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## DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

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

> RE: **Council Bill # 14-0305**

Mobile and Other Street Vendors - Licensing and Regulations

Dear President Young:

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill #14-0305 introduced by The Council President.

This Bill is for the purpose of transferring the powers of the Board of Licenses for Street Vendors to the Department of General Services; establishing a Street Vendors Advisory Board; modifying the provisions governing the classifications, issuance, terms, and renewal of licenses for street vendors; providing for all license and other fees to be set by the Board of Estimates; prohibiting the operation of mobile vendors outside of certain designated zones.

The Department of Recreation and Parks has reviewed Council Bill #14-0305 and appreciates its intent. However, the Director of Recreation and Parks is responsible for the maintenance, management and programming for all parks in the City. In order to efficiently and effectively support the ever-evolving park programming needs and desires of our citizenry, BCRP believes our Director needs to retain control of when, where and how long food trucks and food carts are allowed to operate within city parks on streets, sidewalks, footways, etc.

Therefore, the Department of Recreation and Parks has no objection to the passage of Council Bill #14-0305 as recommended to be amended.

Respectfully yours,

Comes IN Buspence Ernest W. Burkeen, Jr.

Director /

EWB:VSO

cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council

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