

**[EXTERNAL]Letter for Tonight's SUP #2020-00063**

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To: PlanComm &lt;PlanComm@alexandriava.gov&gt;

Dear Chair and Members of the Alexandria Planning Commission,

I am writing in support of the Special Use Permit requested by Lena's Wood-fire Pizza and Tap Restaurant for approval for live entertainment.

Lena's and all of the Yates' businesses have a very, very long history of being a critical part of our community. On a personal note, my Mom would drive from Maryland to Yates Automotive 50 years ago because of their reputation - she trusted their work and their employees. In all these years since, we have never been let down.

And now, I am blessed to have lived in Del Ray for almost 40 years and am so thankful for all that they have added to the community and to the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Braddock.

I am pleased that the City staff has expressed their support of this request and hope that you do the same. Adding live entertainment will be a wonderful addition to Lena's and something that the community and their customers can look forward to enjoying. Sadly, we have very few restaurants that have live music so this is much needed and is a perfect location based on the minimal impact it would have on any surrounding buildings.

While I have the opportunity, I would like to publicly thank Lena's and the Yates team for all they have done over the years to help the community and so many non-profits, especially during this pandemic. Even while they are struggling to assure they can keep their employees working, they donated during the early days of the pandemic over \$20,000 worth of face masks to keep volunteers safe who are working with ALIVE, Senior Services Casa Chirilagua, Carpenter's Shelter Neighborhood Health, etc. We are so lucky to have such a generous and caring small business part of our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Thu 11/5/2020 2:03 PM

**To:** PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>

Dear Chair and Members of the Alexandria Planning Commission,

The Del Ray Business Association would like to support the upcoming Special Use Permit #2020-0063 request by Lena's Restaurant for a permit for live entertainment.

As long time business owners of over 50 years, the Yates have always provided critical services to the community and have been great neighbors. We believe the addition of live music would be positive for the business, well received by their customers and the community, and would be able to be monitored so it would not have an impact to neighbors.

Sincerely,

Sue Kovalsky, President

Del Ray Business Association

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