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To: DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Pop-Up

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a DC resident for almost 6 years. I moved to DC after purchasing a home in the Bloomingdale neighborhood, which like other neighborhoods is under threat of cash investors turning stand row house into multi unit dwellings. While I do not fully support a moratorium on all Pop-Ups, I do believe that there needs to be stricter limitations on how pop-ups are built. Too many times, I see illegal construction of these pop-ups that go unenforced. Those building the pop-ups are not interested in the character of the neighborhood, or the residents of the neighborhood for that matter, rather they are 100% interested in getting the most bang for their buck. Pop-ups are not a solution for more affordable housing, as some may claim. These units are going for substantially more than what one would consider affordable. Cash investors are drowning out potential home owners that want to purchase a property that may or may not require future renovations. In essence, I believe these cash investors are only inflating the market further, making it near impossible for responsible/respectful citizens to purchase a home. Furthermore, if the city intends to provide the right for "homeowners" to build Pop-ups, I believe there should be mandatory set backs. That the addition corresponds with the architecture of the surroundings homes. Quite frankly, to dissuade these cash investors from drowning the market, Pop-ups should only be allowed for "homeowners" that claim the property to be their primary residence. No LLC's or other businesses should have a right to build a pop-up.

I strongly support more aggressive regulations on Pop-Ups and I believe until the property regulations can be put into place, that there be a stop work order on all current and future "pop-ups" unless it is the primary residence of the homeowner.

Please protect the character and charm of our neighborhoods. These row houses were never intended to be condos!

Respectfully,

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