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To the DC Zoning Commission:

I vigorously oppose replacing Bruce Monroe Community Park with a penthouse tower 9 or more stories tall. (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.**

This must be done, and there are clear reasons that this will have very negative impacts on the neighborhood. One incredibly important component is the role of green space in the community's life and network. Having a greenspace within a few blocks is shown to be of positive benefit for physical and mental health for income levels and ages of all types. I use the park regularly for swinging, picnics, meeting up with friends, and meeting other neighbors. Children regularly use the play areas. Teens and adults regularly use the outdoor basketball court. Whether there is another park down the road is irrelevant -- parks within just a block or two are very important for the health of the neighborhood and individuals.

Additionally, the area has plenty of housing, new and old, some of which is empty. So the net benefit of the tower is little or nothing. It doesn't match the vibrancy and character of the neighborhood and will block needed light to gardens and houses. We live in a residential area not a downtown region.

I vehemently oppose the destruction of the green space and community area of Bruce Morton Park and encourage you to consider the serious and negative ramifications.

Sincerely,
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