



VINCENT C. GRAY
MAYOR

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Robin-Eve Jasper
President
NoMa Business Improvement District
1200 First Street, NE Suite 310
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Ms. Jasper:

In the spirit of continuing the strong partnership between the government of the District of Columbia and the NoMa BID, it is my pleasure to inform you that I intend to reprogram \$490,000 to the District of Columbia Office of Planning for the planning and development of the NoMa BID parks project. As you know, my administration is firmly committed to the vision of a *Sustainable DC* – making the District of Columbia the healthiest, greenest, and most livable city in the United States. Developing parks and open space in NoMa, a neighborhood whose growing population of residents, employees, and neighbors currently lack dedicated recreational amenities, is an important step in achieving that vision.

My *Sustainable DC* vision calls for our neighborhoods to be vibrant, resilient, respectful of the natural environment and my *One City Action Plan* commits to improving the quality of life for all by, among other things, ensuring residents have access to quality recreation options. And so I am firmly committed to ensuring parks and open space are included in the growing mix of land uses in the NoMa neighborhood.

Specifically, reprogramming budget to the Office of Planning will enable further assessment of the potential and feasibility of neighborhood sites that have been identified to be included in the NoMa local open space system. Likewise, through fostering the planning of future public open space, this financial commitment will contribute to designs that enhance private development and establish a distinctive, active, and sustainable public realm.

I am excited to continue working in partnership with the NoMa BID, and planning for the exciting growth and transformation of this neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent C. Gray".
Vincent C. Gray