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The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, RM 400
100 North Holliday Street
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**RE: CITY COUNCIL BILL #18-0216 TO RENAME AMBROSE KENNEDY PARK
“HENRIETTA LACKS EDUCATIONAL PARK”**

The Department of Recreation & Parks (BCRP) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0216. Baltimore City Recreation and Parks strongly supports Council Bill #18-0216 proposing to rename Ambrose Kennedy Park to Henrietta Lacks Educational Park. Changing the name of the park would be a testament to the memory of Henrietta Lacks, whose selfless and invaluable contribution of the HeLa cells to Johns Hopkins Hospital’s cancer research shows how a single person can do immense good in the world.

The Department of Recreation & Parks supports the passage of City Council Bill 18-0216.

Sincerely,

Reginald Moore
Director