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ABC and the BMore Healthy Expo: A Step Toward Health Equity for Baltimore's Black Community



The 2025 BMore Healthy Expo was held at the Baltimore Convention Center on March 8, 2025. Associated Black Charities (ABC) served as the fiscal sponsor for the free health expo that provided free health and wellness resources, health screenings, education, and advocacy to thousands of attendees. Chrissy Thorton, President and CEO of Associated Black Charities (pictured) states "this is more than just a public event—it is a battle for health equity in a city where Black residents continue to bear the brunt of preventable disease, inadequate medical care, and financial instability tied to poor health outcomes." (See article on page 6) Courtesy photo

Honoring an Icon

Celebrate Baltimore's Legendary Musician: Abu the Flutemaker's 85th Birthday

Baltimore, MD – On Saturday, March 15, 2025, the community comes together to honor a true Baltimore icon, Abu the Flutemaker, as he celebrates his 85th birthday. This special event, sponsored by Gallery Reimagined and Creatively Black at 301 Light Street, promises an unforgettable day of music, art, and celebration.

For over five decades, Abu has turned everyday materials into extraordinary musical instruments. His unique creations range from saxophones made from bedposts to drums from coffee cans, embodying the spirit of Kuumba—creativity. Abu's musical crafts, shows, and workshops are interactive experiences that invite the audience to explore the world of music with him.

The event will feature performances from notable groups including The Park Vide Drummers, Navasha Daya and Fanon Hill, Khalil Campbell, House Ajnaku, and Abu, joined by family musicians performing a special jazz selection. Each performance will highlight the rich cultural fabric of Baltimore, reflecting the community Abu has influenced so profoundly.

In addition to the performances, attendees can explore Creatively Black Baltimore, the largest showcase of Black artists in the city. The gallery is a testament to resilience and cultural pride, featuring over 490 works from more than 80 artists.

Gallery Reimagined, a non-profit organization dedicated to uplifting Baltimore's emerging artists and redefining artistic spaces, is proud to support this event. Their initiatives continue to offer platforms for artists to connect and engage with the community in meaningful ways.

We invite all to not only enjoy the celebration but also to contribute to the creation of a documentary about Abu's life and legacy. Your donations will help preserve his story and continue to inspire future generations.

Join us to celebrate Abu the Flutemaker's 85th birthday and his invaluable contributions to the Baltimore community and beyond. Your presence will pay tribute to a man whose life's work has been to make music accessible and enjoyable for all.

For more information and to RSVP, please visit Eventbrite: Celebrate Baltimore's Legendary Abu the Flutemaker's 85th Birthday.

Event Details

- **Date:** March 15, 2025
- **Time:** 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Location:** 301 Light St., Baltimore, Maryland
- **Admission:** Free (Donations appreciated)

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Autism Advocate Shares Strategies, Insight to Support Autistic Children

By **Andrea Blackstone**

March, which is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM) in the United States, is an ideal time to learn more about autism.

“About 1 in 36 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) according to estimates from CDC’s Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network,” the CDC reports.

According to Autism Speaks, a nonprofit organization, 1 in 100 children around the world are diagnosed with autism.

Simone Gordon, a single parent who cares for her nonverbal son, Jay in New Jersey knows what it is like to raise a 15-year-old who faces severe autism. Gordon, also known as “The Black Fairy Godmother,” simultaneously runs The Black Fairy Godmother Foundation, a nonprofit providing immediate aid and long-term support to those in need.

Not only does Gordon raise her son and help others, she advocates for other children with autism.

“Advocating for children with autism involves ensuring they receive the right support, services, and opportunities to thrive in school, healthcare, and daily life,” said Gordon.

Gordon highlights resources and advocacy tips that can provide insight about autistic children to support their parents, caregivers, educate peers, and inform supportive community members to increase education.

Gordon listed six key strategies:

1. Advocate for Early Intervention and Diagnosis

Push for early screenings and evaluations if developmental delays are noticeable. Learn about local resources (Early Intervention programs, therapy

services, etc.). Challenge insurance denials to ensure coverage for necessary therapies.

2. Secure Educational Support and IEPs

Work with the school to develop an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan to meet their learning needs. Request speech, occupational, and behavioral therapy services if needed. Know your rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to ensure schools provide appropriate accommodations. Push for inclusive classrooms while ensuring the child gets the support they need.

3. Spread Awareness and Combat Stigma

Educate teachers, caregivers, and community members about autism acceptance, not just awareness. Encourage neurodiversity-friendly environments in schools, workplaces, and public spaces. Share personal stories to humanize autism beyond medical definitions.

4. Teach Self-Advocacy and Independence

Encourage children with autism to express their needs and emotions in ways that work for them. Provide social skills training, communication tools such as AAC devices, sign language, or visual schedules to empower their independence. Respect their unique strengths and differences. Advocacy isn’t about “fixing” autism, but ensuring they get the right support.

5. Become an Advocate

Legislative and Policy Advocacy Support laws protect disability rights, such as the Autism CARES Act and IDEA funding. Speak at school board meetings, town halls, and state

legislatures to push for better funding, services, and research. Encourage employers to create inclusive workplaces for autistic adults.

6. Tap into Advocacy groups and Legal Aid Clinics

Connect with advocacy groups and legal aid programs in your area. Gordon stated that an autism group called NJ Autism Moms shares support, tips, and advocacy. Rutgers Law Clinic’s H.E.A.L. (Health, Education, Advocacy and Law) Program helps to fight for special needs children and their families.

Additional insight about autism can be gleaned from the CDC. Materials and resources <https://www.cdc.gov/autism/communication-resources/index.html> are provided.

Parental Insight About Autistic Children

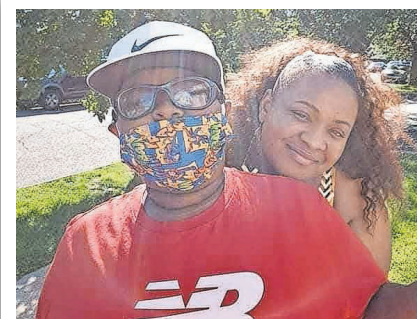
Gordon shared knowledge for others who may not know much about children who have been diagnosed with autism.

“Autistic children deserve to be included in schools, social settings, and communities. Small accommodations such as providing quiet spaces or alternative communication methods can make a big impact to support their inclusion,” she stated.

“I’d love for more people to understand that autism is not a problem to be fixed—it’s a different way of experiencing the world,” Gordon said.

She further explained that autism is a spectrum. No two autistic children are the same. Some may be highly verbal, while others are non-speaking. Some may excel in specific areas, such as math or art, while others struggle with sensory overload.

Gordon mentioned that meltdowns, including stimming (like hand-flapping or rocking), or avoiding eye contact are not “bad behaviors.” These are ways



Simone Gordon (right) and her son, Jay. Gordon says that many autistic children are highly intelligent, creative, and have a deep focus on subjects they love. She also suggested that special needs parents on a fixed income can prevent caregiver burnout by connecting with respite care services, taking at least two days out of the month to treat themselves, or by doing something such as taking a jog in the park. Photo courtesy of Simone Gordon

autistic children regulate emotions and process their environment. Many autistic children want to connect with others but may struggle with social cues or sensory overload.

“Be patient and meet them where they are,” said Gordon.

The autism awareness advocate mentioned that sudden changes can cause anxiety for autistic children. Providing structure, visual schedules, and clear expectations can help them to feel more secure. Gordon further mentioned that sensory sensitivities such as bright lights; loud noises; strong smells; or even certain textures can feel overwhelming or even painful.

“Creating sensory-friendly environments makes a huge difference,” she added.

Follow Gordon on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/theblackfairygodmotherofficial?igsh=bHZ6dWlobHdkN2hu>.

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Baltimore City Recreation & Parks Announces Citywide Spring Break Camp Offerings

BALTIMORE — While schools are closed for spring break, Baltimore City Recreation & Parks (Rec & Parks) will host Spring Break Camps for youth ages 5 to 17 from April 14 to 21 (excluding April 18). The camps will include a week of games, crafts, sports, and outdoor adventures citywide. Registration is now open on the Baltimore City website: <https://bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/> on a first-come, first-served basis.

Spring Break Camp offerings include:

- A traditional weeklong camp for ages 5 to 13 at recreation centers across Baltimore City.

- A teens-only version of the traditional weeklong camp for ages 13 to 17 at the Fred B. Leidig Recreation Center.

- New this year is an EmpowerHER Active Girls Camp for ages 10 to 15 at the C.C. Jackson Recreation Center and the Middle Branch Fitness and Wellness Center. This nontraditional camp will provide sports, exercise, and wellness opportunities to help participants explore the joys and benefits of various forms of physical activity and find their unique path to a lifetime of movement.

- The Spring Blossoms Outdoor Recreation Camp, for ages 8 to 13, features a week of refreshing outdoor activities and field trips, led by Rec & Parks' outdoor recreation team. Activities include hiking, kayaking, gardening, crafts, geocaching, and more.

For a full list of offerings, costs and registration, visit the Baltimore City website: <https://bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/>. All camps will be closed Friday, April 18, for Good Friday.

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About Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

Baltimore City Recreation & Parks (BCRP) is Baltimore's leading provider of affordable, year-round recreational activities. BCRP builds a stronger Baltimore one community at a time through conservation, well-being and social equity. BCRP manages and maintains 263 parks, 52 recreation centers, 60 miles of biking and hiking trails, 133 playgrounds, approximately 4,700 acres of parkland and more. To learn more about our programs and services, visit bcrp.baltimorecity.gov.

ABC and the BMore Healthy Expo: A Step Toward Health Equity for Baltimore's Black Community

By **Chrissy M. Thornton**
President/CEO
Associated Black Charities

For generations, Baltimore's Black communities have been on the losing side of a healthcare system that was never designed for them. The disparities we see today are not accidents—they are the direct result of systemic neglect, medical racism, and economic exclusion that have made quality healthcare a privilege instead of a right. Black families face higher mortality rates, lower access to care, and deeper financial burdens from medical expenses. This isn't just about health—it's about survival.

That's why Associated Black Charities (ABC) has proudly served as the fiscal sponsor for the BMore Healthy Expo, ensuring that Black Baltimoreans were not just included in the conversation but centered in it. The annual Expo, hosted by FOX 45 Baltimore, provides free health screenings, education, and advocacy to thousands of attendees. But for ABC, this is more than just a public event - it is a battle for health equity in a city where Black residents continue to bear the brunt of preventable disease, inadequate medical care, and financial instability tied to poor health outcomes.

In 2024, ABC advocated to create a Health Equity Zone within the Expo, a dedicated space that prioritized health resources specifically for the Black community. This year, we expanded those efforts, ensuring that Black residents had direct access to information and services tailored to their most pressing health concerns - from maternal health to chronic disease

management to financial barriers in healthcare access. ABC also gifted exhibitor booths to organizations that share our mission of health justice, including Home Helpers Home Care, which provides in-home care services to underserved families; The PATIENTS Program at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, which helps Black communities advocate for better treatment and care; and Planned Parenthood of Maryland, which ensures access to reproductive health resources. At our own booth, we engaged attendees in critical conversations about health equity, patient rights, and systemic change.

The numbers don't lie. Black Baltimoreans are in the middle of a public health crisis, and without systemic intervention, these disparities will only worsen. In Maryland, white families hold eight times the wealth of Black families — a staggering statistic that translates into fewer financial resources to afford quality care, higher rates of medical debt, and fewer opportunities for preventative health measures. Wealth inequity isn't just about money—it's about whether a Black mother survives childbirth, whether a Black child gets early intervention for an illness, whether a Black elder gets proper care in their final years. Despite the expansion of the Affordable Care Act, which provided 2.8 million Black Americans with health insurance, racial disparities persist. Black Americans remain uninsured or underinsured at nearly twice the rate of white Americans (9.6% vs. 5.2%), making it harder to access regular doctor visits, medication, and life-saving treatments.

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Associated Black Charities (ABC) Team in front of Health Equity Zone Sign. (L-r): Kamauri Winder, Chrissy Thornton, Lauren Blackwell, and Shevelle Montgomery. Courtesy photos



ABC Exhibitor Booth with Gifted Booths for Home Helpers Home Care, The PATIENTS Program of UMD, and Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

Expo

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The maternal and infant mortality rates are equally disturbing. Black women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than white women, even when controlling for income and education. Black infants are twice as likely to die before their first birthday. These are not statistics, they are proof of a healthcare system that treats Black lives as expendable. Further compounding the crisis, predominantly Black neighborhoods have 60% fewer primary care physicians per capita compared to other neighborhoods. Hospitals serving Black communities receive less funding, leading to inadequate services and higher closure rates. When Black residents do access care, studies show that they are less likely to be given pain medication, more

likely to be misdiagnosed, and more likely to be ignored by their healthcare providers.

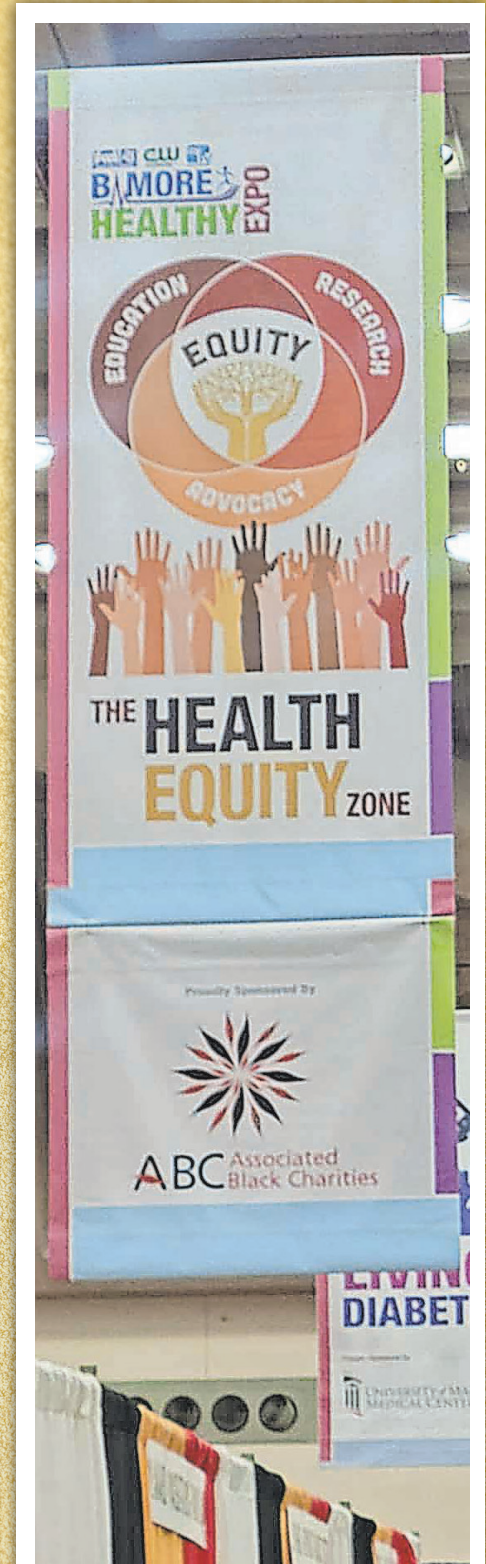
This is the reality we are fighting to change. ABC has spent 40 years leading the charge for racial equity in Maryland, with specific attention to the Greater Baltimore Region, and we know that health equity cannot wait. It is not a luxury, not a privilege, but a demand for accountability, a demand for fair treatment, a demand for the same access and quality of care that other communities take for granted. The solutions are clear. We must train medical professionals to confront their own racial biases and hold institutions accountable for discriminatory practices. We must increase Black representation in healthcare professions, because when we have more Black doctors, nurses, and healthcare leaders, outcomes for Black patients improve. Unfortunately, what's

in jeopardy now is a political landscape that wants to cut Medicaid instead of expanding it to cover the most vulnerable.

The BMore Healthy Expo is just one piece of this fight, but it is a crucial one. It provides an opportunity to arm Black Baltimore with knowledge, tools, and access to healthcare resources that can mean the difference between life and death. While ABC does not always align politically with FOX 45, we recognize the importance of this platform in reaching Black residents who desperately need access to health education and services. And, we appreciate them allowing this little bit of "DEI" to slide under the radar of their typical focus areas. That is why we serve as the event's fiscal sponsor and we continue to show up, we know we must stand in the gap, ensuring that Black Baltimore receives the care, respect, and resources we deserve.



ABC Team Inside ABC Exhibitor Booth, (l-r) Kamauri Winder, Amber Merrick, Chrissy Thornton, Kieta Iriarte, and Shevelle Montgomery



Bmore Health – Health Equity Zone Signage

Consumer Reports Study Finds Dangerous Chemicals in Synthetic Braiding Hair

By **Andrea Blackstone**

Braided hairstyles offer convenience for mostly African American girls and women who add human hair or synthetic fiber extensions to their hair. Consumer Reports (CR) has formally called into question the safety of braiding hair.

However, an ambitious medical student named Chrystal G. Thomas first wrote a paper that was published called “Carcinogenic materials in synthetic braids: an unrecognized risk of hair products for Black women” in 2023 <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2667193X23000911>, thereby igniting an important inquiry.

On her LinkedIn account, Thomas once mentioned that “Synthetic braid ingredients, despite synthetic braids being popular among Black women, have not yet been focused on. I’m hoping my commentary will inspire more research in this area to define the current extent of risk and ultimately lead to more positive health outcomes.”

Her paper further mentioned that “extensions are typically worn for at least 4–6 weeks, with continuous exposure to carcinogenic ingredients for those who subsequently reinstall their braids throughout the year.”

Thomas further posed that “lack of governmental regulation has resulted in the exposure of Black women to toxins in these readily accessible and popular synthetic extensions.”

Consumer Reports, which provides trusted advice and reporting, revisited Thomas’ concerns. CR reportedly sent 10 of the most popular synthetic braiding hair products on the market from brands such as Sensationnel, Magic Fingers, Sassy Collection, Shake-N-Go, Hbegant, Debut and Darling to a lab.

Dangerous chemicals were detected in 100 percent of the braiding hair that Consumer Reports tested <https://www.consumerreports.org/health/wigs-hair-extensions/dangerous-chemicals-detected-in-braiding-hair-cr-tested-a4850978424/>, according to findings that were published in an article written by Leigh-Ann Jackson on February 27, 2025.

Jackson further mentioned that two years ago, Thomas was a student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the City University of New York who “went to a professional stylist to have braids done using what she recalls was the popular synthetic hair brand Kanekalon.”

Jackson reported that Thomas said that she could not sleep well, her throat felt irritated, and she had trouble focusing on any type of work due to the smell that would not leave even after her hair was washed many times. In response, she removed her braids early, then she proceeded to research possible health issues tied to braiding hair as part of her public health coursework.

Consumer Reports set out to uncover answers about the safety of synthetic hair while proposing that it may be made “from a copolymer of modacrylic and vinyl chloride and can include other chemicals with known links to adverse health effects.”

James E. Rogers, PhD, director and head of product safety testing, along with his team, CR scientists conducted testing of 10 popular synthetic braiding hair products in 2024.

Primary findings cited by Consumer Reports stated that:

- **Carcinogens**, or chemicals that may cause cancer, were detected in 100 percent of the samples.

- **Lead** was detected in nine of 10 products.

- **Other VOCs, including acetone**, were detected in all products.

A list of known, probable, and possible carcinogens that were detected in the brands ranged from Sensationnel Ruwa 3X Pre-Stretched Kids Braid 12”; Shake-N-Go Organique Mastermix Water Curl Weave, 30”; and Sassy Collection 100% Kanekalon Jumbo Braid to Debut Wavy Hair Weave, 20.”

Full results were provided along with “Known, Probable, and Possible Carcinogens Detected” notations. See <https://article.images.consumerreports.org/image/upload/v1740508146/prod/content/dam/CRO-Images-2025/Misc/Consumer-Reports-Test-Results-Synthetic-Braiding-Hair.pdf> to read the report.

Jackson pointed out that VOCs in synthetic braiding hair were tested since braids are commonly flat ironed, sealed with heat from a lighter, or dipped in hot water near the end of a hair-braiding service.

According to Rogers, “Every sample tested had detectable levels of at least six VOCs. The highest number detected in any of the samples was 14.”

Additionally, “the higher the total number of VOCs in a product, the higher the likelihood of a negative impact on the health of the user,” Rogers also said.

Thomas thanked CR for following up on her commentary by testing several synthetic braiding extension products.

“Harmful materials were found in all the products they tested. This work is so important because it can ultimately help protect consumers and push for safer materials to appear on



Dangerous chemicals were detected in 100 percent of the synthetic braiding hair that Consumer Reports tested. The investigation raises concerns about the need for safer hair products that are marketed to African American women.

Image created by Google Gemini

the market, as well as is an opportunity to push for more protective regulation for our cosmetic products,” Thomas shared on her LinkedIn account <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7301254599015841793>.

CR’s investigation raises concerns about the need for safer hair products that are marketed to African American women. A petition calling on the FDA to ensure the safety of synthetic braiding hair products is underway.

“Without any rules in place, companies are left to police themselves, and consumers likely have no idea about the potential health harms they’re being exposed to,” CR’s petition stated.

Visit <https://action.consumerreports.org/cro-20250227-fdbraidinghairpetition> to obtain more information.

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Moves Ravens Should Make After Quiet First Wave of Free Agency

By Tyler Hamilton

There were a lot of deals agreed to on Monday, March 10, 2025, as the start of the legal negotiating period kicked off. Offensive linemen were able to lock in massive deals. Meanwhile, the Baltimore Ravens remained quiet during the initial wave, other than re-signing their left tackle Ronnie Stanley to a three-year deal worth \$60 million.

Stanley, a nine-year veteran, is coming off his second career Pro Bowl season. He was set to be the best left tackle to hit the free agency market this offseason.

The move received a high mark from ESPN.

ESPN's Seth Walder: "Grade: B+. My grade is not because I think Stanley is a home run signing in a vacuum. It's because the Ravens are in the middle of prime Super Bowl contention and the alternative – entering Monday without a left tackle – would have been awfully risky. Maybe they could have landed Cam Robinson or Dan Moore Jr., but Robinson is a much worse pass blocker than Stanley, and Moore is coming off a career-best season and free agency offers no guarantees. Considering how thin the tackle market is right now and how important it is for the Ravens to protect Lamar Jackson, they had to get this deal done -- even with all the injury risk."

As the latter stages of free agency come about, expect the Ravens to be active. The team still needs to find help in the secondary. They could also use help at edge rusher and inside linebacker.

On offense, a steady, reliable veteran receiver would fit the bill. Let's take a look at free agents that best match their needs.



Cooper Kupp

Photo: Cooper Neill/Getty Images

Wide Receiver

Cooper Kupp | Los Angeles Rams

Kupp was once a triple-crown winner in 2021 at receiver. He may not be as good as those days, but he's still a consistent player that would make a nice target for quarterback Lamar Jackson. Last year, Kupp had 67 catches for 710 yards and six touchdowns. Kupp can be counted on to find the soft spot in zone coverage and be a clutch player in third downs.

EDGE

Joe Tryon | Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Tryon is a former first-round pick

that is still only 26 years old. He has 15 sacks in four seasons. There's a lot of untapped potential that pass rush specialists and Ravens outside linebackers coach Chuck Smith could try and bring out. The traits are there for the 6-foot-5, 25-pound pass rusher.

Safety

Quandre Diggs | Tennessee Titans

Diggs fits the mold of veteran addition that works for the Ravens. He's coming off an injury but is supposedly trending towards being ready for training camp. Pairing Diggs with safety Kyle Hamilton is a great

match. Diggs is still capable of playing in the box and can give some range at centerfield safety if called upon.

Inside Linebacker

Willie Gay Jr. | New Orleans Saints

Gay would be a nice compliment to Roquan Smith because of his coverage skills. Smith is among the best inside linebackers in the game. But he can struggle at times against backs out of the backfield. Gay didn't play much last year but could benefit from an opportunity to do so in Baltimore under defensive coordinator Zach Orr, a former inside linebacker himself.

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A "Pre-Bidding Information" session will be conducted via Microsoft Teams Meeting. Vendor can join via Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 292 288 387 320, Passcode: s5Pp9XV2 or Vendor can call 1 667-225-6519, Phone Conference ID: 226794926# on **March 14, 2025, at 10:00 AM.**

To purchase a bid book, please make an electronic request at:
<https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/dpw-construction-projects-notice-letting-and-dpwbidopportunities@baltimorecity.gov>.
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Principal items of work for this contract include, but are not limited to:
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In an effort to educate the community and receive public comment the upcoming project, a community meeting will be held.

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If you have any questions, comments or need special accommodations, please contact via mail

Qiana Gabriel, Project Manager

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417 E. Fayette St., 5th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202

Email: DOTEngagement@baltimorecity.gov, subject E Coldspring Lane

Or by leaving a voicemail at: 443-396-6802

Accommodation requests should be received by Thursday, March 13, 2025

Comments on the concept should be received by Thursday, April 4, 2025

Veronica McBeth, DIRECTOR
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA MECKLENBURG COUNTY
STACIE ABRAHAM-JOINER,**

Plaintiff,

v.

SADE KENNEDY,

Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Plaintiff Stacie Abraham-Joiner is seeking absolute divorce from Defendant Sade Kennedy.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 40 days after February 1, 2025, 2024 and upon failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This the 31st of January 2025.

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