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Re: Letter of Support for a June 19, 2025, Ward 7 Juneteenth Parade

Dear Mr. Rodriguez,

The Pennsylvania Avenue East Community Coalition (PAECC) submits this Letter of Support for the proposed June 19, 2025, Ward 7 Juneteenth Parade. PAECC is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit organization of Community Civic Association Presidents and or community activists who live in the nearby Ward 7 SE neighborhoods of Dupont Park, Fairlawn, Fairfax Village, Fort Davis, Hillcrest, Penn Branch, and Randle Highlands. We collaborate on economic development issues and matters that bring about civic betterment and social improvements to the businesses and residents along the Penn Ave East Corridor.

We are excited about the prospects of a Ward 7 Juneteenth Parade along a portion of the Pennsylvania Avenue East Corridor and fully support this initiative. As a matter of fact, some of our Board of Directors are members of the Parade Committee. Juneteenth not only celebrates the freedom of African Americans from slavery, but it also is a time when our achievements are noted, and continuous self-development is encouraged. We hope that the attention given to such an event will serve as a catalyst to boost the much-needed economic development and growth along this long-overlooked portion of one of America's Great Streets and designated DC Main Street.

We thank you in advance for your approval of this first-ever Ward 7 event.

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