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Dear 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.

My family and I visit the park a few times a week. It is the only large green space anywhere around us and my daughter literally grew up learning to ride a bicycle in that park. My younger son will soon follow, I hope, depending on how you handle the needs of the neighborhood. My family and I have developed many friendships among the many many other parents and children who use the park regularly.

I believe the proposed tower development would cause excessive wear and tear on the public water, sewer and electricity systems; as well as excessive and dangerous levels of traffic that are not consistent with raising children in the area.

We feel the Bruce Monroe Park constitutes vital green space, a peaceful respite, and a community bonding environment.

Please consider our very respectful wish to keep this essential part of our community as it is.

Sincerely,

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