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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.

I live directly across the park on Irving street and moved here over a year ago. The Bruce Monroe community park was definitely one of the main deciding factors for choosing to move to my current residence. I use the park regularly to play tennis, meet friends and enjoy the green space. Every day i see members of the community using the park. It has a community garden, a tennis court, two basketball courts, swings, bike parking, and space for community events including aerobics and dance classes, kids fairs, and picnics. The park is an important part of the community and brings the neighborhood together. The construction of residential buildings in place of the park would result in immeasurable loss to values of recreation, health (including mental health), air and environmental quality, and community wellbeing.

I along with other members of the community am deeply concerned by the proposal to construct a residential tower in place of the park and hope that the commission considers my written testimony in opposition of such plans. Thank you

Sincerely,
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