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Historic Takoma, Inc.

"Preserving the Heritage of Takoma Park-MD and Takoma-DC"

November 24, 2014

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chair
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 220-S
Washington DC 20001

Re Case Number 14-13

Dear Chairman Hood:

Historic Takoma, Inc. is an inter-jurisdictional nonprofit organization focused on historic preservation. We are incorporated in the State of Maryland with legal authorization to do business in the District of Columbia, serving our members located in both Takoma Park DC and Takoma Park MD.

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of Historic Takoma to express our concern with the recent penthouse proposal that could add at least 20 feet to the current maximum permitted height of penthouses. With the current controversy over "pop-up" renovations in the District, caution is advisable. We are also aware that many ANCs have not had a reasonable chance to input on this proposal because of the speed with which this has come up outside of the zoning re-write process and during the holiday season. We urge that this proposal be tabled at this time to allow adequate discussion and input.

Sincerely,

Lorraine J. Pearsall, Secretary
Historic Takoma, Inc.

Cc: Sara Green, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 4B01

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