

Date: 1-15-15 (9:30 a.m.)

Chairman Anthony Hood  
District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> 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. In fact, I would like to see the proposal go even further to stop unsightly "pop ups" and "pop backs." Either of these space expansion projects can be done under proper guidance from the City and Historical Board without destroying the visual fabric or our unique living space. A person's poorly educated, ill-conceived exercise in original design should not be borne by their neighbors and the public in general.

Ugly pop ups are defacing the District, which can not be recovered once the passing fashion changes. Developers are racing to buy and convert single-family homes into million-dollar condos or apartment houses; they are driven by avarice and nothing else, despite all of the high chic-minded justifications they utilize.

This amendment has the potential to stop these public assaults from continuing to multiply in our city. It will prevent developers from turning single-family homes into absurdities that can ruin the environment of an entire block. It will not, however, prevent homeowners from adding an additional story to their homes, if they need additional room, an issue to which I am very sensitive. I live in a tiny row house, and I too may have to add a story on my property, but I would take every effort to make this as un-noticed as possible following good historical guidance.

Please adopt this amendment. I am

Sincerely,



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