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To: [PlanComm](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Support the Text Amendment #2024-00006
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Dear Planning Commission Members,

As a small business owner, Del Ray Business Association Board member and Del Ray resident, I am writing to express our support for the proposed Text Amendment #2024-00006 regarding recreation and entertainment uses in the City of Alexandria. This amendment will better enable our businesses to create unique spaces and experiences for our patrons, ultimately bettering the Del Ray community and the City of Alexandria.

The inclusion of indoor recreation and entertainment as permitted uses, along with outdoor recreation as special uses, in the CL, CC, CSL, and Mount Vernon Urban Overlay zones aligns with the needs and interests of Del Ray businesses and the residents we serve. Allowing these uses will provide residents with more accessible recreational options within walking distance of their homes, which is one of the main reasons my husband and I moved here 5 years ago. This amendment also includes adding dog play areas, which addresses the increasing demand for pet-friendly recreational spaces. As the owner of a pet care business, I am uniquely aware of this growing need. People only want to go where they can bring their dogs, and I believe that our business community is capable of adding this safely.

I commend the city's proactive steps in enhancing the zoning ordinance to reflect contemporary recreational needs and business opportunities. I urge the Planning Commission and City Council to approve this text amendment and support the continued development of a dynamic and inclusive community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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