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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.

In addition to this, part of the reason why I moved into my apartment was because of the proximity to the Bruce Monroe Community Park. I was attracted to such a large, green space when looking at my apartment and I've grown to love the park since moving in. It's such a convenient place to relax, play pick-up sports with other members of the community, and host gatherings of friends. I've even gone out of my way to acquire more garden tools with the goal of helping maintain some of the public beds in the community garden. I'm not the only person who feels this way - there's many other people like me who love all of these things (and more) about the park and use it every day. I fear that all of this will disappear if a new building or tower occupies some or all of the park.

I hope that the city will keep Bruce Monroe Community Park as it currently is and does not build a new tower on the premises.

Sincerely,

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