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SAFE STREETS D.C.

Safe Streets D.C. Opens in Support of Vision Zero

WASHINGTON D.C.— NGO Safe Streets D.C. is hosting its grand opening and public forum on pedestrian safety Dec. 5. The newly created organization is focused on promoting pedestrian safety in support of Mayor Bowser’s Vision Zero Initiative.

The opening event will take place at Safe Streets D.C.’s new location on H street. It will feature a public debate on actions that can be taken to improve pedestrian safety. The event will provide a space for D.C. citizens to tell their stories and to call for change in local legislation.

Guest speakers include Rory Polluck, a traffic safety specialist and professor at George Washington University, and Shruthi Khatri, a disabled activist from the D.C. region.



Safe Streets D.C. is opening in response to the highest rate of pedestrian fatalities in D.C. in the last 6 years. In 2018, 31 people were struck and killed by cars in The District. Safe Streets D.C. seeks to promote a safer city for citizens walking on its streets, and to reshape car culture in Washington.

“It’s unacceptable for people to feel unsafe walking across the road. D.C. citizens deserve to be confident that they can get from one place to another without being hit by a distracted or irresponsible driver,” said Safe Streets D.C. founder Braeden Waddell.

The organization has announced its support of the Vision Zero Initiative, a plan set in motion to eliminate pedestrian fatalities in D.C. by 2024.

“Through extensive public outreach and collaboration, we are taking our first step towards realizing a ‘Vision Zero’ where no lives are lost on our streets or at our intersections. Together, we will make the District a safer place to live and travel through,” said DDOT Director Leif Dormsjo.

Safe Streets D.C. is a nonprofit organization based in D.C. that aims to reduce pedestrian fatalities in Washington. The organization will inaugurate this coming week.

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