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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 lived in Park View for 4 years (2014-2018), and saw children and families utilize the park each and every day. To put up a tower in place of the park would be devastating to those who use the park to exercise, play, and/or host get togethers. Additionally, a 9-story tower would completely change the look and feel of the area, which was one of the reasons why I had moved there. Building a penthouse tower would also lead to a shift in rent prices in that neighborhood, ultimately adding to the great push out of neighbors who have been in the area for years if not decades. I opposed replacing the park in 2016, and I continue to oppose any development on that space today. It should remain a park and benefit the neighbors who live in Park View and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
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