

Open Letter to Mayor Cherelle Parker

Subject: Make Philadelphia the First Bitcoin City in America

Dear Mayor Cherelle Parker,

Philadelphia is a city of firsts.

We were the first capital of the United States.

We hosted the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

We birthed revolutions in thought, liberty, and governance.

It's time for Philadelphia to lead again – as the first major city in America to adopt Bitcoin as a treasury reserve asset, and to embrace a long-term vision of becoming the first true “Bitcoin City.”

A City of Greatness... Facing Great Hardship

Philadelphia is the **sixth-largest city in the country** – but also the **poorest major city in America**.



*As of 2023, **over 20.3%** of Philadelphians lived in poverty.*



*In July 2025, nearly **10,000 essential city workers** (sanitation, water, 911, etc.) went on strike.*



Inflation and public costs continue to rise – while wages struggle to keep up.

This isn't just a financial crisis. It's a **crisis of vision**.

We can't keep doing things the old way and expect different results.

A New Path: From Poverty to Prosperity

Bitcoin represents more than an asset — it's an opportunity to **build a sovereign, resilient future** for our city.

Let us become **the first city in the nation** to embrace this technology as a foundational part of our long-term financial strategy.

Why Bitcoin?

- **Fixed Supply:** Bitcoin cannot be inflated. It preserves purchasing power over time.
 - **Global Demand:** Bitcoin is held and respected worldwide — by individuals, companies, even nation-states.
 - **Transparency:** The blockchain is public, secure, and verifiable. No hidden books.
 - **Digital Resilience:** It operates 24/7 and isn't tied to any failing institution.
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A Vision for the Future

Imagine this:

- The City of Philadelphia **allocates 1% of its reserves to Bitcoin** as a hedge against inflation and central bank instability.
- The city gradually builds a position, held in cold storage, governed by a transparent public charter.
- Local universities, developers, and businesses rally around this mission — **attracting talent, tech, and tourism.**
- Philadelphia becomes a **hub for innovation**, crypto education, and decentralized finance — while inspiring hope among citizens.

This isn't speculation. It's **future-proofing**.

Bitcoin is not a gamble — debasing the dollar is.

Leadership Isn't Safe — It's Bold

By taking the first step, you would **cement your legacy** as the mayor who sparked Philadelphia's economic rebirth.

We aren't asking for all-in. We are asking for courage.

Even a small treasury allocation — **0.5% to 1%** — shows initiative, intelligence, and intent to thrive in the 21st century.

Next Steps (Simple and Actionable)

1. **Convene a task force:** Bring together financial, legal, and blockchain experts.
 2. **Conduct risk assessments:** Simulate allocation models, compliance structures, and public custody.
 3. **Set a long-term goal:** Philadelphia aims to be the first major city with a sovereign Bitcoin treasury.
 4. **Communicate with pride:** Use this vision to attract investment, uplift morale, and reclaim our role as a city of leadership.
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In Closing

Philadelphia's story is not one of decline — it's one of **rebirth**.
From revolution to reinvention, we've always led the way.

Let's lead again.

Let's make Philadelphia **the first Bitcoin city in America**.

Respectfully,
Dante Sisofo

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