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Dear 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.

As a disabled resident and home owner of Park View of 10+ years, I have come to cherish and rely on this important green space for accessible recreation and camaraderie with my neighbors. It is a rare intersectional space where neighbors from all walks of life, young and old, newcomers and oldtimers, come together to enjoy respite from the trash-littered streets of our neighborhood and enjoy gardening, sports, playground equipment, and much more in a peaceful setting. I utilize this space EVERY DAY and it is part of what keeps me rooted in my neighborhood. The proposed tower is completely out of alignment with the scale of existing development and the needs of the neighborhood. The people of Park View and their values and voices need to be put before the profits to be made from this unwanted, ill planned development.

Sincerely,
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