

From: [Paul and Avis Fleming Hodge](#)
To: [Lia Niebauer](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)
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Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2021 18:22:25 -0500

Subject: re proposed exterior changes to 512 Queen St., Alexandria, VA, 22314, before the BAR on 1/21

Dear Lia Niiebauer,

My wife and I live at 514 Queen St., next door to 512 and closest to this set-back house (Note: we are long-term renters of 514 Queen, not owners).

Todd Duncan and Daniel Lee have made many handsome improvements to their house, a very ordinary 1950s brick, with lowest-common denominator, garish brick and non-mullioned windows, which would not, I believe, be approved today. A lime wash would be a huge improvement to the brick and a new, metal, roof also a clear improvement.

We strongly approve the proposed changes.

We used to own the three-story brick at 317 Queen Street, have lived only in historic houses since birth, over 80 years ago, and have been active in historic preservation in Old Town and in Unison, outside Middleburg. I created the nonprofit Unison Preservation Society, which put the Unison Village on the National Register and then created the 8-square-mile Unison Battlefield Historic District. We also were among the half dozen families, working with preservation attorney Robert Montague III, suing the city and blocking four 22-story

waterfront high rises, where Founders Park now graces the waterfront at the foot of Queen Street.

We think the changes proposed by Todd Catlin and Daniel Lee would be a distinct upgrade for this historic and handsome block of Queen Street, where it is the only non-historic house and is currently noticeable, though set back, for its cheap brick exterior.

Thanks for letting neighbors comment.

Paul and Avis Hodge

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From: [Todd Catlin](#)
To: [Lia Niebauer](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: 512 Queen Street proposed changes BAR 1/21/2021
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 12:18:55 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rosemary Furfaro <rosemary.furfaro@comcast.net>
Subject: 512 Queen Street proposed changes
Date: February 9, 2020 at 12:40:16 PM EST
To: Todd Catlin & Dan Lee Neighbors <Tbcatlin@gmail.com>

Dear Todd,

I'm delighted that you're my neighbors, and that your lovely home is across from mine at 511 Queen Street.

It's heartening to learn that you both are continuing your interest in maintaining the condition of your home, as well as adhering to the historical standards set by Alexandria's BAR.

I didn't realize lime-washing brick is an option for bare brick homes, but I'm happy that you're considering this method. I find it adds a softer and more attractive appearance rather than bland, unpainted brick, as in the new brick of our addition we made in 2007-8. And I believe your choice of two-over-two windows will add character to your home. Kudos for both of you!

I feel fortunate that, as neighbors, you agree with my late husband's and my position we've held since buying this home in historic Old Town in 2004: That we are the stewards of these charming residences, and maintaining their historic appearance as well as gaining the guidance of the BAR in this process helps our property values, helps these structures to remain stable, and therefore continue to be one of Old Town Alexandria's most valuable assets—a big draw for tourism.

Best wishes on your progress. I think it's a never-ending endeavor.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Furfaro
511 Queen Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

From: [Todd Catlin](#)
To: [Lia Niebauer](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: 512 Queen Street BAR 1/21/2021
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Begin forwarded message:

From: S Edgington <sedgington003@gmail.com>
Subject: 512 Queen Street
Date: February 10, 2020 at 4:46:16 PM EST
To: tbcatlin@gmail.com

Hello Todd,

Thank you for letting us know your plans for your home. We are directly across the street at 513 Queen St. Both of us believe that the improvements you propose would definitely give your home more visual interest.

Best regards,

Eric and Susan Edgington