

**DC Council: Establish & Fund A Pennsylvania Avenue Main Street Program East of the River  
2019-2020  
1065 Signatures as of 2/17/2020**

***Ayanna Smith started this petition to Ward 7 Councilmember Councilmember Vincent Gray and 10 others***

Pennsylvania Avenue is often referred to as "America's Main Street" yet, that sentiment is only reflective of the short stretch between the White House & the Capitol Building.

Meanwhile, East of the River (EoTR), the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor is lacking a comprehensive revitalization plan that will **boost economic growth along the strip, while preserving the historic integrity of the community**. As seen in the photo above, the intersection of Pennsylvania & Minnesota Avenues looks relatively identical to the way it did in 1947.

This is a petition to DC Councilmember Vincent Gray and the Committee on Business and Economic Development to **add funds to the budget to establish and fully fund a Pennsylvania Avenue SE Main Street program (EoTR) that meets the critical four-point transformation strategies of Main Street America**, including -

- o **ECONOMIC VITALITY** focuses on capital, incentives, and other economic and financial tools to assist new and existing businesses, catalyze property development, and create a supportive environment for entrepreneurs and innovators that drive local economies.
- o **DESIGN** supports a community's transformation by enhancing the physical and visual assets that set the commercial district apart.
- o **PROMOTION** positions the downtown or commercial district as the center of the community and hub of economic activity, while creating a positive image that showcases a community's unique characteristics.
- o **ORGANIZATION** involves creating a strong foundation for a sustainable revitalization effort, including cultivating partnerships, community involvement, and resources for the district.

**Join the movement to create a vibrant and sustainable Ward 7 business corridor! Sign the petition today!**



Recipient: Councilmember Vincent Gray, Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, Councilmember Mary Cheh, Councilmember Charles allen, Councilmember Jack Evans, DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson, Mayor Muriel Bowser, C...

Letter: Greetings,

Please add funds to the budget to fully establish a Pennsylvania Avenue Main Street program, East of the River. It's time. It's needed.

# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Lamont Harrell	Washington, DC	2019-12-06	"Long overdue!"
Linda harris	Bowie, MD	2019-12-06	"I'm signing because I agree with the premise and support."
Sonjia Swann	Washington, DC	2019-12-06	"This is long overdue."
Jolie Golomb	Bethesda, MD	2019-12-06	"This is a great idea"
Alisha Bennett	Washington, DC	2019-12-06	"Penn Ave East of the River needs a makeover and some holiday cheer badly!"
Yvette Muhammad	Washington, DC	2019-12-06	"It's needed"
Kenya Bryant	US	2019-12-06	"I've attended Porchfest and I loved seeing the beauty of the Ward 7 community. It is a hidden gem and the main street should reflect the beauty and history there!"
Kenneth Diggs	US	2019-12-07	"I believe in, and support the Porchfest! I attended last year's and loved it!"
laura richards	Washington, DC	2019-12-07	"I want to see the small area plan for Pennsylvania Avenue East realized including recognition of our historic resources."
Ayanna Smith	Washington, DC	2019-12-07	"I'm sick and tired of Ward 7 being the forgotten part of the city. It's like the city stops caring about Pennsylvania Avenue at the foot of the Sousa Bridge. It's time we step up and create what we need in our own community."
Mary Bolling	Washington, DC	2019-12-07	"I agree with the proposal for this project."
Dontrice Brown	Oxon Hill, DC	2019-12-07	"This was my old elementary school I graduated from this school this is one of the best schools with the best teachers"
Crystal O'Bryant	Suitland, MD	2019-12-07	"I grew up in this neighborhood and would love to see revitalization. This would open up jobs and opportunities for residents in this area."
Lakisha Johnson	Washington, DC	2019-12-07	"We should have lights too"
Tracey Willis	Washington, DC	2019-12-08	"Revitalization to East of the River..."
MLap_dc Mainlineartpro	US	2019-12-08	"I'm signing because my husband Brian and I are homeowners in the wonderful PennBranch community and would love to see growth as beautiful as our neighborhood."
Natasha Walker	Washington, DC	2019-12-08	"I pray if this makes it's way to actually happening the plan includes all persons residing in this area..not just those who are well established. All persons makes up communities and neighborhoods. Let's not loose sight of that."

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kamishia lee	Washington, DC	2019-12-08	"Every street in DC needs to look like "main street"."
Justin Rydstrom	US	2019-12-09	"I support East of the River people and places. Let's work together on this great initiative, Neighbors. Our community deserves it!"
J Burton MD, MPH	Washington, DC	2019-12-09	"I love our community and want it to have all of the resources and opportunities other DC communities have. Our tax dollars should be used equitably and our community deserves it!"
JANINE HIGHTOWER	WASHINGTON, DC	2019-12-09	"This ward deserves to have a part of its history preserved and protected from current gentrification."
DeAndre Anderson	Washington, DC	2019-12-09	"Pennsylvania Ave., east of the river, deserves a Main Street program like the rest of our city neighborhoods."
lakeisha harden	Washington, DC	2019-12-09	"I believe more voices are better than one."
Lestine Johnson	Washington, US	2019-12-09	"I love an neighborhood that Comes together and build one another"
Phyllis Jordan	Washington, DC	2019-12-10	"I have lived in many different wards in the city since my arrival in the early 1980s...it is quite evident that the city neglects to give SE the same benefits as other communities!"
Jaime Brown	Washington, DC	2019-12-10	"I live EOTR and it's unheard of that we have \$500,000 houses and can't have the Quality of Life in these same community we live."
John Muller	Washington, DC, DC	2019-12-11	"America's Main Street deserves support from downtown thru the Hill to East of the River communities"
Tiera Curry	US	2019-12-12	"I believe in the betterment and aesthetic improvement of this community."
Laura Fuchs	Washington, DC	2019-12-17	"Everyone in our city deserves investment and opportunities."
James Byers	Washington, DC	2019-12-17	"I've resided in Ward 7 since 1996: initially in 'Hillcrest', and since 2004 on the north side of Pennsylvania Ave, in 'DuPont Park'. For 16 years, I've led the annual "WalkingTown DC" historical tour for groups of 40-80 people, usually 60-70% first-time visitors. Invariably, there comes a point when participants, amazed at the quiet, well-kept homes that drew me to the area 24 years ago, can't hold back the question: "The residential areas are so beautiful: why isn't anything being done to bring the [Pennsylvania Ave] retail corridor!?" Its inexcusable. There are Retail corridors in DC neighborhoods that have been 'discovered' and revitalized three times over, in the time I've lived in Ward 7. It's time to see movement. I hope this petition helps draw attention to a continued neglect of economic development on the Pennsylvania Ave corridor east of the Souza Bridge."
Kendra Arrington	Washington, DC	2019-12-17	"I live east of the River and we get no respect!! It's time to invest in the East of the River community. We have only 3 grocery stores for wards 7 and 8 but she you cross over to Capital Hill I can name 5 just in a few miles from each other! Why is that?!?"

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Toya Carmichael	Washington, D.C., DC	2019-12-17	"I have lived off Penn Ave in SE for years and it is a shame that our city is not doing a thing to help the communities along this street enjoy economic development and vibrancy."
Neal Steinburg	Washington, DC	2019-12-17	"Neal Steinburg"
Marcia Huff	Washington, DC	2019-12-17	"We shouldn't have to leave our community for fun and food! Ward 7 matters too!"
Nadia Gammal	Washington, DC	2019-12-17	"I live in Ward 7 and this part of Penn Ave needs work"
Dwight Harris	Washington, DC	2019-12-17	"I live in and love my city"
Mosette Harmon	Washington, DC	2019-12-18	"I'm signing because EOTR continues to gets neglected and I'm looking forward to effective change."
Keith Jones	Washington, DC	2019-12-18	"This section of Pennsylvania Avenue has been neglected for far too long. With the exception of the apartment building and Thai Orchid restaurant, there has been no development in the lower corridor coming across the Sousa bridge. As reported in the news article, Penn Branch is the only half decent store front. The Fairfax Village Shopping Center could also use some revitalization."
Dion Greene	Washington, DC	2019-12-18	"I grew up going to Morton's and DDTP"
Claudia Kousoulas	Washington, DC	2019-12-20	"because local Washington deserves respect, investment, and beauty"
John Capozzi	Washington, DC	2019-12-20	"I would like the PA Main Street to figure out how to fix the intersection on Minnesota and Pennsylvania Ave., SE. --it is virtually unchanged since this photo 80+ years ago!We need to invest in a DuPont Circle tunnel to allow the connection of both sides of the street. DDOT appears happy with the current configuration that makes it impossible for most Capitol Hill residents to drive and shop and get back to the Hill legally!"
Janie Williams	Washington, DC	2019-12-21	"I am signing this petition because I live East of the River and there are times when the rest of the world has forgotten us. We eat, have cell phones, need Internet service, etc."
Patricia Medley	Washington, DC	2019-12-26	"I live East of the river. We are entitled anf are always the last considered for development. Yes, please. Thank you."
Larry Bryant	Washington, DC	2019-12-26	"As a DC native I believe that all quadrants of the city deserve the attention of the Mayor and City Council when it comes to development, safety, and security for its residents."
Antoinette ford	Washington, DC	2019-12-26	"We. Can do this and it's a good thing to do. We all need to be the change we want. Our community leaders need all our help. I live in Ward 7 too."
Julie sc	Washington, DC	2020-01-07	"Growth needs to happen everywhere."
James Haga	Crawfordsville, IN	2020-01-12	"It's our right to have the street our public street"

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Jordyn White	Washington, DC	2020-01-13	"This is my home. I want people to appreciate the value of the neighborhood, as we who live here do."
KeShonda Bullock	Washington, DC	2020-01-15	"Tax dollars should be distributed equally. My community (Ward 7) should also have retail, eateries, parks, etc. Development shouldn't stop at the Anacostia River."
Cindy Daigle	Washington, DC	2020-01-16	"We need a grocery store, sidewalks, restaurants and other business to come in to make this area more family friendly."
Francine Bland	Washington, DC	2020-01-23	"I want to see upscale development that reflects the diversity of EOTR."
Halim Flowers	Washington, DC	2020-01-26	"I believe that my tax money investment would be served well by developing the area mentioned in this petition."
adeline ntam	Silver Spring, MD	2020-01-29	"Everyone deserves a safe and beautiful place to live with all basic human needs."
Chekesha Fambro	Washington, DC	2020-01-30	"I am a homeowner on Pennsylvania and 27th street SE. We need to see investment in our community so that our property values follow the upward trend seen in other neighborhoods in our city."
Abeni Garrett	New York, NY	2020-02-15	"I believe in the cause."