
FW: [EXTERNAL]Please halt the proposed development on 301 - 333 N. Fairfax Street - Scale, architecture, height do not align with Historic Alexandria

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Dear Preservation Committee and Board of Architectural Review,

My name is Kate Jensen, and as a lifelong resident of Alexandria, I hold a deep affinity for our city's historic charm and cultural heritage.

For 47 years, I have participated in community celebrations, from the Scottish Walk Parades in my youth to now witnessing my son embark on his own journey at Episcopal High School. Recently, my dream of living in Historic Old Town Alexandria materialized with our new home at the Princess Street Townhomes.

Historic Alexandria is more than a location; it is an American treasure that narrates our shared past.

However, I am deeply troubled by the proposed development at 301 and 333 N. Fairfax Street, which, while not a historic building itself, lies within a neighborhood that is integral to our city's historical fabric. The scale, architecture, and height of this proposed project do not align with the surrounding area, and its design lacks the thoughtful landscaping necessary to maintain the aesthetic integrity that defines Historic Alexandria. The Alexandria City government has a critical responsibility to conserve and promote our historical sites, yet the current developer's plans do precisely the opposite. This aggressive development not only overshadows existing structures but also diminishes the character of the neighborhood that so many Alexandrians cherish. The proposed footprint is excessively large, with buildings towering one story too high, disrupting the harmonious blend of history and modernity that we strive to maintain. Moreover, a recent online petition reflecting the voices of over 900 concerned residents highlights a strong community consensus against this project. Alexandria's citizens desire a preservation-focused approach that respects our past while fostering a vibrant future. The current development plan

fails to honor our historical significance and contradicts the values we hold dear as Alexandrians.

Therefore, I thoughtfully ask you if there is any way you can halt or severely edit the proposed aggressive development of 301 and 333 N. Fairfax Street?
Let us prioritize the preservation of our city's history and ensure that Alexandria remains a place where our heritage is celebrated, not overshadowed.

Thank you for considering the voices of our community.
Together, we can protect the unique character of Historic Alexandria for future generations.

Sincerely,

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