

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0068R
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Middleton, McCray, Bullock, Ramos, Porter, Torrence, Cohen, Burnett, Conway

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Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Planning, Department of General Services, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Department of Real Estate, Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Naming City Properties**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the City Solicitor and representatives from the Commission on
4 Historical and Architectural Preservation, Department of Planning, Department of
5 Transportation, Department of General Services, Baltimore Development Corporation,
6 Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Real Estate to brief the City
7 Council regarding the standards, procedures, practices and policies for naming and renaming
8 City property and the ceremonial naming of City streets, and to discuss possible revisions of
9 current standards, in light of national trends, so that our standards better foster equity and
10 unity.

11 **Recitals**

12 **WHEREAS**, The utilization of property names and commemorative street names serves as an
13 important commemorative function of the Baltimore City government;

14 **WHEREAS**, Property names and commemorative street names merges history with the
15 physical environments of modern society;

16 **WHEREAS**, Property names and commemorative street names are used to navigate City
17 spaces and become ingrained in City culture; and

18 **WHEREAS**, It is important that the City Council understands how such important features of
19 the City are being decided upon, and what adjustments to the way these decisions are being made
20 could help unify the City and make the City a more equitable place.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
2 Baltimore City Council invites the City Solicitor and representatives from the Commission on
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4 Transportation, Department of General Services, Baltimore Development Corporation,
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7 property and the ceremonial naming of City streets, and to discuss possible revisions of current
8 standards, in light of national trends, so that our standards better foster equity and unity.

9 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City Solicitor,
10 the Comptroller, the Executive Director of the Commission on Historical and Architectural
11 Preservation, the Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of the Department of
12 Transportation, the Director of the Department of General Services, the President of the
13 Baltimore Development Corporation, the Executive Director of the Department of Recreation
14 and Parks, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.