

To the Zoning Commissioners:

I am writing to oppose the exemption request for the project at 1117 Morse St NE.

After viewing the shade study, it is evident that the additional structure will block the sun on the neighboring yards at all times of the year. This doesn't seem in line with the the Mayor's goal of creating an environmentally sustainable city as green space will be eliminated and neighbors will not be able to have gardens or participate in urban agriculture.

The pop up addition will also adversely impact the light and brightness the houses on the other side of Morse St receive. As one who lives in a house facing 1117 Morse St, I enjoy spending time in the front rooms on the second floor of the house because that is where the sun shines greatest. This contributes to the health and well being of everyone in our house. During the winter months, when the sun is at a low angle, the pop up will have the effect of diminishing the sun's brightness or even worse, obstruct it completely causing the front of our house to be in the shade. I worry that this could lead to seasonal affective disorder or other health problems due to lack of light.

As a registered voter, citizen, and concerned resident, I urge you to honor height and maximum dwelling regulations that were passed to protect residents from uncontrolled development. There have been far too many projects on Morse St and Trinidad that have been granted exemptions benefiting developers, not the community. The increased housing stock is not contributing to affordable housing as they are all selling at or above market rate. It is very troubling that the Zoning Commission is letting developers and their attorneys walk all over the residents of DC. It is time for you to set a new precedent: enforce the regulations your office passed.

Sincerely

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