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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 22-0218 – City Property – Renaming Robert E. Lee Park

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0218 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would rename Robert E. Lee Park. It is substantially similar to City Council Bill 15-0552 that failed to be enacted by the end of the term in which it was introduced.

City real property, other than streets, is renamed via ordinance as provided in Article 5, Subsection 20 of the City Code. The municipal agency that “has or will have control over the property” must be referred the bill for comment, in addition to the Planning Commission and the Department of Real Estate. City Code, Article 5, § 20-2(b). the Department of Recreation and Parks (“Rec & Parks”) has Charter given authority to maintain, operate and control parks. City Charter, Art. VII, § 67(a) (Rec & Parks). Since this bill was referred to it and the Law, Planning, Finance and Real Estate Departments, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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