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Director Clint Osborn  
Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency  
Mayor's Special Events Task Group  
2720 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20032

Dear Director Osborn,

I am writing to express my full support for the proposed Juneteenth Parade along Pennsylvania Avenue, SE. As the Commissioner representing Single Member District 7B03, which encompasses the section of Pennsylvania Avenue SE between 25th Street, SE and 30th Street, SE, I believe this parade would enrich our community pride and serve as a meaningful educational event for children from across the city to learn about the significance of the Juneteenth holiday.

Juneteenth, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved Black Americans, marks a pivotal moment in American history. It has become a day not only to remember the painful past but also to celebrate freedom, resilience, and progress. Communities across the country gather to honor this day, and I believe that holding a parade on Pennsylvania Avenue, SE in ANC 7B would be an excellent way for Ward 7 and the city at large to participate in this national observance. A Juneteenth Parade would give us the opportunity to showcase the rich diversity and heritage of our community, while educating others on the significance of this historic day.

The stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue, SE in Ward 7 is home to a number of local businesses, and I am confident that hosting the parade here would not only foster a sense of community pride but also draw in spectators from across the city, boosting economic activity along the corridor. Events like this create opportunities for increased visibility for local vendors and a chance for visitors to explore and support our vibrant community.

I fully support the Juneteenth Parade Planning Committee's efforts to turn this vision into a reality next year. This event would be a wonderful opportunity for celebration and reflection, while also bringing our neighborhoods together and showcasing the strength and character of Ward 7.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Travis R. Swanson  
Commissioner, SMD 7B03

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