



November 22, 2013

Honorable President Bernard Young
Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: **Council Bill # 13-0262**
Special Traffic Enforcement – Citywide Jurisdiction

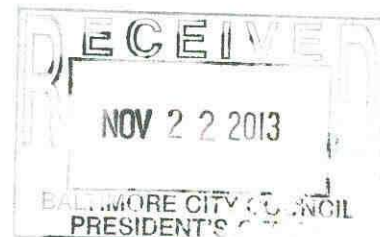
Dear President Young:

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill #13-0262 introduced by Council Member Clarke, President Young, Council Members Henry, Stokes, Kraft, Scott, Middleton, Cole, Holton, Curran, Welch, and Branch.

This Bill is for the purpose of allowing Special Traffic Enforcement Officers authority Citywide; expanding the agencies that can appoint Special Traffic Enforcement Officers; and generally relating to Special Traffic Enforcement Officers.

Under the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City, § 16-16C, Special Traffic Enforcement Officers (STEOs) were established to authorize City employees, other than Police Officers, commissioned by the Baltimore City Police Department to control and direct pedestrian and vehicular traffic under the Maryland Vehicle Law and under City laws that regulate motor vehicles.

Subtitle 72 of Article 19 of the Revised Baltimore City Code enables the Director of Recreation and Parks to from time to time certify to the Police Commissioner the names of employees for appointment by the Police Commissioner as Special Traffic Enforcement Officers. It also establishes these officers, their duties and limits their authority to the Downtown Management District established by City Code Article 14, Subtitle 1 and on property controlled by the Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP).



The aim of City Council Bill #13-0262 is to eliminate this restriction in order to enable Special Traffic Enforcement Officers to perform their functions Citywide. Currently, our agency's STEOs perform these functions within our parks at a minimum of 60 special events each year. BCRP has no objection to this Bill's intent to expand their functions to encompass citywide special events.

The Department of Recreation and Parks **supports Council Bill # 13-0262.**

Respectfully yours,


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Director

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Cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council