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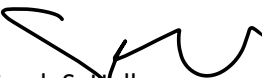
Dear BAR Members,

I am writing in support of the proposed design for a single-family home to be built at 122 Prince Street in the Old and Historic Alexandria District. I regret I am not able to attend the Board Hearing scheduled for September 6th in person due to travel and I hope this letter can be included in the proceedings and considered as part of the hearing.

The property owner has been a resident of Old Town for many years. She greatly values the historic heritage and character of Old Town which is why her thoughtful design has carefully taken into consideration the guidelines for building a new home in the historic district. Old Town would be lucky to have this beautifully designed home on the vacant lot that is currently at 122 Prince Street. She has not asked for any variances and is working diligently to make sure the property will be a positive addition to the town she loves.

Thank you for considering my comments in the BAR's assessment of this proposal. As a longtime resident of the historic district myself, I understand how important it is to make sure new projects are consistent with the guidelines the BAR is charged with administering. Thank you for the important job you do. I believe this specific case is a perfect example of how new construction of a single-family home in the historic district should be done.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear BAR,

As a more than 20-year resident of Old Town who appreciates the history and character of the town and your efforts to preserve and protect them, I am pleased to support Brenda Gianiny's proposal to improve the Old and Historic Alexandria District by building a single-family home on the vacant lot at 122 Prince Street.

To be clear, I would not be in support of a plan that did not respect the lot's uniquely special and historic location and the BAR's guidelines. In my view, Brenda's plan, reflecting the charm of Old Town's character and requiring no variances for a new build in this historic district, is far preferable to an empty lot – actually enhancing what otherwise could be considered “blight” at a location that deserves to shine.

Knowing of Brenda's long-time love for our town and how much she values all that makes it so very special, I have every confidence that, if approved, she will continue to demonstrate her commitment to respecting and adhering to the BAR's guidelines as she carefully follows through with what no doubt will enhance this important location and neighborhood.

Thank you for your stewardship of our special community, and for your consideration of Brenda's plan and my comments in support of it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CSH', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Cynthia S. Hudson