

In a few words, what businesses or services are missing from Alexandria's economy?

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performing arts center
                 experiential museum
    wet labs
 high end spa technology industry
           major office headquarters
              sports
            meeting spaces
    celebrity restaurants research labs
entertainment music venue
  convention center
hard tech incubator
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Are there specific areas of Alexandria that you think need additional investment? If so, what does that investment look like?

Transportation infrastructure

Pedestrian and transit improvements throughout the City

Fortune 500 companies with high paying jobs

Power grid

Affordable rent

outside spaces with entertainment

Entrepreneurship

Performing arts enue that is seized to use by local arts orgnixstions, which contribute so much to the local ecomony







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Affordable housing

Retail support

dense housing near public transit

Ability to work and play in the same neighborhood

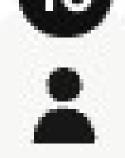
City branding

Whatever it takes to attract younger residents

Unique experiences

tech-specific incubators







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Nightlife / Restaurants open later indoor sports tournaments LGBT night-life

On profit corp promotion

Children's discovery







In a few words, what are the attributes of other cities that entice you to visit?

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Waterfront development

building out Potomac Yard

Waterfront development, west end retail More waterfront development

Tech & Innovation (Especially Along the Potomac Yard Corridor) Waterfront

Arts and Culture district

attracting 20's & 30's







innovative, creative businesses performing arts venue that would support local arts organiizations

Youth sports Music and performance opportunities Convention/meeting spaces More use of the water

Retail on waterfront

More businesses intermingled with residential

West End and Landmark sites, drawing people to sites with cultural development

Waterfront = food, music venue, walkability,

Restaurants on waterfront

Workforce training in green building and maintenance







Hard Tech. With the opening of Virginia Tech's innovation campus, Alexandria can lean into its highly educated and highly skilled workforce to develop, test, prototype, and deploy hard tech at scale.

Performance space on waterfront

Outdoor amphitheater

Ampathetre

regional drawconcerts and shows Appealing to people looking for more multicultural and historical settings. Not planned city centers but genuine organic experience

Cultural hubs

Bilingual business support services







Developing neighborhood(s) character. Leverage V.Tech and NVCC. Our waterfronts along the Potomac, 4 mile run, Taylor Run, Hoofs Run



How can community members support and champion the growth of Alexandria's economy?

Local Angel Investment Network investing in Alexandria small business development Recruit corporations and other niche businesses to alx

Support bold actions

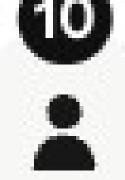
Don't default to "no" consider all ideas

Support Alexandria business and organizations versus going into DC for the same products tell elected officials we want more businesses

Keep an open mind to zoning and development

Organization can deepen their impact on the communicty if they have the place and resources to stay in the community







How can community members support and champion the growth of Alexandria's economy?

Supporting and hosting multicultural events to draw regional folks to city

Attend city events, introduce ourselves to city officials

Support more local business days

intentionally employ more local workforce

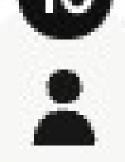
Ensuring schools and esp HS is better

talk to friends and neighbors about getting involved

Do annual reports on economic development progress

continue to communicate community surveys







How can the city improve collaboration between local government, businesses, and community members to drive economic growth?

Speak Spanish!

Engage a younger audience

provide more small business development services to more parts of the community Ensure businesses have security safety for patrons

Connect with higher education

Help people recognize what the current and future makeup of the populationwhat is the ineviatble future

Better engagement with youth

I was thinking demographically -- but geographic-specific or industry-specific days or resources fairs could be helpful.







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Explain roi for projects. Education

Engagement with senior citizens

Educate people as to what the currect demographic of the city iis uplift and unite the community

more aggressively recruit larger businesses with high paying jobs

Ensure workforce housing

more engagement with the local workforce development entities (community colleges, unions, skilled trades, etc.) Housing for service jobs too

Continue to communicate when community surveys are happening for long-term change





How would you like to be part of the conversation about future projects in economic or real estate development? You may choose up to three.

