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Members of the Alexandria Planning Commission,

As the Alexandria leadership team for YIMBYS of Northern Virginia, we enthusiastically support the two subdivisions on today's docket, on Howell and Wyatt Avenues, and we ask you to vote yes on both of them. Every additional home in Alexandria is needed progress towards addressing our housing shortage, and these subdivisions will allow for two net new homes in Del Ray.

We also ask you to allow subdivisions like these, which create lots that are in compliance with the zoning code, to be able to be approved administratively by staff. This would shorten the time that it takes to build new homes.

Lastly, we want to emphasize the need for eliminating lot size minimums in Alexandria. Del Ray is a thriving neighborhood in part because it has a variety of housing types on attainably-sized lots in a walkable neighborhood. Lots like the ones that will be created by these subdivisions should be legal throughout the entire city, not limited to specific areas. There is no good reason why the city should regulate the size of privately-owned lots, and there especially is no good reason why the city should require *different* lot sizes in different parts of the city.

We hope Alexandria will continue to welcome new homes of all types, all price points, and in all parts of our city to address our regional housing crisis and make our city better for everyone.

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