



October 5, 2026

Paul Stoddard, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning
City of Alexandria
City Hall, Room 2100
Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: SUP 2026-00034, 501 East Howell Avenue

The Executive Board and the Land Use Committee of the Del Ray Citizens Association (DRCA) support SUP 2026-00034, to redevelop a two-unit semi-detached dwelling on a substandard residential lot. (Due to meeting timing DRCA was not able to conduct a full membership vote.) We appreciate that the staff review investigated whether the existing structure is a [Town of Potomac Historic District](#) contributing structure and referenced the [Del Ray Residential Neighborhood Pattern Book](#) in evaluating whether the new dwelling is compatible with neighboring structures. We strongly encourage the City of Alexandria to continue utilizing these two resources when analyzing proposed development in Del Ray.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and the opinions of the neighborhood affected by this decision.

Sincerely,

Monica Parry and Amy Vander Vliet, Co-Chairs
Del Ray Citizens Association
Land Use Committee

Caitlin Leach, President
Del Ray Citizens Association

Cc: Sam Shelby, Staff Reviewer
Catherine McDonald, Staff Reviewer