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To the members of the 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 D.C. appeals court made clear this was not thoroughly done.

To be more specific, it's clear that the city needs more housing -- but we also need community space. And in a neighborhood that's already rapidly gentrifying, another luxury development has to beg the question: is this any kind of a step in the right direction for the community?

In this case, the answer is clearly no: even a penthouse building of this size can provide only marginally more housing, while dramatically reducing the amount of public space available for many times more people's enjoyment.

Thank you for your attention

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