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### Pod Opens Washington Hotel:

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser did one of my favorite things that mayors can do and helped cut the ceremonial ribbon Thursday night at the new Pod DC Hotel in Chinatown. She also corrected developer Conrad Cafritz who said she had a 50% approval rating; it's actually 67%, per a new [Washington Post poll](#). I kind of love when polls whip out their approval numbers like that.



The rooms compete with hotels such as Hampton Inn on price and might be a lot smaller ("We'll call them compact," Cafritz said), but they make up for it in experience. The hotel, its first location outside New York, has three restaurants and a killer rooftop, and it's gorgeous.

