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## Zoning Proposal

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Donna Washington <dray100752@verizon.net>  
To: cwald4517@gmail.com

Sun, Jan 11, 2015 at 4 26 PM

Dear Ms Waldeck,

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I have driven through this city and been disgusted at the way that houses have stuck out like sore thumbs, because the owners made major changes to the appearance of their property. I find this new pop up idea as one of the absolute worst things that has happened in the city. It reminds me of the Mac Mansion problem that plagued MD for a couple of years before their property regulations were changed to stop the practice.

The city has very little parking and as it is there are at least three cars per house and they want to add three whole families to a house. The district regulations don't even allow us to create a closed-in structure like a garage, in back of your house and yet these new comers want to buy up the properties and build four level properties next door. This new carpet bagger practice is fueled by greed and a total lack of respect for aesthetics and neighborhood flavor.

If you want to expand your house you can build onto the back, so their argument that you cannot expand if your family grows is false. There is no regulation that prevents expansion of your house. However, building a whole new modern level on top of a Victorian style house is so distracting and plain ugly. I have only seen one pop up that was designed to carry on the tradition of the actual house. Every other one I have seen has been extremely obvious and overwhelming. Furthermore, it has to impact their immediate neighbors because the structure looming over their house blocks the sun, traps the wind over their house, etc. All of which is a negative.

Consequently, I not only find this new top over growth and degradation of the properties not only in Ward 4 but in DC as a whole, I fully support the zoning amendment outlined in Case No. 14-11.

NO MORE POP UPS in DC!

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA R WASHINGTON  
Owner  
1417 Webster St, NW

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Cecelia Waldeck <cwald4517@gmail.com>  
To: Donna Washington <dray100752@verizon.net>

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Thank you for your thoughtful letter. I plan to testify at the hearing and would love to quote some parts of your letter if that is OK with you.

Cecelia Waldeck  
4517 15th St NW  
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District of Columbia  
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Absolutely! You can use anything you wish!

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