

River Terrace Community Organization

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Dear Interim Director Osborn,

The River Terrace Community Organization supports approval of a 2025 Juneteenth Parade along the Pennsylvania Avenue East Corridor.

A Juneteenth parade in Ward 7 provides an important opportunity to celebrate the historical significance of June 19, 1865, when enslaved African Americans in Texas were finally informed of their freedom, marking the end of slavery in the United States. This event is a powerful reminder of the struggles and achievements of African Americans throughout history, and a parade can serve as a public celebration of freedom, resilience, and cultural heritage. It is an occasion to honor the contributions of African Americans to our nation's history and to educate the broader community about the importance of Juneteenth.

Hosting a Juneteenth parade in Ward 7 can foster a sense of unity and solidarity among community members. It provides a platform for residents to come together, celebrate their shared history, and strengthen social bonds. Parades and similar events often encourage community participation, volunteerism, and local partnerships, which can enhance community spirit, pride, and economic development. Engaging in a collective celebration can also bring diverse groups within the community closer, promoting inclusivity and mutual understanding.

We thank you in advance for your approval of this first ever Ward 7 Juneteenth Parade along the Pennsylvania Avenue East Corridor.

If you have any questions about this letter of support, please contact Sharon B. Culver, River Terrace Community Organization President.

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