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Deborah Gershbein
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Streeterville Organization of Active Residents
244 East Pearson Street, Suite 102
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Dear Ms. Gershbein:

Thank you for contacting my office to express opposition to Alderman David Moore's proposed ordinance (O2019-7918), which would rename Lake Shore Drive to "Jean Baptiste Point DuSable Drive." I appreciate that you took the time to alert my office to your concern.

Although Jean Baptiste Point DuSable deserves to be honored for being the first non-native settler in Chicago, I do not support renaming Lake Shore Drive. Renaming Lake Shore Drive would be cost-prohibitive and would create confusion for the Chicago Police Department when responding to 9-1-1 calls.

That said, in 2009, I recognized the importance of Jean Baptiste Point DuSable by renaming the Michigan Avenue Bridge over the Chicago River for him. This bridge sits directly above the site where DuSable settled and founded the City of Chicago.

Additionally, in the coming years, a new DuSable Park will be built on the Chicago River in Streeterville.

It is my pleasure to serve as your Alderman. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can be of service in the future.

Sincerely,

Brendan Reilly
President Pro Tempore
Alderman, 42nd Ward