

January 14, 2015
Chairman Anthony Hood
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th St., NW, Suite 2105
Washington, DC. 20001

Re: ZC Case No 14-11

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

I write in support of ZC Case No 14-11; I would like to see the proposal go even further to stop unsightly "pop ups" and "pop backs."

Ugly pop ups are sprouting like mushrooms in my neighborhood around the edges of the Capitol Hill historic district. Developers are racing to buy and convert single-family homes into million-dollar condos or apartment houses. One pop-up can destroy the aesthetic appeal and home values of an entire block. Since I live one block outside the historic district on a block with several unrenovated homes, I am really concerned that my block could become another one of these blocks with a horrible pop-up on it.

This amendment has the potential to stop these ugly buildings from continuing to multiply in our city. It will prevent developers from turning single-family homes into monstrosities that can ruin the look of an entire block. It will not, however, prevent homeowners from adding an additional story to their homes, if they need additional room.

Please adopt this amendment.



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