

Luciana Spracher

From: e.gatlinmartin@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 4:01 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Susie King Taylor Square

I would like to see the unnamed square in Savannah named after Susie King Taylor. I can't imagine that there is any better candidate for this honor, and haven't heard any suggested so far.

Thank you,
Erin Gatlin-Martin

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From: Laurie Halloran <lhalloran69@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2023 8:27 AM
To: Squares
Cc: Bruce Cohen
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Nomination to rename Calhoun Square

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Below is my Signature of Support for the submitted application of the Coalition to name Taylor Square. As a resident of Savannah, I believe this will be an excellent decision for our neighborhood, our city, and our state.

Susie King Taylor, who spent much of her childhood in Savannah, was an American hero. Not only was she the first African American nurse to serve in the Civil War, she also taught reading and writing to soldiers and the women and children in the military camps. After the war, she established schools for newly freed African American children and adults.

Naming this square after Susie King Taylor clearly meets the criteria of the Naming Ordinance Article E: honoring a noteworthy person associated with Savannah and commemorating local history. Second, Savannah's squares honor many worthy people in our history, but there are no squares dedicated to the achievements of our African American residents or of our incredibly accomplished women. Naming this square for Susie King Taylor will continue the process of addressing these goals. Third, providing this recognition will highlight Savannah's commitment to addressing our history and demonstrate our city's leadership focusing on our community's and our nation's complicated past. Fourth, our community attracts many visitors from around the country and around the world. Naming this square after Susie King Taylor will enhance our city's reputation as the Hostess City—a welcoming community for all.

When the square at Abercorn and East Wayne becomes the Susie King Taylor Square, it will become a proud destination for us to share with our friends and visitors as a wonderful example of how our community honors its heroes.

I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie Baker King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,



Signature of Support:
Printed Name: Laurie Halloran
Address: 222 E. Waldburg St, Savannah, GA
Date: May 7, 2023

Laurie Halloran
Mobile: 617-842-2306
lhalloran69@gmail.com

Luciana Spracher

From: John Angell <llegnaj1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2023 10:59 AM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming former Calhoun Square

To whom it may concern,

I heartily support the renaming of the Savannah square formally named Calhoun Square in honor of Susie King Taylor.

And may this only be the first in a series of re-dedications and reconfigurations of historical places and place names, for starters, in Savannah and elsewhere in order to reflect the participation of under-represented individuals and groups.

Please feel free to add me to your mailing lists and to let me know how I can further support this initiative.

Best regards,

John Angell

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From: G Glover <gglovercos@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2023 7:37 PM
To: Kesha Gibson-Carter; Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Rename Square at Abercorn and East Wayne Streets for Susie Baker King Taylor

Dear Kesha Gibson-Carter, City Council, Alderwoman-At-Large, Savannah, Georgia,
at kgcarter@savannahga.gov

Below is my signature in support of the submitted application of the Coalition to give the name “Susie King Taylor” to the Square formerly known as *Calhoun Square*. As a resident of Savannah, I believe this will be an excellent decision for our neighborhood, city, and state.

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- Our community attracts many visitors from around the country and the world. Naming this square after Susie Baker King Taylor will enhance our city’s reputation as the **Hostess City**—a welcoming community for all.

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor "Susie Baker King Taylor".

I appreciate your consideration,

Signature of Support: *Gwendolyn L. Glover*

Printed Name: Gwendolyn L. Glover

Address: 1615 East Henry Street, Savannah, GA 31404

Date: May 1, 2023

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From: Phil Starks <pstarks129@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2023 8:00 PM
To: Kesha Gibson-Carter; Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming the square at Abercorn and East Wayne Streets for Susie Baker King Taylor

Dear Kesha Gibson-Carter, City Council, Alderwoman-At-Large, Savannah, Georgia, at kgcarter@savannahga.gov

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I appreciate your consideration,

Signature of Support: *Philip W. Starks*

Printed Name: Philip W. Starks

Address: 1615-1/2 East Henry Street, Savannah, GA 31404

Date: May 7, 2023

Luciana Spracher

From: Mindy Duitz <mindyduitz@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2023 10:01 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Support letter for naming Taylor Square
Attachments: Non-resident Taylor Square support letter.rtf

See attached, and, inserted below:

May 7, 2023

Dear City Official,

Below is my Signature of Support for the submitted application of the Coalition to name Taylor Square. I believe that naming the square for this extraordinary daughter of Savannah would be an excellent choice for the city and, indeed, for all of Georgia.

As a visitor who comes regularly to visit family, I was introduced to the story of Susie King Taylor. She spent much of her childhood in Savannah, and was an American hero. Not only was she the first African American nurse to serve in the Civil War, she also taught reading and writing to soldiers and the women and children in the military camps. After the war, Taylor established schools for newly freed African American children and adults.

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support: *Mindy Duitz*

Printed Name: Mindy Duitz

Address: 114 Davis Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10310

Date: May 7, 2023

MINDY DUITZ 917 940 3630 *mindyduitz@verizon.net*

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support: *Mindy Duitz*

Printed Name: Mindy Duitz

Address: 114 Davis Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10310

Date: May 7, 2023

Luciana Spracher

From: ROSSIE NORRIS <r.norris868@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:43 AM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Changing name of Square

Susie King Taylor

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From: Josephine Page <jpage8m@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 10:29 AM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email]

Please accept my vote for renaming of Savannah,GA square in honor of Susan King Taylor.
Thanking you,

Josephine L Page

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From: ROSSIE NORRIS <r.norris868@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 10:42 AM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Susie K Taylor

I support the renaming of the Square to: Susie K. Taylor Square

Thank You

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From: Liz Stevenson <liz.stevenson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 2:21 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Support for Coalition to Name Taylor Square (Susie King Taylor)

Dear City Official,

Below is my Signature of Support for the submitted application of the Coalition to name Taylor Square. I believe that naming the square for this extraordinary daughter of Savannah would be an excellent choice for the city and, indeed, for all of Georgia. Susie King Taylor, who spent much of her childhood in Savannah, was an American hero. Not only was she the first African American nurse to serve in the Civil War, she also taught reading and writing to soldiers and the women and children in the military camps. After the war, Taylor established schools for newly freed African American children and adults. Naming this square after Susie King Taylor clearly meets the criteria of the Naming Ordinance Article E: honoring a noteworthy person associated with Savannah and commemorating local history. Second, Savannah's squares honor many worthy people in our nation's history, but there are no squares dedicated to the achievements of Savannah's African American residents or of its incredibly accomplished women. Naming this square for Susie King Taylor will continue the process of addressing these goals. Third, providing this recognition will highlight Savannah's commitment to addressing its history and demonstrate the city's leadership focusing on our nation's complicated past. Fourth, Savannah attracts many visitors from around the country and around the world. Naming this square after Susie King Taylor will enhance the city's reputation as the Hostess City—a welcoming community for all. I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,
Signature of Support: Elizabeth Stevenson
Printed Name: Elizabeth Stevenson
Address: 235 Adams Street Brooklyn, NY 11201 (regular visitor to Savannah!)
Date: 5/5/23

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From: Maury Pasternack <maurypasternack@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 3:57 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] I support renaming the square formerly known as Calhoun Square for Susie King Taylor

Dear City Officials,

Please accept this letter of support for the submitted application of the Coalition to Name Susie King Taylor Square to the area formerly known as Calhoun Square. I believe that naming the square for this extraordinary daughter of Savannah would be an excellent choice for the city and, indeed, for all of Georgia.

Susie King Taylor, who spent much of her childhood in Savannah, was an American hero. Not only was she the first African American nurse to serve in the Civil War, she also taught reading and writing to soldiers and the women and children in the military camps. After the war, Taylor established schools for newly freed African American children and adults.

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Best regards,

Maury Pasternack
316 East State Street, apt 2A
Savannah GA 31401

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Luciana Spracher

From: Connie Boole <cboole58@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 4:52 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming of the former Calhoun Square

Dear Mayor Johnson,

As a resident of Savannah I strongly support the submitted application of the Coalition to name the square that was formerly known as Calhoun Square for **Susie King Taylor**. I believe this extraordinary African American woman of Savannah is an excellent choice to honor in our hostess city. She spent her formative years in Savannah where she learned to read and write, even though it was against the law for slaves to do so.

Susie King Taylor was an American hero who served as a nurse in the Civil War, taught reading and writing to soldiers and to the women & children in the military camps. After the war she established schools for newly freed African American children and adults. Naming this square for **Susie King Taylor** clearly meets the criteria of the Naming Ordinance Article E: honoring a noteworthy person associated with Savannah and commemorating local history. Savannah's squares honor many worthy people in our nation's history, but there are no squares dedicated to the achievements of Savannah's African American residents or of its incredibly accomplished women.

Recognizing **Susie King Taylor** will highlight Savannah's commitment to sharing all of our history and demonstrate how the city's leadership has chosen to address our nation's complicated past. Savannah attracts many visitors from around the country and the world, so naming this square after **Susie King Taylor** will enhance the city's reputation as the Hostess City -- a truly welcoming community for all.

I urge Savannah to name this square to honor **Susie King Taylor**.

Thank you for your consideration,

Connie Boole
10995 Williamsburg Road
Savannah, GA 31419

May 5, 2023

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From: ANN FENSTERMACHER <ttann@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 6:31 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Vote for Susie King Taylor

Please add my vote for Susie King Taylor to grace the square previously known as Calhoun. SKT was a remarkable woman and Savannah should not only claim her, but lift up her name so it becomes as well known as Clara Barton who she trained with, but who faced far fewer obstacles in her humanitarian achievements. SKT would be a significant addition to those Savannah is known for as tourists visit in pursuit of experiential education involving the legacy of slavery.

Thank you, Ann Fenstermacher, 12 Priory Rd, Savannah, GA 31411

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support: 

Printed Name: Josh Bluestone

Address: 135 N 11th St. Apt. 4J Brooklyn NY 11249

Date: 5/3/2023

Luciana Spracher

From: Sophie Guggenheim <guggenheimsophie@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 10:00 AM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] The square formerly known as Calhoun

Dear Mayor & Members of Savannah City Council,

My name is Sophie Guggenheim and grew up/live in Savannah, GA and spent almost every weekend of my childhood in Calhoun Square. My grandparents Sharon and Murray Galin live at 426 Abercorn and their home has been my second home for the past almost 26 years.

My whole life I have been reminded of what a horrible person John C. Calhoun was and I always wondered why we have a square named for someone who did nothing for our beautiful city. I believe that we should be honoring Susie King Taylor by naming the square after her. She accomplished so much in her life such as being a teacher, a nurse, and a civil war veteran. There is no square in Savannah that honors a woman and I would love for the square formerly known as Calhoun to be the first one! She was the first to achieve many of her titles and accomplishments. Naming the square after her, an African American Woman, seems like a great way to honor her memory.

I also believe naming the square after her will tell a part of history that is often untold and brushed over. Naming the square after Susie King Taylor will serve as a reminder to everyone who passes through it of her story and a part of Savannah's history!

Thank you so much for the opportunity to help change the square's name and for taking the time to read this email.

Best,
Sophie Guggenheim

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie Baker King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support: *Donald Koke*
Printed Name: Donald Koke
Address: 219 East Jones Street
Date: May 3, 2023

Please email the above document to: square@savannahga.gov

Dear Mayor and City Council,

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support:



Printed Name: Ariel Dumalagan

Address: 417 E. 36th St. Apt. A Savannah, GA 31401

Date: May 3, 2023

Please email the above document to: square@savannahga.gov

Luciana Spracher

From: Joanna Witzke <joanna@4hides.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] In support of changing name of Calhoun Square

Dear City Officials,

Please accept this letter of support for the submitted application of the Coalition to Name Susie King Taylor Square to the area formerly known as Calhoun Square. I believe that naming the square for this extraordinary daughter of Savannah would be an excellent choice for the city and, indeed, for all of Georgia.

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bob & Joanna Rich
205 Coffee Pointe Dr
Savannah GA 31419

May 2, 2023

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From: Ardis Wood <raywoodx@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 8:49 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] name a square for Susie King Taylor

I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Printed Name: Ardis Wood

Address: 321 East 55th Street, Savannah,
GA 31405

Date: May 1, 2023

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Luciana Spracher

From: Mark M. VOGELHUT <m.vogelhut@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 7:38 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Naming the Square formerly known as Calhoun Square

Dear City Officials,

Please accept this letter of support for the submitted application of the Coalition to Name Susie King Taylor Square to the area formerly known as Calhoun Square. I believe that naming the square for this extraordinary daughter of Savannah would be an excellent choice for the city and, indeed, for all of Georgia.

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Name: Mark M. Vogelhut, MD and Rhea M Vogelhut

Address: 306 W Taylor St, Savannah GA 31401

Date: 1 May 2023

“Let every man be respected as an individual and no man idolized.”

Albert Einstein

“Wherever law ends, tyranny begins.”

John Locke

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Luciana Spracher

From: Susan Cutler <sjcutler1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 1:14 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Coalition to Name Susie King Taylor Square

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Thank you for your consideration,

Name: Susan Cutler

Address: 3 Spring Street Medway, MA 02053

Date: 5/1/2023

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Luciana Spracher

From: Brown, Eleanor <EBrown@wcupa.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 10:58 AM
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Ellie

Eleanor Brown
2402 Willard St
Wilmington, DE 19806

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Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support: *Kathleen Bailey*

Printed Name: *Kathleen Bailey*

Address: *47 Steeple Run Way, Savannah, GA 31405*

Date: *May 1, 2023*

Please Email the above to: squares@savannahga.gov

Luciana Spracher

From: Karen McHugh <kemchugh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 8:24 AM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Naming former Calhoun Square in honor of Susie King Taylor

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Thank you for your consideration,

Name: Karen and Charles McHugh

Address: 923 Boxwood Drive, Savannah, GA 31410

Date: May 1, 2023

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Isn't life grand??

Karen McHugh

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Luciana Spracher

From: Jay Cooperman <jscooperman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 3:10 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Calhoun Square renaming

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Jay Cooperman MD
20 Crown Oak Dr
Chester Springs, PA 19425

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Luciana Spracher

From: JEFF BRYER <jeffbryer@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 1:32 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Letter in support of renaming Calhoun Square

April 30, 2023

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Bryer, Ed.D., ABPP
447 Reservoir Road
West Chester, PA 19380
jeffbryer@comcast.net
484-888-6546

Luciana Spracher

From: Julie Hamilton <jrjhdds@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:13 AM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Susie King Taylor

Dear City Officials,

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Thank you for your consideration,

Name:Julie Hamilton
Address:174 Coffee Pointe Drive
Savannah, Georgia 31419
Date:April 29, 2023

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April 29, 2023

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Yours truly,

Kenneth S Kaminsky
733 Henry Street #B
Savannah, GA 31401

Luciana Spracher

From: Amy Kaminsky <kamin001@umn.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 6:06 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] supporting Susie King Taylor application

April 29, 2023

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733 Henry Street #B
Savannah, GA 31401

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Luciana Spracher

From: Lynn Weddle <lweddle5@live.com>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 3:33 PM
To: Squares; Mayor Johnson
Cc: Bud Green
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming of the square at Abercorn & East Wayne
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Johnson,

My husband and I have lived on the square formerly known as Calhoun since May 1, 2017, at 122 E Taylor Street. We submit that our square be named after Susie King Taylor. Renaming this square after SKT meets all criteria and requirements as outlined in the document (Article E. Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities and Streets).

Susie King Taylor exemplified bravery and humanity—she was a teacher, the first Black Army nurse during the American Civil War, and the only formerly enslaved woman to publish a memoir of her experiences. She learned to read and write at a time when it was forbidden for the enslaved and then gave back by teaching others to read and write through the school she established while living in Savannah, Georgia. In two short years, she opened and taught formerly enslaved people at least at three schools in Georgia. In 2018, Susie King Taylor was elected to the Georgia Women of Achievement Hall of Fame due to her many significant contributions.

Further, none of the 22 squares in Savannah, Georgia is named after a female or a former enslaved person—enslaved people built this city and *finally* should be honored with a name on our square. And, though they are different “Taylors”, Taylor Square on Taylor Street is easy to remember!

Mayor Johnson, I ask that you provide a support letter for the proposed name of Susie King Taylor (Taylor Square).
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lynn Weddle & Kenneth W. Green
122 E Taylor Street
Savannah, Georgia

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Luciana Spracher

From: TRICIA GUGGENHEIM <tgheim@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 3:01 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] New name for the square formerly known as Calhoun

Dear Mayor Johnson & Members of City Council,

My name is Tricia Guggenheim, and I am a Savannah native who lives here currently. I am writing to support the bid to name the square formerly known as Calhoun "Susie King Taylor Square." There are many reasons I support this choice. There are no squares currently named after women or after a notable African American Ms. Taylor was an advocate, teacher, and someone who got involved in the Savannah community as a support to others. The obvious, of course, is her last name - Taylor - as Taylor Street is one of the boundaries of the square.

I applaud City Council's vote to remove the name Calhoun, and I hope they will consider making the permanent name Susie King Taylor Square.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Tricia Guggenheim

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Luciana Spracher

From: Sharon Galin <savseen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 11:16 AM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming of the square

Dear Mayor & Members of Savannah City Council,

My husband Murray & I have lived facing the former Calhoun Square for 35 years. It has been a pleasure watching the progression & beautification of this wonderful square.

A neighbor & I met with Miss Patt Gunn & Peggy Hilleary over two years ago about removing the name of John C. Calhoun from the square. The name of Susie King Taylor became the Coalition's suggested name and there were many of us living within the ward that felt this is a very appropriate name, Taylor Square. This will serve to honor an African American female who contributed so much to her community during the Civil War. She was a teacher, a nurse, a Civil War veteran and authored a memoir of her life before & after the war.

We hope you will consider renaming our beautiful square, Taylor Square, to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you so much for your time and effort in resolving this issue of a name change for this square.

Sincerely,

Sharon & Murray Galin

426 Abercorn St.

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Luciana Spracher

From: Nicole Patterson <njpatterson05@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 6:47 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] SKT square support

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Thank you for your consideration,

Name: Nicole Patterson

Address: 4 Archipeligo Ln, 31419

Date: 4/27/2023

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Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support:



Printed Name:

Kathy L. Kadish

Address:

2010 Woodside King. Savannah, GA 31405

Date:

4/27/23

Please Email the above to: squares@savannahga.gov

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Signature of Support: 

Printed Name: *ETHEL J. HANNAH*

Address: *47 STEEPLE RUN WAY SAVANNAH, GA 31405*

Date: *April 27, 2023*

Please Email the above to: squares@savannahga.gov

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Signature of Support: 

Printed Name: Hadar Orshalimy

Address: 435 E 117th St. Apt 2, New York, NY 10035

Date: 4/27/23

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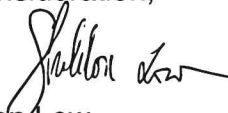
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Signature of Support:



Printed Name: Sheldon Low

Address: 435 E 117th St. Apt 2, New York, NY 10035

Date: 4/27/23

Luciana Spracher

From: healthrestoration101 <healthrestoration101@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 5:46 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] renaming of square

I suggest the renaming of the square formerly known as Calhoun square, to be renamed to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you.
I am Savannah born and bred -

Ms. Carolyn Guilford
PO Box 2814,
Savannah, Ga. 31402

912.398.3413
Sent from my Galaxy

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Luciana Spracher

From: Stephen A Edwards <edwardssa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 3:39 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Taylor St Square

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support: *Stephen A Edwards*

Printed Name: Stephen A. Edwards

Address: 128 West Taylor St., Savannah, GA 31401

Date: April 25, 2023

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Stephen A. Edwards
404-934-0975 (c)

128 West Taylor St.
Savannah, GA 31401

Luciana Spracher

From: Arlene Mattera <arleneinsavannah@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 2:12 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Fwd: Calhoun Square

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Arlene Mattera <ArleneinSavannah@gmail.com>
Date: April 26, 2023 at 10:50:35 AM EDT
To: squares@savannahga.gov
Subject: Calhoun Square

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Thank you for your consideration,
Signature of Support: Arlene mattera
Printed Name:Arlene mattera
Address: 5 Rock dove lane, Savannah, ga 31405
Date: 4/26/23

Sent from my iPhone

Luciana Spracher

From: Deirdra Murray <deirdra35@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 1:05 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming of Square

Susie King Taylor.

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Luciana Spracher

From: Deborah LOUGHNEY <dglinsavannah@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:30 AM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Rename the square

Dear Mayor Johnson and City Council, ,

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When the square at Abercorn and East Wayne becomes the Susie King Taylor Square, it will become a proud destination for us to share with our friends and visitors as a wonderful example of how our community honors its heroes.

I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie Baker King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,
Signature of Support: Deborah G Loughney
Address: 14 Laurel Oak Court
Savannah, GA 31405
Date: April 26,2023

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support: 

Printed Name: Dr. Fayth M. Parks, PHD

Address: 609 N. Kevin Ct., Statesboro, GA 30461

Date: 4/26/2023

Please Email the above to: squares@savannahga.gov

22 Byron Road
Penenden Heath
Maidstone
Kent ME14 2HA
UK

Savannah City Council
City Hall
Savannah GA
USA

25 April 2023

Dear Sirs,

As a Brit with family in Savannah, it is always a privilege to visit your amazing, beautiful and historic city. Having recently returned to the UK from such a visit, I wish to align myself with the Coalition to Rename Calhoun Square.

Below is my Signature of Support for the submitted application of the Coalition to name Taylor Square. Naming the square in memory of this extraordinary daughter of Savannah would be an excellent choice for the city and, indeed, for all of Georgia. In particular, it overrides the previous name, which celebrated a shameful contributor to the city's history.

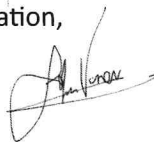
Susie King Taylor, who lived in Savannah, was an American hero. In addition to being the first African American nurse to serve in the Civil War, she also taught reading and writing to soldiers and the women and children in the military camps. Importantly, as the nation began to recover from the war, Taylor established schools for newly freed African American children and adults.

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Naming this square for Susie King Taylor will provide this recognition and highlight Savannah's commitment to addressing its history and demonstrate the city's leadership focusing on your nation's complicated past.

I urge Savannah to name this square in honour of Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,
Signature of Support:



Printed Name: John Viner

Address: 22 Byron Road, Penenden Heath, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 2HA, UK

Date: April 25 2023

Dear City Official,

Below is my Signature of Support for the submitted application of the Coalition to name Taylor Square. As a recent visitor to your lovely city, I believe that naming the square for this extraordinary daughter of Savannah would be an excellent choice for the city and, indeed, for all of Georgia.

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honour Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Viner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "E".

Printed Name: Ms Elizabeth Viner

Address: 22 Byron Road, Penenden Heath, Maidstone

ME14 2HA UK

Date: 25th April 2023

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Signature of Support:



Printed Name:

NAPOLÉON JONES-HENDERSON

Address:

12 MORLEY ST, ROXBURY, MA, 02119

Date:

25-4-2023

Please Email the above to: squares@savannahga.gov

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Signature of Support: Jane Oppenheim

Printed Name: Jane Oppenheim

Address: 40 Madison Street, 106, Denver, CO 80206

Date: April 25, 2023

Luciana Spracher

From: Tom Foley <plato826@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 1:54 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming of Calhoun Square

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Thank you for your consideration,

Thomas M and Marie A Foley
219 Wedgefield Xing
Savannah Ga 31405

April 25, 2023

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Signature of Support: 

Printed Name: Hadar Orshalimy

Address: 435 East 117th Street, New York, NY 10035

Date: 4/25/2023

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Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support: Karen Bluestone

Printed Name: Karen Bluestone

Address: 222 East Waldburg St, Savannah

Date: April 24, 2023

Luciana Spracher

From: Paul Ellis-Graham <pegsox24@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 11:23 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming of Calhoun Square

Dear City of Savannah officials:

I am suggesting the name of Suzie King Taylor to replace John C. Calhoun. It is only fitting to select an individual who risked her life to teach others during the very period that Calhoun preached the necessity and expansion of slavery.

Sincerely,

Paul Ellis-Graham,
Retired social studies teacher
2117 Whitemarsh Way
Savannah, GA 31410

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support:



Printed Name: Mary Huff Stevenson

Address: 260 Garth Rd, Apt. 2D5, Scarsdale, NY 10583

Date: April 24, 2023

Luciana Spracher

From: Kate Greene <katesagegreene@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 7:53 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Square renaming

Dear Mayor and City Council,

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Thank you for your consideration,

Katharine Greene
728 E. 41st ST 31401
4/24/23

Kate Greene

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Luciana Spracher

From: Susan Guthrie <guthriesbg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 5:46 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] SKT Savannah Square - Signature
Attachments: SKT - Square signature (April 2023).pdf

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached my signature for renaming Calhoun Square to Susie King Taylor Square.

Best regards,

Susan Bryant Guthrie

+1 210 885 8992
guthriesbg@gmail.com

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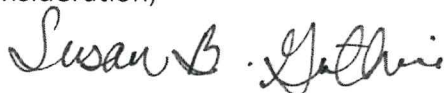
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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support: 

Printed Name: Susan Bryant Guthrie

Address: 107 Gabrielle Lane Savannah, GA 31405

Date: 24 April 2023

Please Email the above to: squares@savannahga.gov

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I live downtown and wander the squares often with my friends and visitors. One of my favorite stops is the Massie Heritage Center which provides a remarkably comprehensive view of Savannah's culture and history, and which is adjacent to the currently unnamed square. When the square at Abercorn and East Wayne becomes the Susie King Taylor Square, it will become a proud destination for us to share with our friends and visitors as a wonderful example of how our community honors its heroes

I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie Baker King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support:



Printed Name: Bruce Cohen

Address: 222 E Waldburg St. Apt A

Date: 4/24/2023

Luciana Spracher

From: Bob Matyjasik <bob.matyjasik@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 2:46 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Fwd: Name the Square

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Thank you for your consideration,
Signature of Support:
Robert E. Matyjasik
14 Steeple Run Way
Savannah, GA 31405

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From: Eileen Matyjasik <matyjasik1969@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 3:03 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Fwd: Signature of Support for Susie King Taylor Square

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From: Eileen Matyjasik <matyjasik1969@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 24, 2023 at 2:14 PM
Subject: Signature of Support for Susie King Taylor Square
To: <squares@savannahga.gov>

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Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support: Eileen Matyjasik
Printed Name: Eileen Matyjasik
Address: 14 Steeple Run Way, Savannah, GA. 31405
Date: April 24, 2023

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Luciana Spracher

From: Jean Riggins <ggriggins3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 3:09 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming Calhoun square

I would like to vote for Susie Taylor King as the new name.

Sent from my iPad

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Signature of Support: Jamie Y Newman

Printed Name: Jamie Y Newman

Address: 39 Grand Lake Circle

Date: April 24, 2023

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Luciana Spracher

From: Terry Smith <smithgrs1927@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 3:01 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Signature of Support to Susie King Taylor formerly Calhoun Square

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Signature of Support: 
Printed Name: TERRY L SMITH
Address: 2012 WOODSIDE CROSSING SAVANNAH, GA 31405
Date: 4/24/2023

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Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support:



Printed Name: Nina Altschiller

Address: 604 Barnard Street, Savannah, GA 31401

Date: 4/24/23

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Luciana Spracher

From: Susan Feinberg <frsu@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 4:43 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Susie King Taylor Memorial

Dear City Official,

Below is my Signature of Support for the submitted application of the Coalition to name Taylor Square. I believe that naming the square for this extraordinary daughter of Savannah would be an excellent choice for the city and, indeed, for all of Georgia.

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I urge Savannah to name this square to honor Susie King Taylor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Signature of Support:



Printed Name: Susan L. Feinberg
Address: 6100 Weatherly Drive
Date: 4/24/23

Susan Feinberg, Ed.S.
frsu@bellsouth.net

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Luciana Spracher

From: Letha Moore <letmoo58@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 22, 2023 11:14 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Support for Renaming

Support for renaming to

SUSIE KING TAYLOR

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Luciana Spracher

From: Tajhai Wright <tajhai@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 8:59 AM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Vote for Square Name

I believe Savannah should name the square after Susie Baker King Taylor. She was an amazing woman who was the epitome of what people in Savannah are about and how driven we are! I vote for Taylor Square.

Tajhai Wright

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Luciana Spracher

From: Kaile Napotnik <kaile.napotnik@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 12:55 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] New square name

Good afternoon!

I'm a resident of Savannah I would like to submit ideas for the naming of our currently unnamed square. I know we already have Telfair Square, but many more women contributed to Savannah over the years and so many men have already been honored. I'd love to see another square named for a woman! A few ideas include:

Mother Mathilda Beasley Square
Daisy Square (in honor of Juliette Gordon Low)
Susie King Taylor Square

There are so many more to pick from and I sincerely hope you will choose a woman to honor. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kaile Napotnik

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Luciana Spracher

From: GCD <goldcoastdynamics@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 4:45 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming of Calhoun Square

Good Afternoon,

We would like to nominate Susie King Taylor for the replacement of Calhoun Square.

Our youngest daughter attends Susie King Taylor Elementary School and we have learnt a lot about Susie King Taylor over the past few years. In our opinion, there is no better option.

Thank you,
Renee & Robert Slipko
GCD Home Furnishings & Decor
409 E. York St.
Savannah, GA 31401
gcdhome.com

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Luciana Spracher

From: Theresa Phillip <tphil50@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 11:51 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email]

I am in support to rename the unarmed square Taylor Square.

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Luciana Spracher

From: Amy Soeldner <raugies@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 2, 2023 1:23 AM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Calhoun Square renaming application

Hello,

I am a resident of Savannah Georgia and I am a bit confused on the application process/and or paperwork needed. I hope I have included everything you need for my "vote" to count.

I would love to nominate Susie King Taylor! Her memoir is incredible. She risked her life learning to read and write and went on to become the first Black nurse during the Civil War. To me she represents courage and determination. Her memoir is truly inspirational.

Calhoun Square was literally built on top of the largest African American Cemetery in the 18th Century. John Calhoun is the worst person that square could have ever been named after, in my opinion. It would be like naming a square for Hitler that sits on top of a Jewish burial ground.

Susie King Taylor would give those burial grounds some dignity and respect.

My name is Amy Soeldner.

My address is 215 E 53rd St, Savannah, Georgia 31405 and I am the homeowner.

My phone number is 404-217-1168

Email : raugies@att.net

Hopefully this is what is all needed for the application. I did notice that I needed a referral letter ?????? from someone possibly in the city council but the application doesn't explain how to get one of those. Please let me know.

Sincerely,

Amy E Soeldner

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Luciana Spracher

From: Jane Callahan <jane2791800@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:06 AM
To: Squares
Cc: Detric Leggett
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Rename square as Susie King Taylor

Good morning,

Are you able to accept this email as my vote to rename Calhoun Square "Susie King Taylor" square?

If so, please count that as my vote.

Thank you very much,
Jane

Jane E Callahan
418 East Park Avenue
Savannah, GA 31401

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Luciana Spracher

From: YAH00 INC <bericut@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 3:34 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming Calhoun Square

With the historical significance and impact of the Wesley brothers in Savannah and the location of Wesley Monumental Church on the square, we feel that the name Wesley Square is the most suitable choice as the new name for Calhoun Square.

Richard and Elizabeth Cutts

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Luciana Spracher

From: Paul Cleveland <841r@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 8:29 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming of Calhoun square

Recommend John Wesley Square or Wesley Square. The church , Wesley Monumental sits on the square and was built as a national monument to John Wesley who started the Methodist movement in the colony He also opposed slavery
Thank you

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May 10, 2023

Dear Sirs and Madams:

I am writing this letter as an active member of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church in support of the re-naming of Calhoun Square as "Wesley Square." John and Charles Wesley came to Savannah in 1735, shortly after the founding of Georgia and were the founding fathers of Methodism. Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church was built in their honor and has been the main structure on this square for 155 years.

The Methodist movement begun by the Wesley brothers spread throughout the British Empire, the United States, and beyond because of vigorous missionary work. Today the United Methodist Church has about 80 million members worldwide. We are known as the church with "Open hearts, open minds and open doors."

Importantly, the Wesley brothers opposed slavery as indicated in John Wesley's *Thoughts Upon Slavery*. Wesley refers to slavery as "complicated villainy" and noted "that slave-holding is utterly inconsistent with mercy, is almost too plain to need a proof." These words in these times are important as we consider the re-naming of this square currently named for a known slave-holder.

Some facts about Wesley Monumental UMC:

- Construction for the current church building on the Square began in June 1875
- Dedicated May 30, 1890 as a monument to John and Charles Wesley
- Funds were solicited and contributions were received from many areas of the world. For this reason, it has been said that Wesley Monumental Church belongs to all Methodists.
- Wesley Monumental UMC owns three separate parcels on the square, including the entirety of the western trust lot. (Property Identification Numbers 20032-36006, 20032-36001, 20032-36005)

Renaming this square as "Wesley Square" will celebrate brotherly love, peace, and freedom and honor the great legacy of Methodism in the U.S. that was born right here in Savannah, Georgia.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Meb Ryan
220 East 45th Street
Savannah, GA 31405

Luciana Spracher

From: Marilyn Hitt <marilyn@hittgc.com>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 8:11 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Calhoun Square

Wesley Square

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May 5, 2023



Members of the Savannah City Council
2 East Bay Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

RE: The Square Formerly Known as Calhoun Square

Dear Members of the Savannah City Council:

I support naming the Square “formerly known as Calhoun Square” after John and Charles Wesley - “Wesley Square.” We have been members of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church for 12 years. The Church has been a resident of this square for a much longer time than that--155 years. We have the largest piece of property on the square. People come from all over the world to see the church which was built as a monument to John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism. The church is said to belong to all Methodists because people from all over the world contributed money to it. The United Methodist Church is a global denomination with approximately 80 million adherents worldwide. The denomination is known for being inclusive, accepting, and loving--reflective of all nations. John and Charles Wesley adamantly opposed slavery.

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church supports many local missions, and we have specifically designated Missions Pastor, Rev. Nelle Bordeaux. We have a Mission Endowment to which church members contribute, and the interest from that Endowment funds Family Promise of Great Savannah, Urban Hope, Wesley Community Centers of Savannah, The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home, The Fresh Air Home, Mission on the Move International Ministry, Refugee Ministry, Homeless Outreach, Backpack Buddies, Greenbriar Children’s Center, Union Mission, and Habitat Faith Building.

Daily, church members are involved with all these ministries on the ground, feeding those who are hungry, putting together beds and cribs for refugees, hauling furniture to new refugee homes, building tiny houses for veterans, and the list goes on and on. We joke that the lobby of the church is a food pantry. We have a large number of children and young families at the church, and from a young age, we teach them to help and love others. Once a month the children and their parents make and serve dinner to children from Urban Hope.

The square should be named Wesley Square because of the history of our church which has been on the square for 155 years, John and Charles Wesley opposing slavery, and the church being a source of help and hope for many people in need in Savannah.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth and Deanne Rimes".

Kenneth and Deanne Rimes

Luciana Spracher

From: Frankie <frankiesowell3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 6:17 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Rename

The church which stands on the square. John Wesley square

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Luciana Spracher

From: Susan Strong <susanstrong.333@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:47 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Wesley Square

Hi!

Let's rename Calhoun Square to Wesley Square. John and Charles founded Methodism, preached there and our magnificent church is named after them!

Sincerely,

Susan Strong

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*Wesley Gardens
Groundskeeper/Maintenance*

CHRISTIAN SWAILS
*Wesley Gardens
Spiritual Direction/Reservations*

May 8, 2023

Dear Members of the Savannah City Council,

My name is Ben Martin and I am the senior pastor of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church in Savannah. I am writing in support of the application for considering Wesley Square as the name for the square formerly known as Calhoun Square. Wesley Monumental Church has been located on this square for 155 years. Our church was built as a "monument" to John and Charles Wesley and the Methodist movement they began. John and Charles came to Savannah with General Oglethorpe. Upon their return to England they launched the Methodist Movement that became the United Methodist Church which has more than 10 million members worldwide. The Wesley's were at the front of many social justice issues including the abolition of slavery. Following in their footsteps, United Methodist have made huge impacts on education, health care, civil rights, and poverty initiatives throughout the world. While the statue of John Wesley sits in Reynolds Square, it is Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church that most visibly represents the impact of the Wesley brothers on Savannah and beyond. Wesley Monumental UMC remains a vital 1200 member church who impacts the Savannah community. As an iconic landmark on the formerly Calhoun Square, I believe Wesley Square would be an appropriate name for the square and an admirable representative name for Savannah.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben C. Martin".
Dr. Ben C. Martin



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MICAH SPRUNGER
Wesley Gardens Property Manager

KEN HAYES
*Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/
Maintenance*

April 28, 2023

Dear Members of the Savannah City Council,

This letter is in support of naming the square formerly known as Calhoun Square in honor of the brothers, Charles and John Wesley, by naming the square Wesley Square.

The brothers started the first Sunday School in the world and began a movement that led to a denomination presently with 80 million members worldwide. The Wesley brothers were among 20 children nurtured by a remarkable mother, Susanna Wesley, and her name and another woman's name, Mrs. Mary Fletcher, are among fourteen people honored in the church's stained-glass windows.

They were way ahead of their time in their treatment of women, whom they encouraged to teach and to lead. Even today, in 2023, I would not as an ordained woman be permitted to preach in many pulpits in downtown Savannah, but the Methodist Church consistently welcomes and encourages women to preach. I serve as an associate minister at the church.

Also they were ahead of their time in their opposition to slavery. It is surprising to me with such an outstanding record that there is not a Wesley Square. So I strongly encourage you to correct this oversight by naming the square Wesley Square.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Reverend Nelle Bordeaux".

Reverend Nelle Bordeaux
Associate Minister for Outreach and New Members



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The square should be named **Wesley Square** because of the history of our church which has been on the square for 155 years, John and Charles Wesley opposing slavery, and the church being a House of Hope, Help, and Strength for many people in need in Savannah.

Sincerely,


Dr. Monica Dekle

May 9, 2023

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Please accept this letter of support for the renaming of the Square at Abercorn and Wayne Streets as "Wesley Square" in memory of John Wesley and Charles Wesley who came to Savannah in 1735, shortly after the founding of Georgia.

- Wesley Monumental Methodist church was built in their honor, and it has been a resident of this very Square for 155 years.
 - Construction for the current church building on the Square began in June 1875
 - Dedicated May 30, 1890 as a monument to John and Charles Wesley
 - Funds were solicited and contributions were received from many areas of the world. For this reason, it has been said that Wesley Monumental Church belongs to all Methodists.
 - Wesley Monumental UMC owns three separate parcels on the square, including the entirety of the western trust lot. (Property Identification Numbers 20032-36006, 20032-36001, 20032-36005)
- Brothers Charles and John Wesley are the founders of the Methodist Church. They began the movement that became "Methodism" in the 1730s.
- The Methodist movement spread throughout the British Empire, the United States, and beyond because of vigorous missionary work, and today has about 80 million adherents worldwide.
- Charles Wesley published more than 4,500 hymns and left some 3,000 in manuscript; George Frideric Handel wrote music specifically for some of them. Among Wesley's best-known hymns are "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
- The Wesleys opposed slavery, as indicated in John Wesley's *Thoughts Upon Slavery* where he called it slavery "complicated villainy" and noted "that slave-holding is utterly inconsistent with mercy, is almost too plain to need a proof"

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



Camille Russo

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May 11, 2023

Dear Members of the Savannah City Council,

I support naming the Square “formerly known as Calhoun Square” after John and Charles Wesley—“**Wesley Square**.” The Church has been a resident of this square for 155 years. We have the largest piece of property on the square. People come from all over the world to see the church which was built as a monument to John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism. The church is said to belong to all Methodists because people from all over the world contributed money to it. The United Methodist Church is a global denomination with approximately 80 million adherents worldwide. The denomination is known for being inclusive, accepting, and loving--reflective of all nations.

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church supports many local missions, and we have specifically designated Missions Pastor, Rev. Nelle Bordeaux. We have a Mission Endowment to which church members contribute, and the interest from that Endowment funds Family Promise of Greater Savannah, Urban Hope, Wesley Community Centers of Savannah, The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home, The Fresh Air Home, Mission on the Move International Ministry, Refugee Ministry, Homeless Outreach, Backpack Buddies, Greenbriar Children’s Center, Union Mission, and Habitat Faith Building.

Daily, church members are involved with all these ministries on the ground, feeding those who are hungry, putting together beds and cribs for refugees, hauling furniture to new refugee homes, building tiny houses for veterans, and the list goes on and on. We joke that the lobby of the church is a food pantry. We have a large number of children and young families at the church, and from a young age, we teach them to help and love others. Once a month the children and their parents make and serve dinner to children from Urban Hope.

The square should be named **Wesley Square** because of the history of our church which has been on the square for 155 years, John and Charles Wesley opposing slavery, and the church being a source of help and hope for many people in need in Savannah.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Drummet". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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May 12, 2023

Mayor and Alderpersons
Appropriate City Staff
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Re: Naming of Square located between Abercorn Street and East Wayne Streets

Dear Sirs and Madams:

My wife and I have been residents of and raised our family in the Historic District of Savannah for the last 49 years. As a long time homeowner and now retired banker, I continue to be impressed by the commitment of the city and its residents to the continued preservation of our beautiful and world renowned historic district.

Our impressive city plan has been acclaimed since the founding of the colony of Georgia in 1733. You now have the important and sacred responsibility of renaming one of our most prominent squares.

I would like to endorse the recommendation of Judy Bradley and many others to rename the square **Wesley Square** in memory of both John and Charles Wesley. Both of whom had a major impact on the colony of Georgia and the world. While they are well known as founders of Methodism, they also had a major impact on Savannah and the state of Georgia. As a long time member of Historic Christ Church (Episcopal) on Johnson Square, we appreciate John Wesley's role as an early rector (minister) of the Mother Church of Georgia and that he founded the first Sunday School in America at Christ Church. Charles along with General James Oglethorpe endorsed and sponsored the founding of Bethesda Orphanage, one of the first orphanages in America. One quarter of the square is occupied by one of Savannah's most prominent and respected churches, Wesley Monumental Methodist Church.

It seems only fitting that this important square be named for these giants in the history of the religious life of our city, our state, the United States and the world.

Best regards.

Cordially,

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