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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.

While I appreciate the need for increased density housing, sacrificing the only public green space in the neighborhood, the only park in Park View, the only place where you can see the sun while standing on grass will negatively effect the character and value of the neighborhood as a whole. We recently moved to Park View, and access to recreational facilities was a key part of that decision. Leaving Adams Morgan, with two hour waits for tennis courts was mitigated by access to public courts, workout space and the community garden of Park View. Take away the Park, and we might as well rename ourselves 'the place between Howard and Petworth that people do 60 on Georgia Avenue'

Sincerely,
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