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DC Zoning Commission:

I oppose replacing Bruce Monroe Community Park with a 9-story-plus-penthouse tower. (Case 16-11)

The city's new Comprehensive Plan requires a thorough impact assessment -- ensuring that negative impacts on neighborhoods, transportation, environmental quality, and other issues are assessed and adequately mitigated. The DC Appeals court made clear this was not thoroughly done.

I have been using Bruce Monroe Community Park daily since I moved to the neighborhood in 2010. I'm so grateful that I have a large public green space that I'm able to enjoy daily with my young family, including the use of a community garden, playground, green open space for recreation, and a tennis court to use. I'm extremely concerned about this community asset being developed and not available to residents to utilize for their public health and public recreation. Every time there has been a big community event that the city has organized in our neighborhood, it usually happens at Bruce Monroe Community Park (block and neighborhood parties, DC Open Streets, etc.). I see many people use this park every day in the neighborhood because it is so easily accessible and has a variety of uses that people enjoy for the benefit of their physical and mental well-being. I've stated over the years the importance of this community park and I will say it again, myself and my neighbors enjoy this public amenity and we don't want to see it developed. Also, with the low existing amount of public green open space in this neighborhood, developing it would negatively impact my family's ability and the ability of my neighbors to have access to walkable community park space to protect and maintain our physical and mental health and well-being. There is already so much development occurring in my neighborhood, but very little investment if any in preserving and maintaining public green open spaces.

Sincerely,

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