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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.

The park is also essential to the livelihood of the community. I personally go there numerous times a week with my dogs. Kids use the park too. I also garden there. Please rethink demolishing it in favor of another condo. DC has enough condos. DC should prioritize the residents it currently has versus trying to attract new ones. We need more green space and places to live in. The park is part of the reason I moved here.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

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