

Date: January 14th, 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 believe this proposal will be effective in preventing extremely tall additions or "pop-ups" while allowing single family homeowners the flexibility to modify their homes so they can stay in DC long term.

With property values skyrocketing in the District developers are racing to buy and convert single-family homes into million-dollar condos or apartment houses. Such projects are valuable to DC to create new rental and ownership opportunities, however in some cases development is done in a way that is detrimental to the long term health of a community. "Pop-ups" change the look and feel of a neighborhood by disrupting the urban fabric and creating density in areas that were not designed to accommodate the additional parking, people, or traffic.

This amendment has the potential to stop these types of 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 in order to raise families.

Please adopt this amendment.

SIGNED



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