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YIMBYs of Northern Virginia strongly supports projects such as the redevelopment of this former pharmacy and bank in the heart of Old Town, preserving the existing structures while also adding 24 homes to the site. Adding much more affordable housing choices to Alexandria's historic core is a small but symbolically important step to racially integrating the city and opening up opportunities into a desirable area. We are particularly pleased by the limited parking requirements associated with the site. I personally look forward to the day that such redevelopment is commonplace, allowing our city to grow and evolve without the council having to step in. However, a small step in the right direction is still a welcome one. I urge the council's unanimous approval of this measure.

Thank you and best regards,

Luca Gattoni-Celli

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