, etc. as these things increased due to COVID and various protests. They did not have a choice about staying home to avoid the virus -- they continued to go out every day to do their jobs.
6. Raises for city employees.

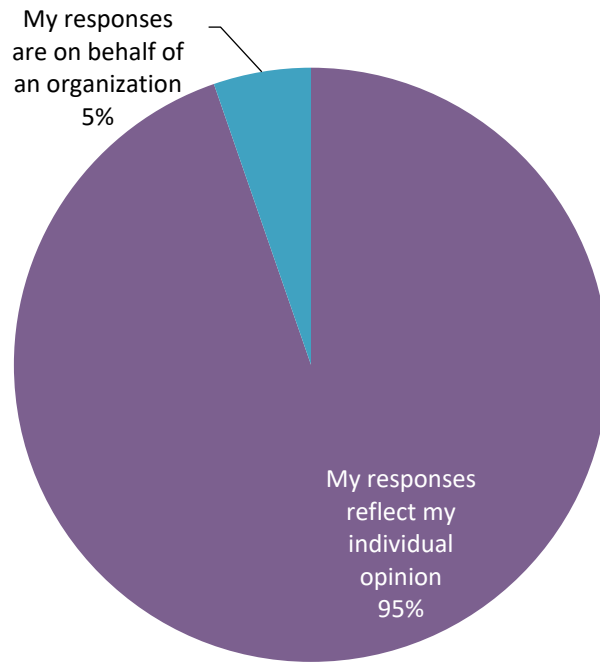
Schools (Note, ACPS is not eligible for this source of funding)

1. In regards to public health, all students must be vaccinated before entering school grounds
2. Expand Educational Resources (technology, teaching salaries, after school programs) this can help parents tremendously in going back into the workforce by making sure their children can go back to school safely. Otherwise invest in childcare services for parents
3. Every dollar should be spent to get schools open full-time. The city should take any and all money to buy-out Dr. Hutchings contract, and hire a superintendent that is interested in getting students back in the classroom
4. Build new schools; pay teachers, police officers and fire fighters more; stop the equity for all in education which is lowering teaching standards to the lowest common denominator
5. Respond to the public health emergency/ education needs for students that were impacted the most
6. investments in schools!!!! Teachers Pay, student/teacher ratio, school buildings - pre-K for all - Healthier nutrition for all school kids (e.g. Cora Kelly's attempt at hiring actual chef to run cafeteria) - Investments in businesses - and bringing more businesses to Alexandria!
7. Upkeep of schools and building new ones.
8. Reinstate funding for the school resource officers
9. Increase police funding for enforcement of all laws
10. I would like the SRO's back at TC King street campus

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16. improve school buildings
17. invest in school HVAC upgrades
18. Upgrade school facilities so that we are no longer among the last communities in the country to reopen our classrooms to in-person instruction.
19. This pandemic has really laid bare the problems that already existed in our school system prior to COVID, -overcrowding -understaffed -under funded -building maintenance Going forward, we should heavily invest in more schools, more staff and greener healthier buildings. With Amazon coming and Alexandria City constantly building multi residential homes in former commercial areas, our schools don't have a chance. Let's fix it now, so when the next pandemic comes....which, with climate change will come sooner than you'd expect, we are better to prepared to handle it. I have no cost assessment for this, but it would serve the City of Alexandria as a whole and well into the future of the city.
20. Upgrade school fresh air ventilation which helps with test performance, general health and Covid
21. I generally (gestures vaguely) support things that help the over burdened school system. So count this as a vote for those.
22. Education - increase the standards to improve the education of all kids; don't dumb them down and lower the standards. All races have access to public education - if certain races are falling behind focus on attendance/truancy and completing assignments - perhaps a city-wide mentorship program. And, stop teaching critical race theory - it has no basis in history and only provides excuses for not taking personal responsibility.
23. Many of our schools exceeded capacity by up to 20% pre-pandemic. In the Fall these same schools are supposed to go to full time in person instruction at 3 feet distance, 6 feet for lunch. It's unclear how this is physically possible, but suffice to say it will be a challenge. Young children are our only vaccine-ineligible population. Simple investments of UV light sanitization in HVAC and HEPA filtration can mitigate viral risk now and, in the long run, reduce mold, mildew and mushroom growth in our schools. This is both a critical urgent health investment for our students and teachers AND an improvement that can pay longer-lasting dividends in student health and building maintenance.
24. How about revitalizing GW Middle School? It is a health hazard and death trap

Survey Demographics

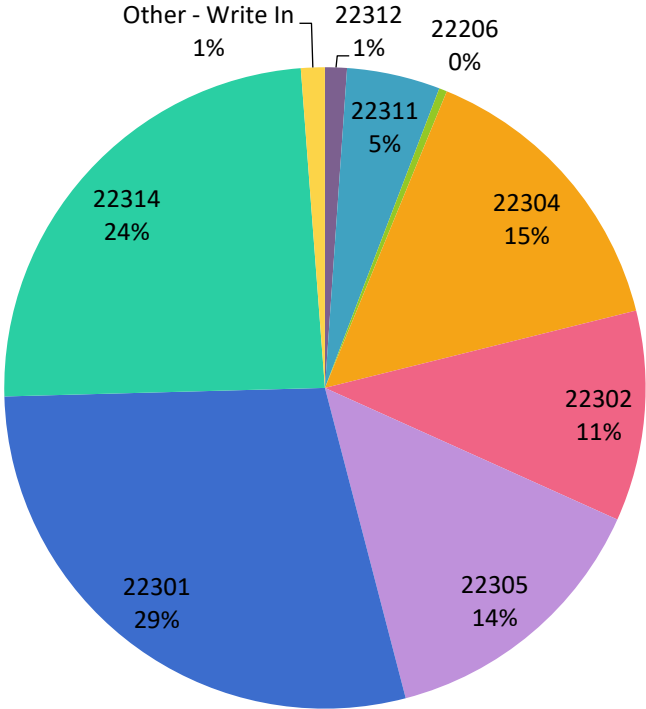
Do your responses reflect your individual opinion or are you responding on behalf of an organization?



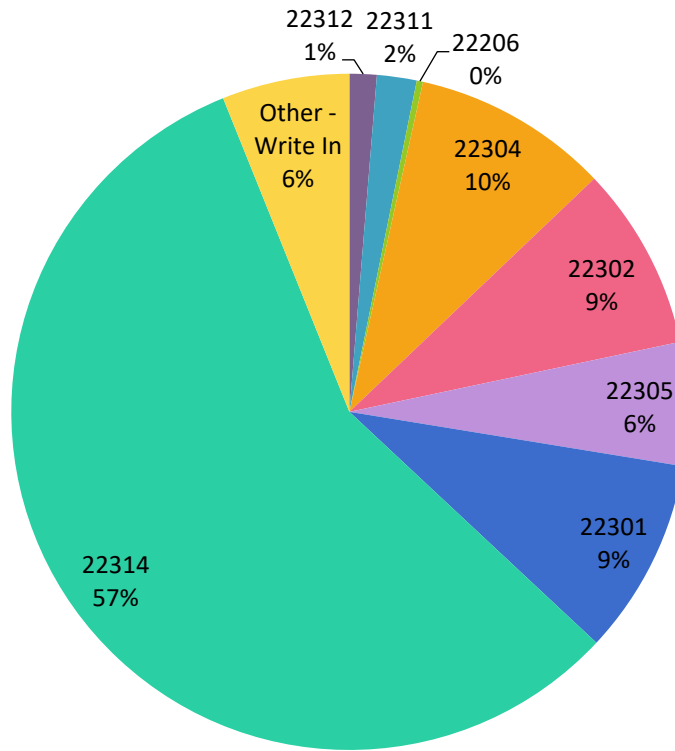
What is your affiliation with the City of Alexandria?

Value	Percent
I am a resident of Alexandria	84.6%
I work in a business in Alexandria	12.8%
I own a business in Alexandria	11.8%
I work for a non-profit in Alexandria	9.6%
Other	9.4%

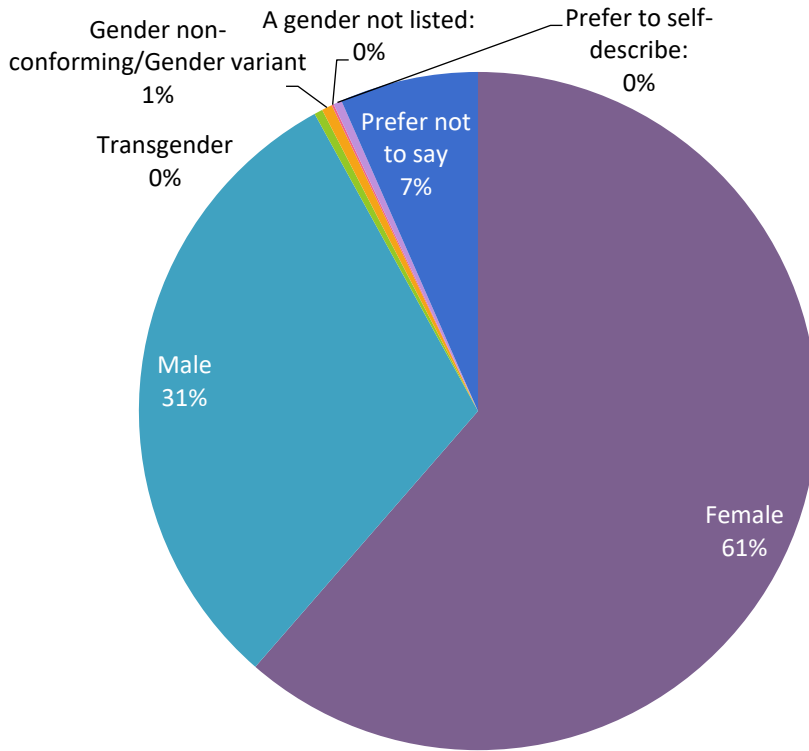
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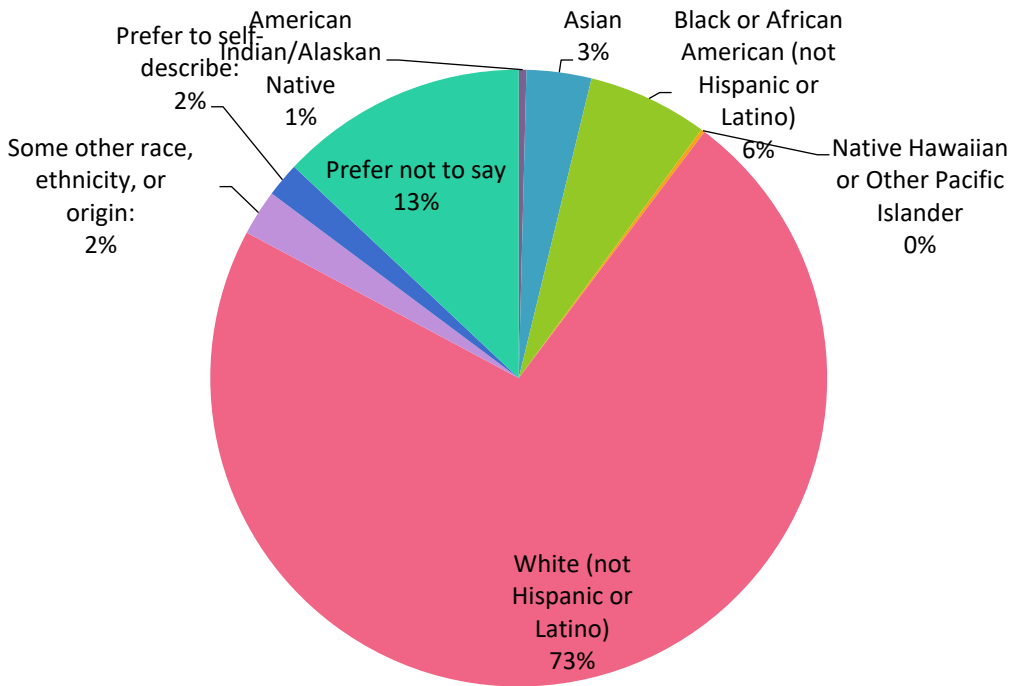
Which zip code do you work in? (asked only to workers)



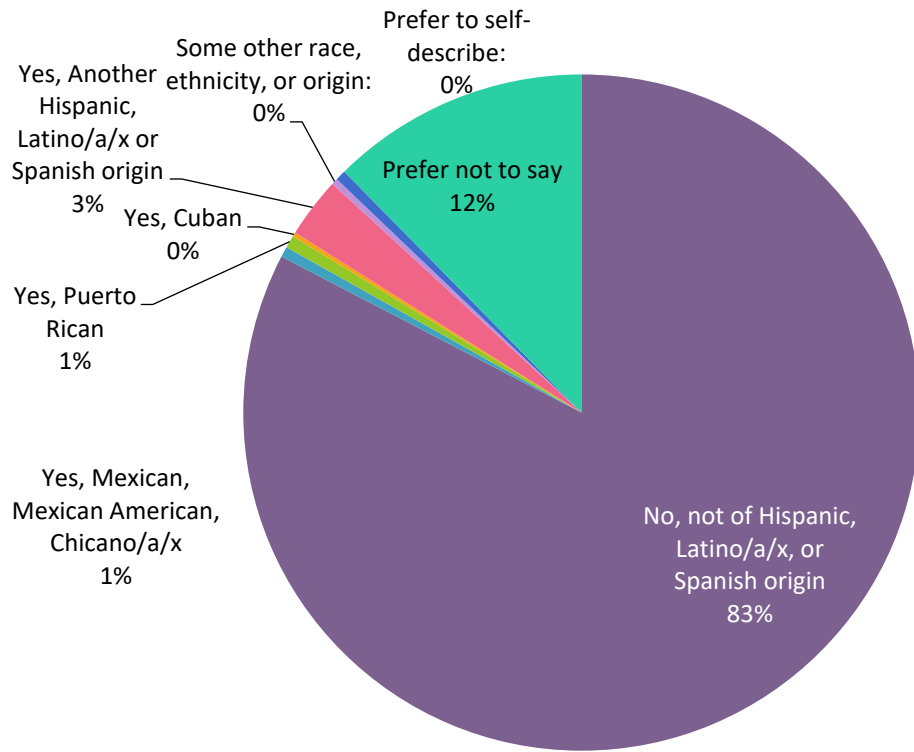
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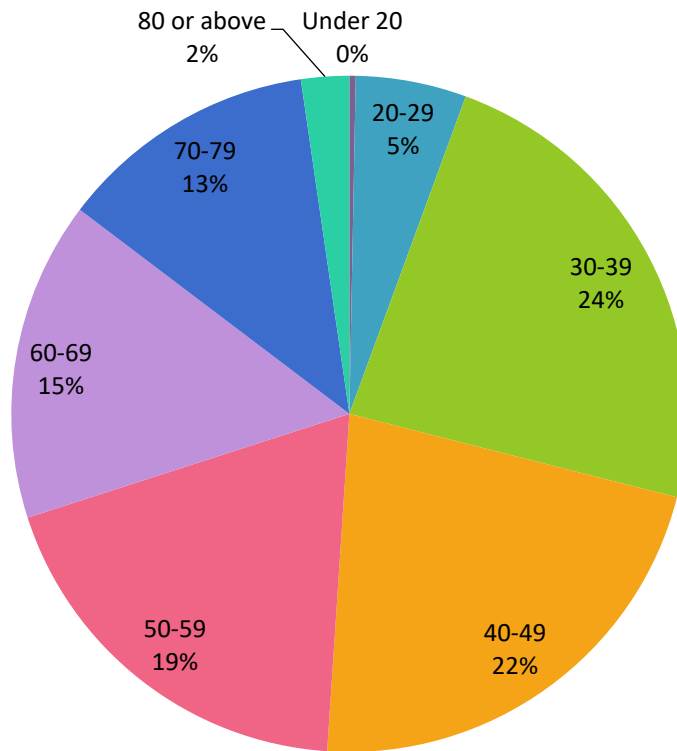
Race



Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin?



Age



Preferred language

Value	Percent	Count
English	98.9%	1,287
Spanish	0.6%	8
Amharic	0.2%	3
Other - Write In	0.2%	3
	Totals	1,301

Note: The survey was offered in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Amharic. One survey was filled out in Amharic (though the open-ended question was answered in English). Four surveys were filled out in Spanish

Public Meetings

May 8, 2021

Participants in the May 8, 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Public Meeting asked staff members the following questions. Questions that staff did not have time to address in the meeting are answered below. To view the meeting in its entirety, please [click here](#).

Questions unanswered during the meeting, with a written staff response:

- It's great to coordinate things like expanding ESL classes with the libraries, but they are still on a very limited schedule. What is the plan to get our library system fully open and can some of the money be used to facilitate that?
 - *"Our current goal is to reopen libraries on Sundays in July. At this time, we are evaluating our staffing levels to determine further reopening possibilities. Thank you for the question."*
- Why aren't current allocations in marketing tourism sufficient? Why is additional investment needed?
 - *The hospitality sector, including our shops, restaurants, attractions, and hotels in particular, have been among the hardest hit during the COVID-19 pandemic. We see the need to not only capitalize on pent-up demand for travel to accelerate recovery of in the short run, but also see opportunities to expand our awareness among potential visitors to generate additional revenue for the longer term. Because our annual ad budgets have always been low compared with our national "top small city" competitors, we have emphasized conversion over awareness. While cost-effective, a conversion-based strategy limits Alexandria's long-term tourism growth, a fact borne out by our 2019 Destination Analysts market research study. The study found high enthusiasm for Alexandria among those that have visited in the past or are familiar with the destination, while the top deterrent to visitation from our target markets is lack of familiarity (over 40% of East Coast travelers have not heard of us or do not know enough about us). If funding is available, we intend to use new targeted media tactics across multiple channels to raise awareness of Alexandria to our key drive markets. In addition to motivating overnight travel, we want to also maintain our efforts in promoting our small business community to the DC regional audience. We also see opportunities to expand our marketing outreach to Black and Latino audiences through content development, advertising and PR outreach. Finally, we want to accelerate meetings recovery through marketing and incentives since business travel supports our hospitality industry during weekdays, with higher per traveler spending than leisure travelers.*

Questions answered live by staff (view meeting recording for responses):

- As a manager of organizations large and small for over 50 years, I hope to be assured from this webinar that the intent of this law will be followed. In this regard, families, local small businesses and organizations that were affected by the pandemic should take top priority in allocating funding. Too many families have already self-evicted, with more to come. This is life itself...not just quality of life. While this may appear to be emergency assistance, it is a long-term investment. Similarly, jobs and job training are the ONLY answers for individuals and

families. All mechanisms to deal with these issues should be strengthened and supported to translate plans into reality. Government agencies and non-profits can best carry out these tasks. Once funding is provided for these objectives, other goals and objectives can be addressed. Thank you for your attention.

- This is an interesting mix of proposals, can you explain why you are proposing these specific programs and how they will have a sustainable impact on our community?
- Do the housing programs include perm. supportive housing?
- People are getting support in other ways -- unemployment insurance, tax credits -- why do we need these programs.
- Because these are federal dollars - will there be any restrictions on how they city will use these funds? For example, creating housing programs for our immigrant/undocumented families
- Would the access issues include creating a Food Security Director to increase coordination among food programs and help Hunger Free Alexandria?
- Is the funding taking into consideration the currently plans such as the CHIP plan and connecting funding to some identified strategies?
- Has there been any consideration to using the existing shelters or expanding them with the goal of reaching out especially to those self-evicting to provide a halfway house for them as assistance is provided to them to find affordable housing?
- What are the shovel ready projects for adding to the city's affordable housing inventory?
- Will mental health services include non-emergency needs?
- Will the services include an increase substance use disorder counselors?
- The basic income pilot would be a good way to provide choice and independence to low-income families. It's great to see that. Could we bake into this some research funding, so that information and data can be gathered on what works best and how this would work in tandem with city services and nonprofit services?
- The City did an incredible job partnering with Alexandria's nonprofit community in utilizing CARES Act funding to address important community needs. How will Alexandria's nonprofit community be engaged in these efforts?
- Will childcare services include expanded services during evenings and weekends?
- Housing: are we looking at closed hotels for housing units?
- Has there been any considering taking connecting the funding to the currently plans outlined in the CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) which include topics like mental health, housing, transportation and more? There was much work in creating it and a great deal of community input in creating the CHIP.
- Health Access continues to be an issue for our undocumented families even before COVID. Many families wait until they are sick and go to the ER due to the lack of health access. Can resources go to expand health access services such as dental, vision and other medical/preventative care?
- The hotel industry has been one of the most adversely affected industries by the pandemic and one of the slowest to recover. At the height of the pandemic, our business was down 100% resulting in the furloughing of more than 100 team members. Even today, 14 months later, we are down more than 60% in revenues to 2019 and still have nearly 50 team members furloughed. The owners of the business have lost millions. In order for us to return to being a thriving contributor to Alexandria's community and economic success it is imperative that

measures be taken, such as tax relief, be granted to our owners. Please tell me what specific tax relief measures are being considered to ensure that the hotel industry, one of the least assisted to this point in the pandemic, will be through the ARP?

- Can you please explain what the early childcare workforce initiative will be?
- will the arts funding be for both arts organizations and individual artists?
- Is there any consideration to closing the 200 block of King on weekends, especially during the summer
- How will the City consider racial equity when providing the support for small businesses? Many businesses led by people of color historically haven't had access to resources/support?
- The workforce dev. proposals seem to focus on only people who are or were in the workforce. Will funds be used for people just entering the workforce?
- As the director of Kyo Gallery here in Old Town, we've seen Covid hit the art community hard in both the performing and visual sectors. Even as restrictions lift and we begin to open and operate in the safest way possible, we must make sure to create and develop ways on how to keep Alexandria's cultural rebound sustained and viable.

Directing funds to tourism and local business initiatives, workforce assistance, and the hospitality industry are ways to help art organizations like mine, including of course the art focused initiatives. Will these programs carry a major focus for funding? While we have a lot of areas that need help, we have to make sure local business and the art sector remain robust as a foundation of the city itself.

- Do any of these proposals specifically address the creation of and support for a BID in Old Town or any other part of the city?
- Will the funding for upskilling services for re-employment (English language training and digital literacy, for example) be designed to coordinate with the services offered by the public library? Could this funding help to support the library's offerings?
- Are there workforce development proposals that can support people who need to shift careers?
- Considering that the pandemic has really hit the hospitality pretty hard, many in hospitality businesses have been having a difficult time hiring staff. Some of the reasons include that many have pivoted to another industry and another is pay and lack of benefits such as health, how would funding help to address the workforce pipeline and address benefits?
- Will workforce training funding include awareness of programs for community members? Many people don't know all the programs that currently exist.
- Will there be collaboration between Alexandria and Fairfax Co on marketing efforts to benefit all?
- With obviously more proposals than money, how will the city decide which proposals get funding and at what level? Will this be a public process? Will there be a public hearing on the final proposals/funding levels? Could the funded projects be revisited/changed? Will the next council have a chance to have input in this opportunity or will the current council have the final say?
- How are we working to ensure we get as much money as possible from this opportunity?
- Flooding and stormwater is a huge issue; what kinds of projects can be completed within the time frame and will that free up city funding to tackle some of the other projects that will take longer?

- During the pandemic we saw how the digital divide and lack of internet and computer access had a huge impact on students, employment opportunities, access to resources, etc. Can you speak to what's included in the specific digital equity initiatives? And is there a way to work with Alexandria's nonprofit community on these initiatives?
- Will any of this money go to expand the fund for grants to private property owners?
- Will the Digital Equity initiatives included creating a director or manager for these initiatives? Concerned that if that position is not created then the initiatives will lack focus and coordination.
- Are the locations of these spot projects being looked at through an equity lens? Or will the rich, angry, noisy people in old town get all the money as always?
- How are we working to ensure we get as much money as possible from this opportunity?
- Will you be looking at city zoning/construction to address what is allowed in neighborhoods? For example, a neighbor doubled the size of his house but fell within the limit of having to address the stormwater on his own property. It now all flows onto my and my neighbor's property. There appears to be nothing we can do.

Questions answered through a staff comment during the meeting:

- Are there any early intervention and diversion funds for mental health proposed for this money?
 - Yes - it can be included in the proposal for mental health and substance use support with Courts.
- Do we have an initial framework on what amounts or percents of ARPA would be used to help market Alexandria which in turn would help all industries and the city itself recover?
 - We do not have amounts or percents at this time. We are in gathering feedback.
- I'd like to send the Dep. City Manager a video of the water pouring over the property line to help in consideration of changing code re: stormwater and construction.
 - For specific concerns, please use 311 and we can work with you individually.

May 10, 2021

Participants in the May 10, 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Public Meeting asked staff members the following questions. Questions that staff did not have time to address in the meeting are answered below. To view the meeting in its entirety, [please click here.](#)

Questions unanswered during the meeting, with a written staff response:

- Thank you all for giving us the chance to ask questions!
 - Thank you for attending and providing your input!
- I attended the first hearing and just wanted to follow-up and thank city staff for answering my questions and presenting these proposals for the local art community. As a gallery operator here in Old Town, I realize that sometimes maintaining focus on the history, the culture and the arts can be difficult, especially during times like these. But since these aspects support a large portion of the city; its businesses and residents alike, I hope that we can make sure that investments in the programs and plans you have listed here remain on equal footing in the long term while still allowing flexibility to address other areas in need.
 - Thank you for your input.

- Alexandria’s small businesses need local visitors and tourists to help thrive. Supporting our hospitality sector will help all of our local businesses, while minimizing the local tax burden.
 - Thank you for your input.
- [no need to take public] As a followup to Steve, the Digital Equity Plan was requested by the council, and the Comprehensive Health Committee has also recommended that access to broadband could help reduce poverty in the city.
- We are hoping the Digital Equity Plan will identify what level of broadband the homes have. aka doing a broadband census.
 - Thank you.
- Why is Alexandria getting so much more money than Arlington?
 - The money was allocated using a formula.
- With an election coming up, will the new council have the opportunity to weigh in on projects and spending or will the plans be set entirely by the current council?
 - They will have an opportunity to weigh in on the 2nd tranche of funds.
- Will funding be used to link arts programs and mental health programs?
 - Yes, the plans do link participating in upskilling activities with childcare services.

Questions answered live by staff (view meeting recording for responses):

- Will human and social services include creating neighborhood based navigators to link neighbors with benefits, services and workforce development?
- Will funding allow for creating on-line resource guides and hotlines for services?
- Can the funding be used for online mental health therapy such as Talkspace, Better Help, Teen Counseling and 7 Cups of Tea?
- Would funding be used to creat a teen center within a library such as in the lower level of Burke Library?
- Will any of the human services funding be used for possible collaborative projects with the Northern Virginia Community College-Alexandria campus?
- Will funding be used so childcare can be connected to upskilling and workforce training?
- Do we know what the state will be spending its money on so we aren’t planning to spend money in areas the state will be investing in significantly?
- Will we be coordinating regionally on projects and programs with a regional benefit?
- People are leaving Alexandria because they can't afford to live here. How will these programs help people afford the cost of living in Alexandria?
- Have you had a chance to look over today's Treasury Guidelines on the use of funds. Are those hard and fast rules or just "guidelines"?
- Can someone explain the basic income pilot proposal? That sounds dangerous to start without the money to keep it going.
- How will these programs help to address the needs of undocumented residents in the city?
- If these are short term programs, how will they have a long term impact?
- What types of arts projects are envisioned to be funded by ARPA?
- Do any of these proposals include funding for a BID in any of the key business areas in Alexandria? Why or why not?

- We are a nonprofit who provides supported employment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities - I don't see anything in workforce development focused on this population who has extremely low employment rates.
- Can someone help clarify how Cultural District Authority ARPA funded projects will benefit all the arts in Alexandria?
- Will the proposed business counselors be duplicative of the SBDC?
- With the last CARES ACT funding, the Alexandria arts organizations and individual artists, and the City's Office of the Arts were not eligible to receive these funds. The legislation for the ARPA does allow for the arts. Can this be confirmed?
- "Will any of this funding be used to increase the amount allocated for grants to private property owners for flood mitigation projects on their own property?"
- This grant program is vital for many property owners as spot projects and larger projects take time to complete and solve the flooding problem in many neighborhoods."
- Will any of these projects fund robust language access in order to promote all these amazing proposals and ensure they reach everyone in our community?
- Apologies for being slow. But I am a big advocate for us doing that Digital Equity broadband census, so just wondering when the city will decide how to use these funds. (We can't effectively respond to our digital have-nots without knowing where they live).
- Are there plans to begin work for fiber optic service in Alexandria?
- Will there be enhancements to the RPCA afterschool programs through the ARPA funding?
- Can we do things like WiFi blasters to provide WiFi to targeted areas quicker than the giant municipal broadband project?
- recognising how much the lights and banners have helped beautification of the city wouldn't it make sense to run light further up Washington Street and Southon Washington Street as well?
- Hotels are suffering. What plans do we have to bring group business & leisure travelers back to Alexandria?
- How will this infusion of funding help speed up the enhancement of broadband in Alexandria?
- Tourism brings tax revenues from outside of the city and reduces the liabilities of residents. Hospitality has been hard hit and hotels have had no direct assistance. ARP guidelines recognize hospitality is in a perilous state and calls out the industry specifically. Our employees have been working hard on the front lines hosting government officials, first responders and military personnel, were not prioritized for vaccines, and had their hours reduced. We need real tourism to return, especially social and leisure guests. What's the plan to bring back travel through advertising and events, relieve some of the business tax burden on hotels, and help bring our employees back to work? We've come far since this time last year, but we have a long way to go to get back to "normal" and need the help of the ARP to be focused on hospitality and tourism that have been hit so hard.
- Thank you Ryan for recognizing the impact of the business associations. Are you proposing funds equally for all the associations in the city or will this vary based on size and activity of the association.
- Can any of the money be retroactive to recover loss of income, particularly for arts & culture? Are there plans to provide recovery or funds for rebuilding audiences through 2024 knowing that this sector will be impacted over several years?

- Small businesses around town would not have survived without the help of the small biz associations and SBDC. Is there a way to find funding for these invaluable organizations?
- Can the money be used, or allocated to help small business chip away at the debt accumulated by many of us who were trying to just survive?
- Are we able to use this money to build some facilities such as more public restrooms near the waterfront, namely at night? And perhaps more handicapped-friendly fixes so it's easier for wheel-chair bound guests to visit? This may help attract more out-of-town guests who arrive by motor coach in the fall.