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## Donald J. Trump Becomes First President to Make Bitcoin Payment at NYC's Historic PubKey Bar

Trump visited PubKey, New York City's only bitcoin bar Wednesday, where he treated the packed house with burgers and beverages, becoming the first president to use bitcoin as payment, a seminal step in the history of bitcoin, the country, and financial freedom.

**New York, NY — September 18, 2024** | In an unprecedented move that underscores bitcoin's growing influence on the national stage, Donald J. Trump became the first president to publicly use bitcoin for payments during a campaign stop Wednesday.

To the surprise and delight of patrons at PubKey—New York City's only bitcoin bar—President Trump purchased burgers and drinks for the entire bar, and paid in bitcoin.

### Bitcoin: More Than Just a Currency, a Global Community

Bitcoin isn't just a form of payment; it's a paradigm shift that transfers financial power to individuals. In just over 15 years, bitcoin has evolved from an idea by a pseudonymous figure on a cryptography mailing list to a hotly debated topic in international politics, revolutionizing the global financial landscape and offering economic opportunity to billions of people from all walks of life.

### PubKey: A Revolutionary Meeting Place in the Heart of Manhattan

Located in Manhattan's historic Greenwich Village, PubKey is more than just a bar—it serves as a third place for those who value decentralization, freedom, and financial sovereignty. As the only bar in NYC that accepts bitcoin, PubKey fosters an atmosphere where ideas flow as freely as the drinks. It's also home to one of the city's best smash burgers and an expanding media platform.

Inspired by the taverns of the American Revolution, PubKey embodies the spirit of financial independence and liberty that bitcoin represents. The bar serves as a cozy, eclectic gathering place for those who embrace the ethos of decentralization and freedom.

PubKey is not just a physical space—it's a movement. Through its media house, PubKey amplifies critical stories from the global bitcoin community and hosts free public events that encourage open, in-person discussions.

Since its inception, PubKey has aimed to create a venue that brings people together and highlights bitcoin's potential to improve the world. Its doors are open to everyone, including policymakers from all sides, making PubKey the go-to meeting place for conversations that shape our future. President Trump's historic visit paid homage to the revolutionary spirit of PubKey and the technological revolution that bitcoin represents, emphasizing the bond between bitcoin and American core values: free markets, free speech, and our unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Thomas Pacchia, founder of PubKey, said, **"We follow in the footsteps of The Green Dragon Tavern, CBGBs, and The Stonewall Inn. Our cause is Bitcoin; and to help the community to grow in awareness and inevitable adoption, we need to continue to meet the bitcoin community where they are. In their city. With their people. This is PubKey. For this reason, we're actively expanding to new cities. We're thrilled to be coming to D.C. and beyond as soon as possible."**

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