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Interim Director,
D.C. Mayor's Special Events Task Group
2720 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20032

Paul Grant
President, Penn Branch Community Association (PBCA)

Dear Interim Director,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter on behalf of the executive board, membership, and approximately 500 residential homes that make up the Penn Branch Community Association (PBCA), in support of an Annual Juneteenth Parade, hosted in Ward 7.

Hosting the official Annual Juneteenth Parade for our city in Ward 7 would be a splendid showcase—forging deeper unity between our neighborhoods located on both sides of the Anacostia River. The annual parade will inspire greater tourism, encourage greater support for local businesses, and boost economic development east of the river. It will also be a source of deeper cultural connection with the rest of the city.

The Juneteenth Parade will also become a tremendous source of pride for Ward 7 residents of all ages as anticipation and participation continues to grow each year.

We hope you will strongly support this proposal. Our community association looks forward to working with you and our Ward 7 leaders to make this event a grand success.

Sincerely,

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