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Members of the Old and Historic District Alexandria Board of Architectural Review

Re: Certificate of Appropriateness hearing for 1101 N. Washington St., West Elevation, N. Washington St.

BAR Case #2018-00352

Members:

The architectural plan for the property has greatly improved over several months. From the initial concept drawing of the Washington St. Elevation, with black bays and an essentially flat roof line, the architect has eliminated the bays and added end turrets and mid-section caplets to the roof which establish greater articulation and stature appropriate for a gateway entrance to the city.

In the currently proposed plan, Washington St. Elevation, replacing BAR Concept II (11/15/2017), the addition of arched windows on the second floor, enhances dynamic articulation in the townhouses as a whole.

It would be beneficial, however, to change the accent brick within the rustication on the first floor from a high contrast color to a less pronounced one.

Finally, the inclusion of elevators in the townhouses will increase the value of the units, make them more appealing to a broad range of prospective buyers as well as simplify living within four floors.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the North Washington St. Elevation of the currently proposed architectural plan for 1101 N. Washington St.

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