



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

May 4, 2012

Via E-mail

Mr. Dean A. Shigenaga  
Chief Financial Officer  
Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.  
385 East Colorado Blvd, Suite 299  
Pasadena, CA 91101

**Re: Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2011  
Filed February 21, 2012  
File No. 1-12993**

Dear Mr. Shigenaga:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel L. Gordon

Daniel L. Gordon  
Branch Chief

cc: Joel S. Marcus