

# DC HISTORY: COMMUNITY AND HOUSING

Created by Briana Thomas, Author of *Black  
Broadway in Washington, D.C.*

# Who founded Black History Month?

A photograph of several wooden blocks on a light-colored wooden surface. Five blocks are arranged in a horizontal row, spelling out the word "GUESS" in black capital letters. Other blocks with various letters are scattered around the main row, some lying flat and some on their sides. The lighting is soft, creating gentle shadows.

- W.E.B. Dubois
- Carter G. Woodson
- George Washington Carver
- Shirley Chisholm





# NEGRO MAKERS OF HISTORY

BY

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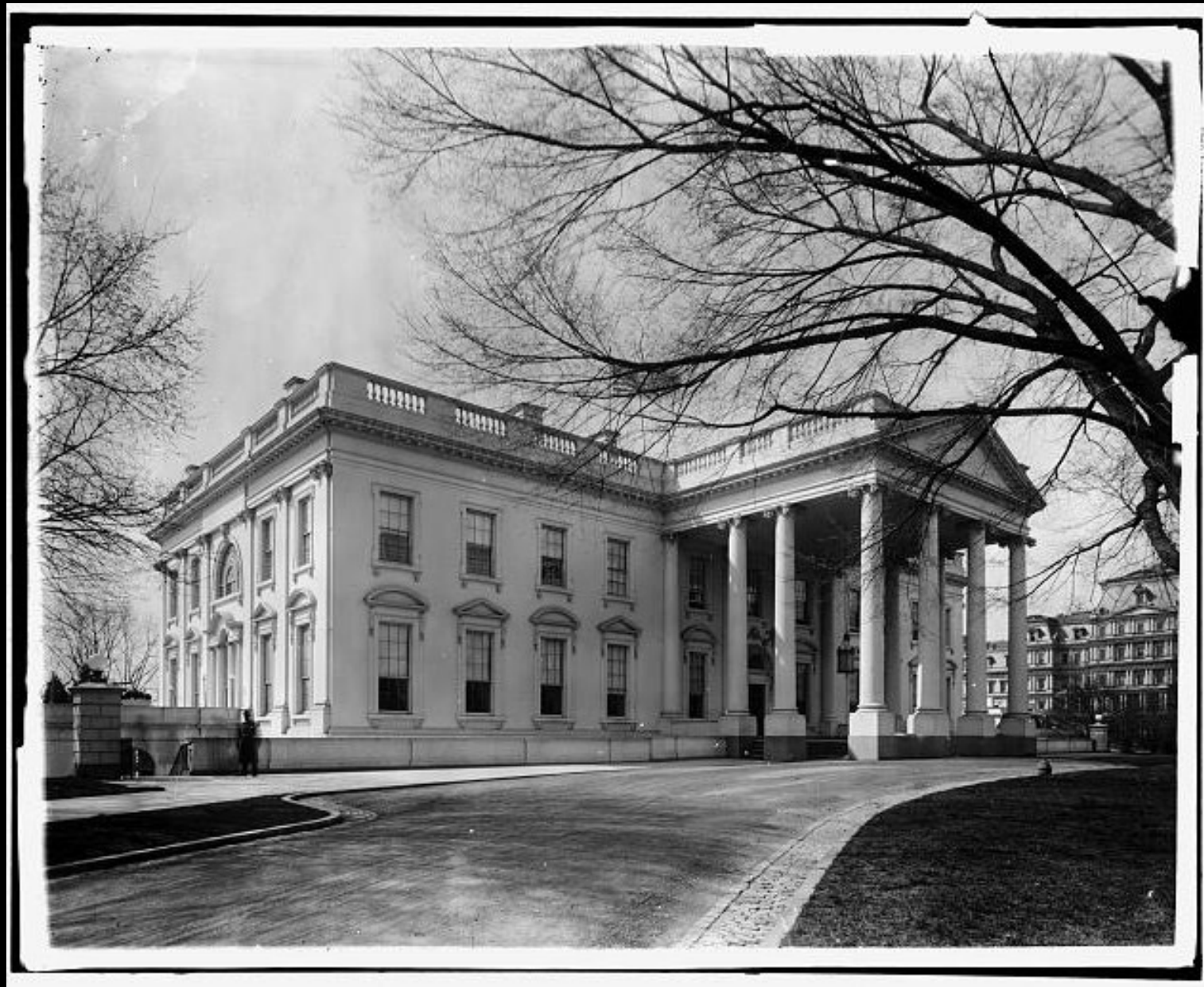
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## BUILDING AMERICA

"I wake up every morning in a house that was built by slaves."- Michelle Obama

Enslaved workers helped build several monuments, universities, landmarks, and institutions throughout the U.S.

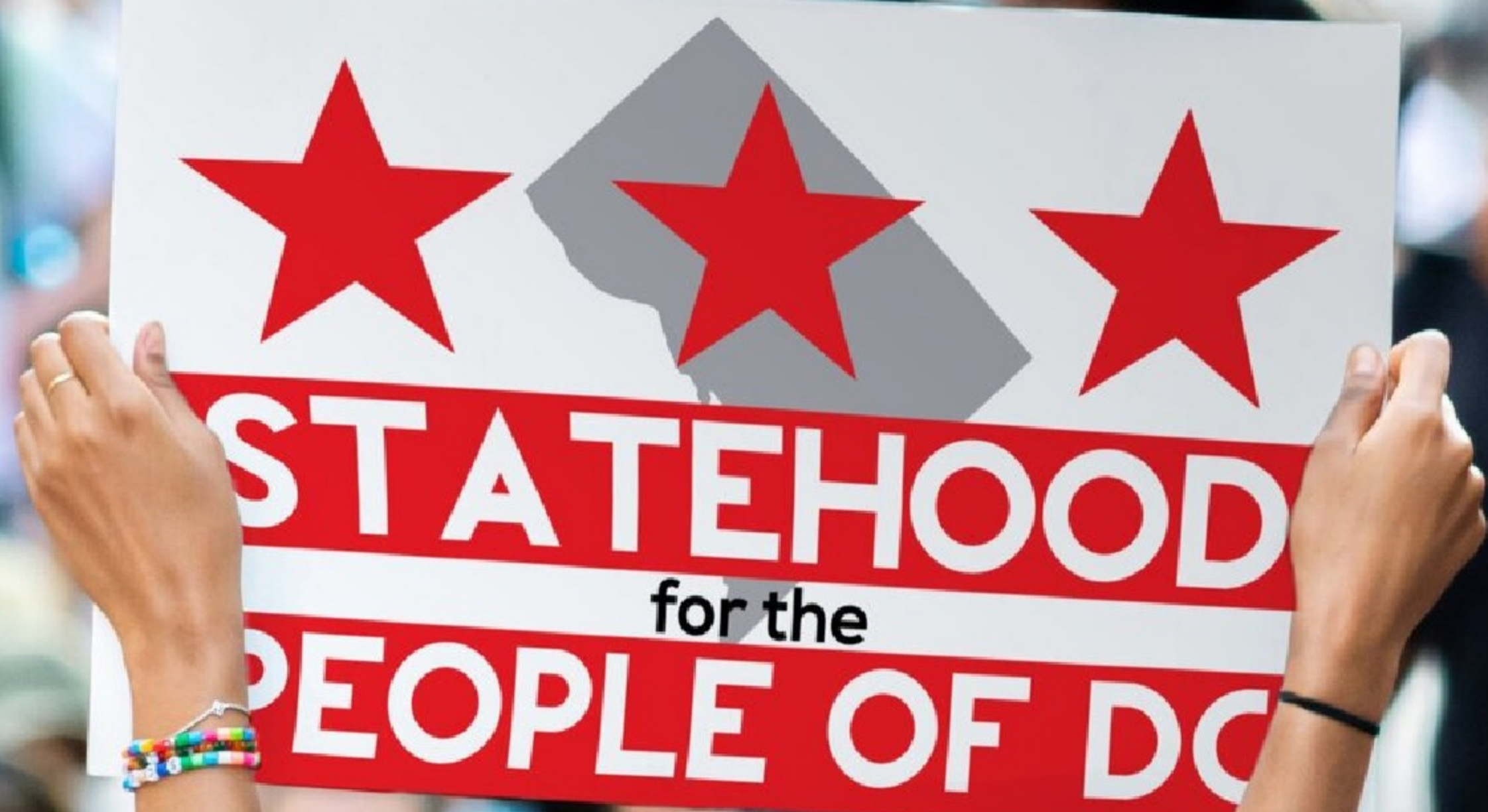


# Federal Government

**Nation's Capital Est.  
1791**







Washington, DC, isn't a state; it's a district. DC stands for District of Columbia. Its creation comes directly from the US Constitution, which provides that the district, "not exceeding 10 Miles square," would "become the Seat of the Government of the United States."



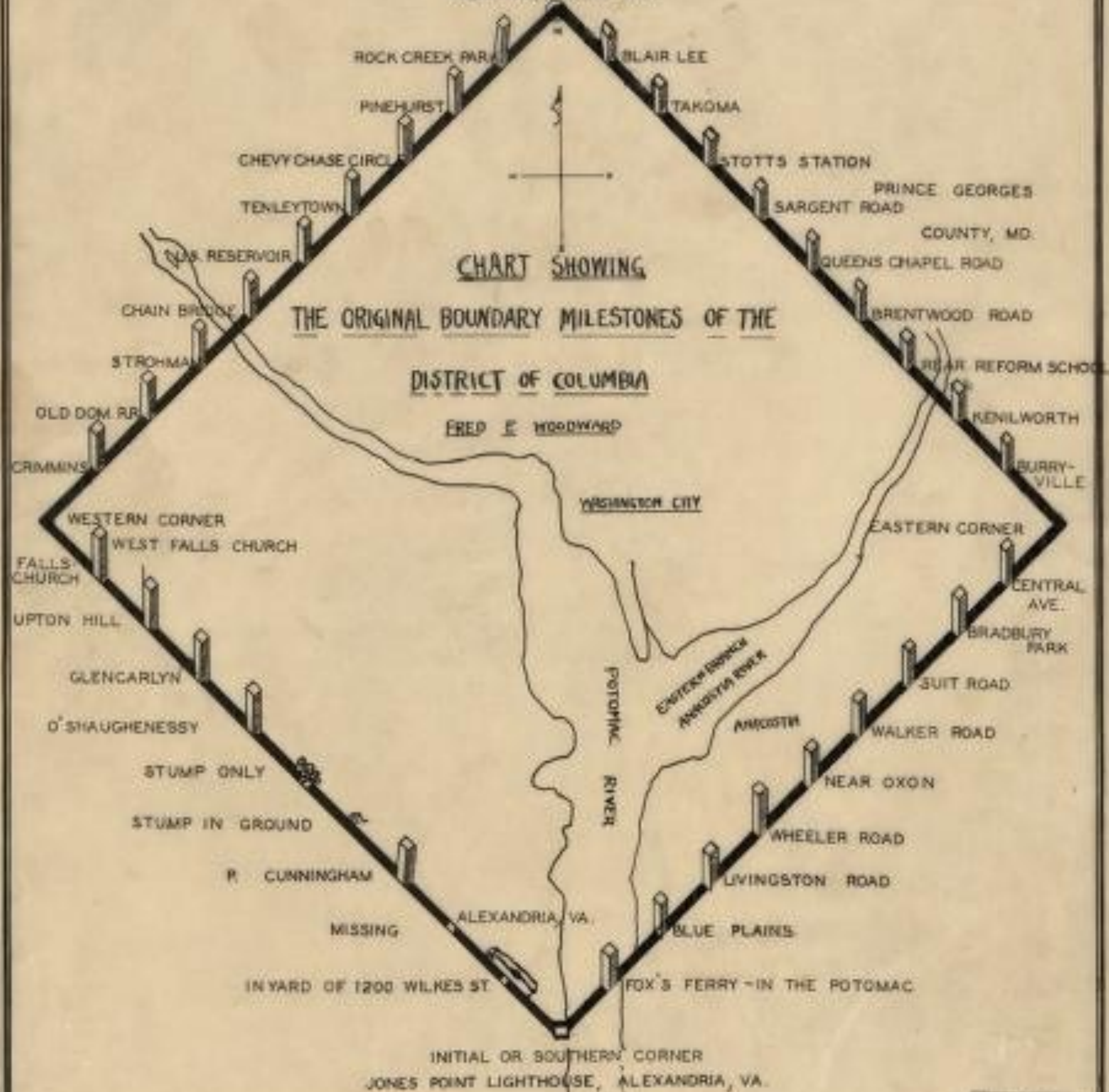
# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Until 1871 there were multiple districts:  
Georgetown, Washington City, and Washington County
- Alexandria Retrocession in 1846
- Territorial government ends in 1874
- No self-governance again until Home Rule Act of 1973
- First Black mayor in 1974 Walter E. Washington

FAIRFAX COUNTY VA.

NORTHERN CORNER  
NEAR WOODSIDE MD.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MD.



INITIAL OR SOUTHERN CORNER  
JONES POINT LIGHTHOUSE, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Scale of Miles





# Demographics



# Demographic Data At A Glance

Population (#)

**671,803**

Census 2022 Population  
Estimate

Homeownership Rate (%)

**44.2**

Current Population Survey 3Q22

Households (#)

**310,104**

ACS 2017-2021

Median Household  
Income (\$)

**93,547**

ACS 2017-2021

Employer Establishments  
(#)

**24,083**

County Business Patterns 2020

Poverty Rate (%)

**15.4**

ACS 2017-2021

Median Age (Years)

**34.3**

ACS 2017-2021

Median Rent (\$)

**1,681**

ACS 2017-2021

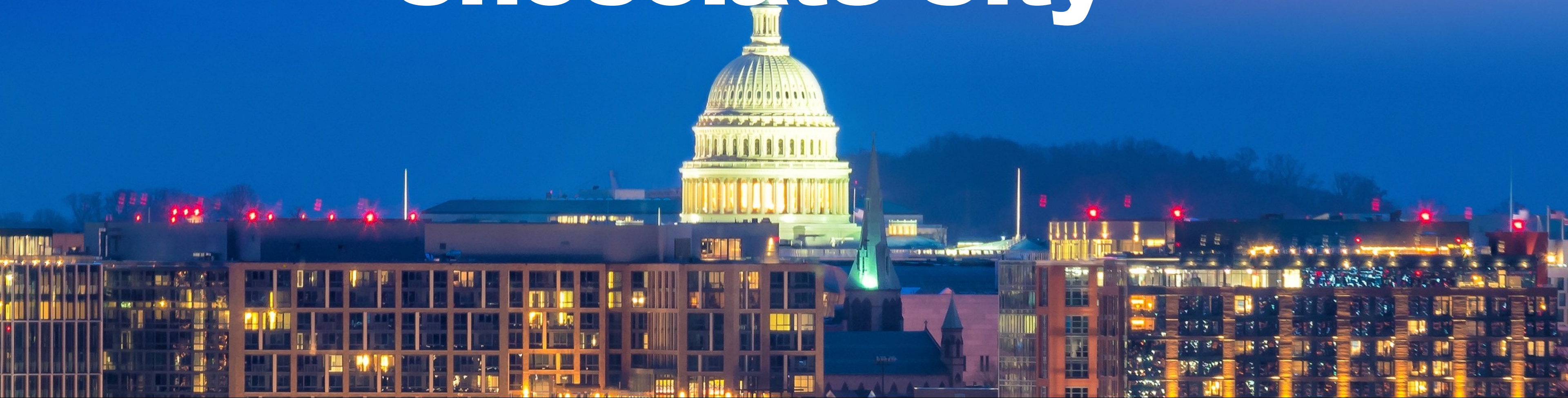


# Racial Make Up 2022

White alone, percent	⚠️ 45.9%
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	⚠️ 45.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	⚠️ 0.6%
Asian alone, percent (a)	⚠️ 4.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	⚠️ 0.2%
Two or More Races, percent	⚠️ 3.0%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	⚠️ 11.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	⚠️ 37.3%



# Chocolate City



- **In 1970, Black Washingtonians comprised 71 percent of the District**
- **By 2011 the Black resident population decreased to 49.2 percent**
- **In 1943, DC's greatest population of more than 900,000 residents was reached and then continued to decline through 2000**
- **A push for new residents was initiated by Mayor Anthony Williams in 2003**



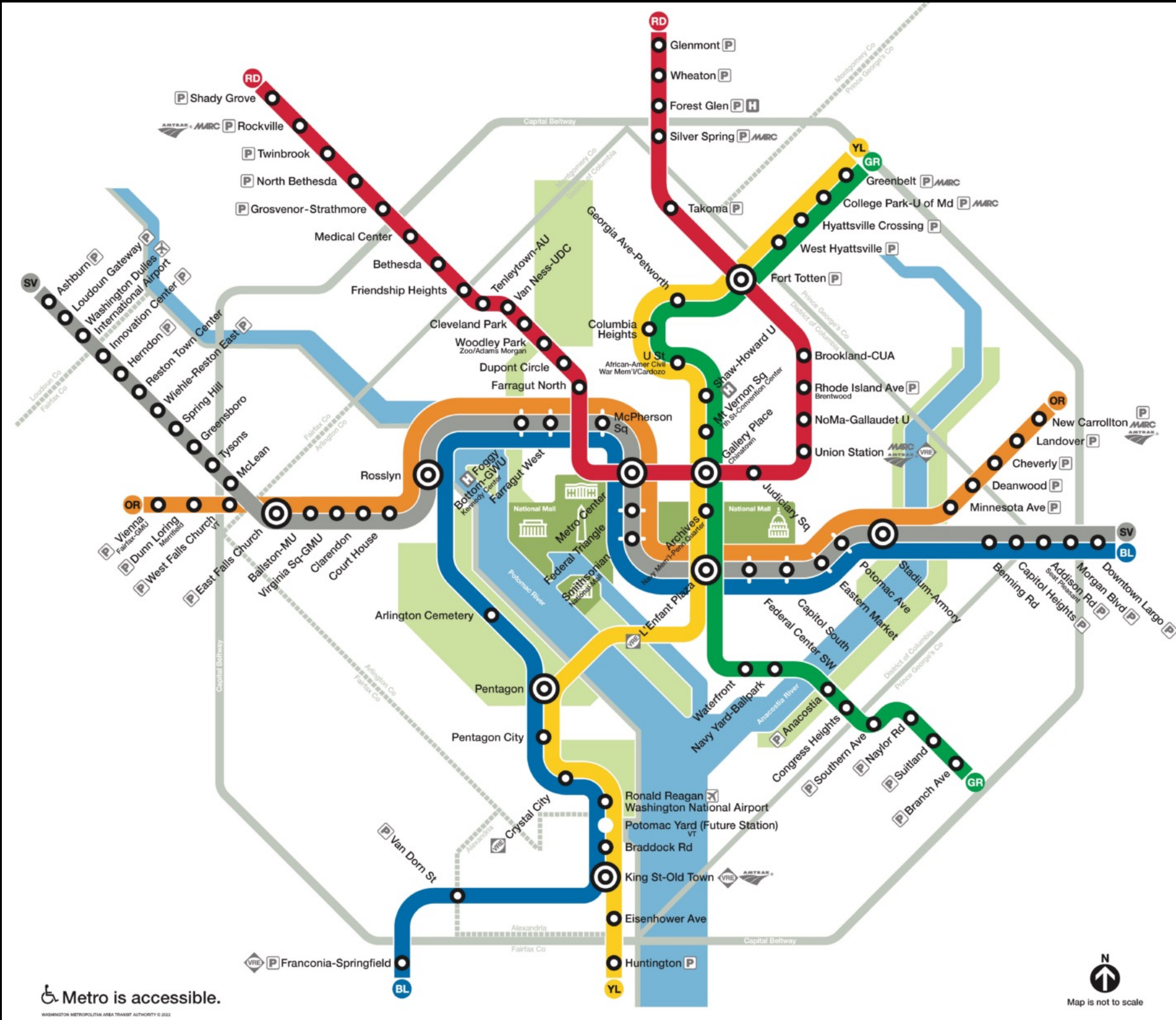
# Cause for Change

- Segregation ends in 1964 with the Civil Rights Act of 1964

- 1968 Race Rebellion

- Metro Construction 1969- 1976

- Fair housing Act in 1968



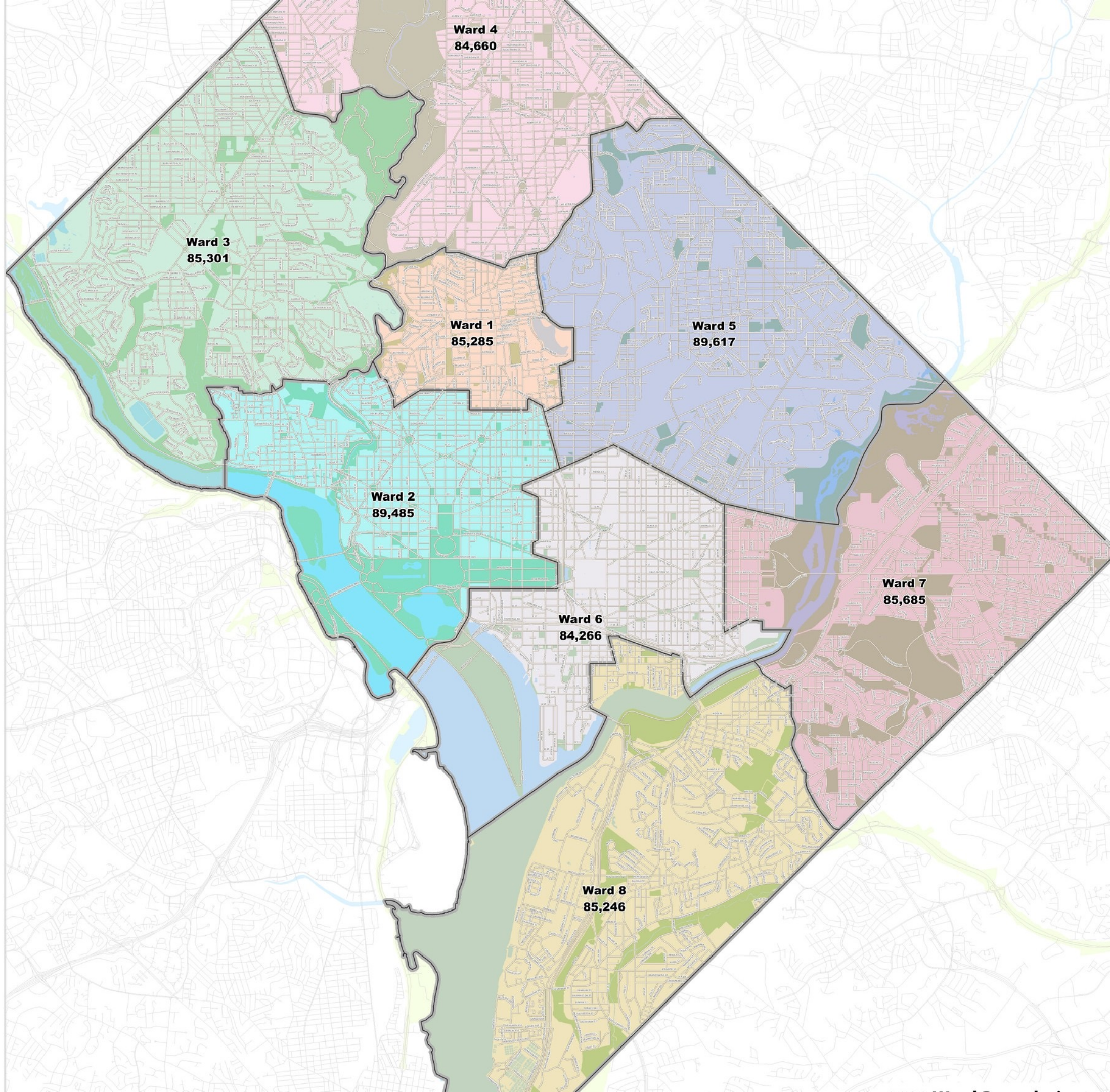
- No Smoking
- No Eating or Drinking
- No Animals (except service animals)
- No Audio (without earphones)
- No Littering or Spitting
- No Dangerous or Flammable Items



# Community: Wards vs. Neighborhoods







# Urban Renewal

- **White flight**
- **Racial Covenants**
- **Redlining**
- **Gentrification**



# Neighborhoods of Heritage

- Georgetown
- Anacostia
- Chinatown
- Columbia Heights
- U Street Shaw/Cardozo





# Georgetown Est. 1751





# Anacostia Est. 1886







**Chinatown Est. 1884**





**Columbia Heights Est. 1892**





**U Street/Shaw/Cardozo**

**Est. 1862**





*Black*  
**BROADWAY**  
IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



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Foreword by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton

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