

From: [Dave Hellman](#)
To: [PlanComm](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Request to Deny Vacation Applications 2024-00001, 2024-00002 and 2024-00003
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Dear Alexandria Planning Commission,

We reside at 407 E. Nelson Ave, and our lot adjoins the open space affected by these three vacation applications. After reviewing the staff report, we agree with the recommendation to deny these requests. Alexandria, particularly the Del Ray neighborhood, has a shortage of open space, and the impact on our community has become even more evident with the recent temporary closure of Judy Lowe Park.

Our area is fortunate to support a diverse range of beneficial wildlife. However, with the anticipated new construction in the coming months (e.g., 415 E. Nelson, 405 E. Nelson, 404-A E. Alexandria), the habitats of many native plants, wild birds, and pollinators are likely to be disrupted. We are concerned that approving these applications would further endanger this delicate biome.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask that the planning commission reject all three applications.

Respectfully,
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