

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**

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*Mayor*



**DEPARTMENT OF  
RECREATION AND PARKS**

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**DATE:** Friday, May 21, 2021

**TO:** Honorable President and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

**POSITION:** No Opposition

**Re: City Council Bill #21-0089 – City Property – Naming 199 North Caroline Street, to be Dante Barksdale Square.**

Dear President Mosby and City Council Members,

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0089, “For the purpose of naming the City property located at Ward 6, Section 9, Block 1318, Lot 26 (also known as 199 North Caroline Street), to be Dante Barksdale Square.

Barksdale, a longtime anti-gun violence activist, was known as the “heart and soul” of Safe Streets Baltimore, an evidence-based, public health campaign that seeks to reduce gun violence and homicides in Baltimore City. Mr. Barksdale spent countless hours as a Safe Street Outreach Coordinator serving members of the community in close proximity to the City property specified in this ordinance. This ordinance is to rename this location in honor of Mr. Barksdale, who tragically lost his life on January 17, 2021, to honor of his memory and dedication to the community that he once served. BCRP joins the citizens of Baltimore in mourning his passing.

While BCRP would report favorably, we defer to the Department of Transportation as the property located at 199 North Caroline Street is under their purview. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Morgan, *Legislative Liaison* at [jmorgan@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:jmorgan@baltimorecity.gov) or at 410-396-7900.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reginald Moore".

Reginald Moore

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