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**CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF
LEGENDARY GRASSROOTS ADVOCATE**

Ms. Martha Benton, who served as President of the Resident Advisory Board, was a long-time champion for fair housing and juvenile justice.

BALTIMORE, MD – "I am extremely saddened by the loss of Ms. Martha Benton, a legendary activist, who championed the rights of Baltimore's poorer residents for more than a generation.

Ms. Benton, who served as head of the Resident Advisory Board, also worked tirelessly on behalf of Baltimore's youth as a member of the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center's Advisory Board.

My thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Benton's family and many friends."

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