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Members of the Alexandria Planning Commission,

As the Alexandria leadership team for YIMBYS of Northern Virginia, we ask you to vote yes to recommend approval of the townhouses at 5725 and 5755 Duke Street. This development will add 110 desperately needed new homes as part of the Landmark Mall redevelopment. Together with the apartment and condo buildings planned for the site, the townhouses will help address our regional housing shortage and help keep older homes in Landmark affordable. The townhouse development will also benefit the community with a new transit facility and publicly accessible open space.

We want to note that the only reason this development requires a Special Use Permit is so it can build nine townhouses in a row instead of eight. This is another unnecessary restriction on housing that delays our ability to address our housing shortage. It does not benefit our city to set an arbitrary restriction on how many homes can be built in a row, and we hope you will consider eliminating this restriction as part of the next phase of Zoning for Housing.

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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