

# 18th Annual Frederick & Diana Prince Livable Communities Leadership Awards

May 10th, 2021



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# Agenda

Welcome, CSG updates, and Awards -- Stewart Schwartz

Award and Keynote -- Mayor Muriel Bowser, Livable Communities Leadership Awardee (5:10pm)

Q/A with Mayor Bowser

Community Hero Awards followed by breakouts (5:30pm)

- Mary Paden-- Equitable Community Development in Fairfax County

- Kristy Daphnis, Alison Gillespie, and Peter Gray -- The Montgomery County Open Streets Coalition

- Kishan Putta -- Fighting for Dedicated Bus Lanes in DC

Wrap-up -- Stewart Schwartz (6:13pm)

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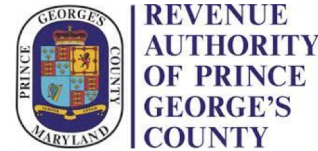


## Silver

Harriet Tregoning & Geoff Anderson

Bill Alsup

Don, Tina, & Jessie Slater



## Bronze

John and Val Wheeler  
Jarrett Walker and Associates  
Partners for Economic Solutions  
Greater Washington Board of Trade  
Cunningham | Quill Architects  
Lerch Early Brewer  
Wesley Housing  
Capital Riverfront BID  
Georgetown BID  
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# CSG Staff

- Stewart Schwartz, Executive Director
- Cheryl Cort, Policy Director
- Jane Lyons, Maryland Advocacy Manager
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- Emily Maurer, Communications Assistant
- Bill Pugh, Senior Policy Fellow
- Bernard Holloway, Senior Advocacy Fellow

# Champions Council

- Andrew Aurbach
- Jim Campbell
- Allison Davis
- Ron Eichner
- Rodney Harrell, PhD
- Steven E. Jones, CPA, MSOD
- Dan Reed
- Robert Puentes
- Douglas Stewart
- Lee Farmer
- Christopher Miller

# CSG Role and Mission Areas

- Inclusive transit-oriented development
- Affordable housing and equity
- Transit
- Safe Streets
- Transportation and Climate Change
- Supporting policies -- ex. stormwater, parking, urban design, public involvement



# Snapshot: Recent CSG activities

- DC Comprehensive Plan and housing; Union Station plan
- Montgomery Thrive2050 General Plan and Montgomery for All, Courageous Conversations, and Purple Line conversation, Prince George's zoning map
- Active transportation and safer streets. NoVA summits, COG Arterials, NOVA Families for Safe Streets, outreach
- Fairfax and Alexandria ADUs, West Falls Church, Heritage at Old Town
- National transit \$ campaign, MetroNow, Better Buses
- Transportation Reform & Climate change



# Recent Awardees

## 2020 Awardees

### Livable Community Leadership Awardee



Celeste James, Kaiser Permanente

### Community Hero Awardees



Bob Ward, Cleveland Park Smart Growth



Michelle Winters, Alliance for Housing Solutions



Friends of Forest Glen and Montgomery Hills

## 2019 Awardees

### Livable Community Leadership Awardee



Rushern Baker, Former Prince George's County Executive

### Community Hero Awardees



League of Women Voters

### Livable Community Leadership Awardee



Bob Youngentob, CFO & Co-founder of EYA

## 2018 Awardees

### Community Hero Awardees



Margaret Schoap, Tame Coalition



Dan Reed, Toole Design



Jim Durham, Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee



# Awardees 2004-2017

## Past Livable Communities awardees



2017  
Casey Anderson



2016  
Cathy Hudgins



2016  
Penny Gross



2015  
Roger Berliner



2014  
J. Walter Tejada



2013  
Jerry T. Halpin



2012  
Evan Goldman



2011  
David Bowers



2010  
Harriet Tregoning



2009  
Congressman  
Gerry Connolly



2008  
Robert Peck



2007  
Dan Tangherlini



2006  
James O. Gibson



2005  
Leslie Steen



2004  
Chris Zimmerman

## Past Sander-Henn awardees



2017  
Chris Miller



2016  
Kirsten Oldenburg



2015  
David Alpert



2014  
Ward3Vision



2013  
Fairfax County Staff



2012  
Roger Diedrich



2011  
Pamela Lindstrom



2011  
Marcia de Garmo



2011  
Janet Brown



Harry Sanders  
In Memoriam



Carl Henn  
In Memoriam

# Mayor Muriel Bowser


First woman re-elected to a second term as Mayor of DC

In addition to leading the city through one of the most challenging years in our recent history amid the pandemic, the fight for racial equity and justice, and an insurrection, she stands out as a regional leader in sustainable and equitable development.

We are proud to honor her for committing the city to setting firm goals for more housing and more affordable housing by establishing the Housing Equity Report and committing to 36,000 new housing units by 2030.



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# LIVABLE COMMUNITIES LEADERSHIP AWARD

to

Mayor Muriel E. Bowser

for leadership and commitment to making the  
District of Columbia a better and more inclusive city through  
affordable housing, safe and open streets, and improved public transit

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# Kishan Putta

## ANC Commissioner, ANC 2E01

A resident of DC, ANC Commissioner, and bus rider, Kishan Putta experienced the daily delays and overcrowding along 16th Street, one of the most heavily used bus corridors in the region. He took up the challenge, tirelessly leading a multiyear, multifaceted education and advocacy campaign.

He won resolutions from ANCs in support of dedicated bus lanes and other bus service improvements, mobilized volunteers and allies, and engaged councilmembers to win their support. Kishan's persistence, energy, and creative advocacy ultimately helped win the day and the new bus lanes will finally open next year, improving commutes for more than ten thousand riders each day.



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**SANDERS-HENN  
COMMUNITY HERO AWARD**

to

Kishan Putta

for tireless and successful advocacy for better bus service, especially  
dedicated bus lanes along 16th Street to improve and speed commutes  
for thousands of residents each day

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# Montgomery County Open Streets Coalition

When the pandemic took hold and people sought more outdoor space for safe recreation, Kristy Daphnis, Alison Gillespie, and Peter Gray organized and led the Open Streets Coalition in Montgomery County. They seized the opportunity to advocate for streets to be opened up for walking, biking, and rolling. Their advocacy helped the county become a regional leader with a robust shared streets program, which includes several “streeteries,” pop-up neighborhood greenways, the expansion of Acorn Urban Park, and the new shared streets block permit. From the beginning, the coalition advocated for programs throughout the county, to ensure equitable access.



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**SANDERS-HENN  
COMMUNITY HERO AWARD**

to

Alison Gillespie, Peter Gray, and Kristy Daphnis

for mobilizing support for open streets in Montgomery County to expand outdoor recreation and dining, making the county a regional leader amid the pandemic

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# Mary Paden

## Chair, South County Task Force for Human Services

Mary Paden is a leader in advocating equity, inclusion and social justice in Fairfax County's Richmond Highway Corridor. Chair of the South County Task Force for Human Services and the county NAACP's Fair and Affordable Housing Committee, she has been a tireless advocate for redevelopment without displacement as Fairfax County moves to revitalize Route 1. With the pandemic disproportionately impacting lower-income residents and communities of color, Mary has been a steadfast advocate for eviction protection, support for the homeless, and provision of essential human services in the corridor.





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COMMUNITY HERO AWARD**

to

Mary Paden

for championing social justice in Fairfax County through affordable  
housing and promoting involvement of lower-income residents in  
deciding the future of their community

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