

ALEXANDRIANS AGAINST A HIGHWAY CONNECTOR

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To: Mayor Kerry J. Donley, Vice Mayor William C. Cleveland, and Council Members Claire M. Eberwein, William D. Euille, Redella S. "Del" Pepper, David. G. Speck, and Joyce Woodson

From: Alexandria Resident and Voter
Re: Petition Opposing A Highway Connector

I am an Alexandria resident and voter who is strongly opposed to the construction of a 4-to-6 lane highway dumping Interstate 95/495 "beltway" cars and trucks onto Duke Street from Eisenhower Avenue. Duke and the adjacent neighborhoods already suffer from bumper-to-bumper traffic. A Springfield-like overpass channeling rush-hour traffic onto Duke would add tens of thousands of cars and trucks that would make an already congested Alexandria a parking lot. To make things even worse, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce is now calling for "one or several" highways.

No Alexandria neighborhood wants this highway cutting through its own neighborhood. Nor do I want to pit one neighborhood against another. Neighborhoods have been led to believe that there will inevitably be a highway, so some have reacted consequently by asking for it to be built furthest from their own neighborhood. That is both a false assumption and choice. The real and best choice for all Alexandrians is to **choose no highway connector anywhere.**

I am a voter (or will register in time to vote); and I want to know where my elected officials stand. I join fellow **Alexandria voters requesting our Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members to sign this petition with us before the City Council votes on this matter as early as October 23, 2002.** We want our elected officials to declare whether they are "for or forever against" any highway connector from Eisenhower to Duke. At the same time, **I pledge my support to candidates whose platforms include being "forever against a highway connector"** whether they are current incumbents or challengers. I am fully aware of the fact that 400 votes in the last election could have elected a different candidate to the City Council; and only 4,500 voters could have elected a different Mayor as well as 4 of 6 different City Council Members. We petitioners feel strongly about having leadership in this city to protect the historic Alexandria in which we live, and where we raise our families; and will vote accordingly in the March and May elections of 2003.

PLEASE PRINT

My Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (703) _____ - _____ Home Fax: (703) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

My Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/2002

Please mail your signed petition to **Alexandrians Against A Highway Connector, P.O. Box 1417-224, Alexandria, VA 22313.** Should you have any questions, please call Lou Cordia @ 703/838-0376; or get information and our petition on our website (**www.NoHighwayConnector.org**).