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To the DC Zoning Commission,

I'm writing to express my opposition to replacing Bruce Monroe Community Park with a nine-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 resident of the 700 block of Irving Street NW, I am particularly concerned about the adverse impact the development would have on the quality of life in our neighborhood, and the degree to which it would radically alter the neighborhood's character. Bruce Monroe Park is a treasured gathering and recreational space for neighbors of all backgrounds. It's extremely disturbing that the city would rob us of such a unique and beneficial green space in the service of developers with no stake in the vitality of Park View, Columbia Heights, and the surrounding communities.

We've been delighted to see so much new housing construction in our area, precisely because that construction—largely row houses and renovations or expansions of existing structures—has stayed true to and preserved the neighborhood's character. The proposed Bruce Monroe Park development is completely anathema to that character, and would do it irreparable damage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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