

#NoCHOPGarage

#ProtectGraysFerryChildren

STEP 1: LEARN ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Follow us on Instagram [@no_chopgarage](#)
- Philly Inquirer News Article | April 2025: [Children's Hospital plans a 1,005-car parking garage for Grays Ferry](#)
- Philly Inquirer OpEd | May 2025: [Grays Ferry already has enough environmental burdens. The new CHOP parking lot will only create more.](#)
- Philly Inquirer OpEd | May 2025: [Grays Ferry Avenue is already a speedway. CHOP's mammoth garage will make it even worse.](#)
- Traffic Impact Study Concerns [here](#)

STEP 2: SIGN THE PETITION

- Sign the Fifth Square [petition](#)

STEP 3: JOIN US AT AN EVENT

- [Peoplehood Art Build](#) —October 23 | 5:00–8:00 PM
Spiral Q 4247 W Stiles St, Philadelphia, PA 19104
- [Phone Bank Training](#) —October 24 | 5:00 PM
Philly Thrive 1101 S 27th St, Philadelphia, PA 19146
- [Peoplehood Art Build](#) —October 30 | 5:00–8:00 PM
Spiral Q 4247 W Stiles St, Philadelphia, PA 19104
- [Peoplehood Parade](#) — November 8 | 12:00–4:00 PM
Paul Robeson House 4951 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19139

STEP 4: CONTACT ELECTED OFFICIALS

- See email template and call script below
- See letter template to Council President Kenyatta Johnson below

Role	Name	Email or Contact form	Number	Website
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Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives, District 3	Dwight Evans	Contact form	215.276.0340 215.254.3400 202.225.4001	evans.house.gov
Senator, Pennsylvania State Senate, District 8	Anthony Williams	Contact form	215.492.2980 (phone) 215.918.7138 (text)	senatoranthonyhwiliams.com
Representative, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, District 186	Jordan Harris	repharris@pahouse.net	215.952.3378	https://pahouse.com/Harris Click contact on website
City Council President/District 2 Representative	Kenyatta Johnson	Contact form	(215) 686-2070	
City Councilmember at Large/Minority Leader	Kendra Brooks	See main website	215.686.0461 215.686.0462	https://phlcouncil.com/kendrabrooks/
City Councilmember at Large	Rue Landau	See main website	215.686.3421 215.686.3420	https://phlcouncil.com/RueLandau/
City Councilmember at Large	Nicolas ORourke	See main website	215.686.3452 215.686.3453	https://phlcouncil.com/NicolasOrourke/
Philadelphia Chief Racial Equity Officer	Gail Carter Hamilton	gail.carter-hamilton@phila.gov		https://www.phila.gov/departments/departments-of-public-health/about-us/leadership/
Philadelphia Health Commissioner	Palak Raval-Nelson	Palak.Raval-Nelson@phila.gov palak.raval-nelson@temple.edu		
Philadelphia Mayor	Cherelle Parker	Contact form	215.686.2181	https://www.phila.gov/departments/mayor/

EMAIL TEMPLATE

Subject: Protect the Children of Grays Ferry – Oppose CHOP Garage at 3000 Grays Ferry Ave

Dear [Elected Official's Name],

I am writing as a concerned Philadelphian about the proposed construction of a large Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) parking garage at **3000 Grays Ferry Avenue**. This project risks compounding the environmental and health injustices long endured by the Grays Ferry community.

Grays Ferry has been shaped by a legacy of environmental racism and disinvestment. It was one of the many neighborhoods redlined nearly a century ago—designated “hazardous” for investment—setting the stage for decades of toxic exposure. Today, these same neighborhoods continue to experience:

- Higher levels of air pollution
- Increased rates of childhood asthma, gun violence, and preterm birth
- Fewer green spaces, trees, and access to fresh foods

This neighborhood gained national attention as the site of **Philadelphia Energy Solutions (PES)**—the largest oil refinery on the East Coast—whose operations left behind a legacy of contamination. A study by the **Center for Excellence in Environmental Toxicology** at the University of Pennsylvania found that Grays Ferry and surrounding areas carried the highest air pollution burden in Greater Philadelphia during the 30 years prior to PES's closure in 2019.

While the refinery has shut down, the consequences for neighborhood health persist. The placement of a massive parking garage, bringing additional traffic, emissions, and concrete, would worsen these burdens and contradict the mission of protecting child health.

Please act now to oppose this development. The children of Grays Ferry—and all of Philadelphia—deserve clean air, green space, and true investment in health equity.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address or ZIP Code]

EXAMPLE FOR PHONE CALL OR VOICEMAIL

Hi, my name is [Your Name], and I'm a resident of Philadelphia. I'm calling to ask you to oppose the proposed CHOP parking garage at 3000 Grays Ferry Avenue.

Grays Ferry is a neighborhood already burdened by decades of environmental injustice, including the former PES oil refinery. Adding a massive parking structure would bring more traffic and pollution to a community that's already suffered enough.

Please protect the health of children in Grays Ferry and stop this project. Thank you.

The Honorable Kenyatta Johnson, President
Philadelphia City Council
City Hall, Room 494
Philadelphia, PA 19107

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