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Hello 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.

Bruce Monroe Community Park is the only park in our neighborhood and an important place for members of this community to gather. Families come to play with their children, outdoor church services are held there, there is a drum circle held there, and so much more. We love this park and need this space to continue to come together as a community. Please do not take that away from this incredible neighborhood! We should be building MORE greenspaces and community spaces rather than getting rid of them for the sake of building big apartment buildings.

Additionally, I specifically moved to this neighborhood because of the smaller buildings and community feel. This new 9+ story building is the complete opposite of that. It would also increase traffic/congestion in the area, particularly on specifically on Irving St (where I live) and Georgia Ave. Ss someone who works from home every day and can watch the traffic from my window, I can tell you it is already plenty busy and congested, especially in the mornings and early evenings.

Please don't replace this important community space and negatively impact this wonderful neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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