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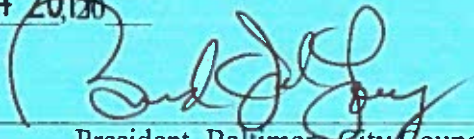
Council Bill 17-0069

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Certified as duly passed this _____ day of AUG 14 2017



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
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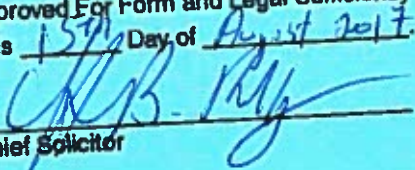


Chief Clerk

Approved this 23 day of August, 2017



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved For Form and Legal Sufficiency
This 15th Day of August 2017


Chief Solicitor

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

101 City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

June 16, 2017

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

Re: City Council Bill 17-0069 – City Property –Renaming John Eager Howard
Elementary School to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School

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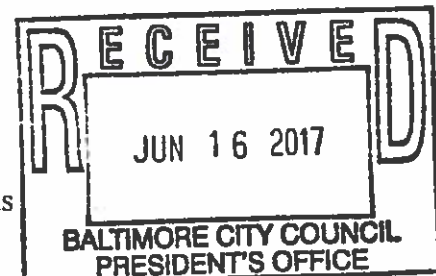
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Sincerely,

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F R O M	Name & Title	Walter W. Gordon Real Estate Officer	CITY OF BALTIMORE MEMO	
	Agency Name & Address	Department of Real Estate Room 304 – City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street		
	Subject	City Council Bill –17-0069 Renaming John Eager Howard Elementary School to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School		

TO: Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Natawna B. Austin
Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council
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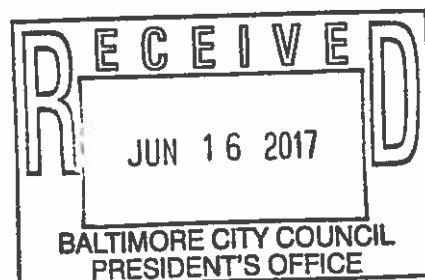
DATE: May 12, 2017

The above mentioned bill was referred to the Department of Real Estate for review. As is the case of all naming and renaming, I defer to the wisdom of that district's delegation and generally to the City Council.

The Department of Real Estate has not objections to it passage.

WJH/law

cc. Kyron Banks



No
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BALTIMORE CITY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Catherine E. Pugh
Mayor, City of Baltimore

Marnell A. Cooper
Chair, Baltimore City Board of
School Commissioners

Dr. Sonja Brookins Santelises
Chief Executive Officer

June 9, 2017

The Honorable Bernard C. "Jack" Young
President, Baltimore City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Position Statement
City Council Bill 17-0069

Dear Council President Young:

On May 8, 2017 the Baltimore City Council introduced the above-captioned ordinance to change the name of John Eager Howard Elementary School (#61) to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School.

As the City Council is aware, several school programs are slated to be combined as part of the 21st Century School Buildings Program. Throughout this process, City Schools needs to be mindful that such closures can be perceived as a loss of the school community's traditions, practices and "identity" for the closing school (Westside Elementary School). This identity is often tied to generations of families and large numbers of community members who attended the school. Changing the program name provides an opportunity for the closing and receiving schools to work together to create a new shared identity.

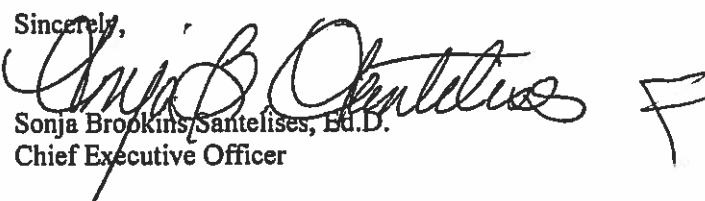
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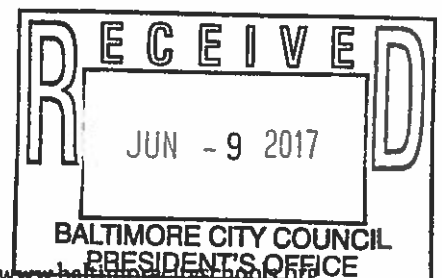
Dorothy Height was a leader in addressing the rights of both women and African Americans, as president of the National Council of Negro Women. In the 1990s, she drew young people into her cause in the war against drugs, illiteracy and unemployment. The numerous honors bestowed upon her include the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1994) and the Congressional Gold Medal (2004). Her life of commitment to the ideals of equity and justice for all will provide a fitting example for the students and families of the combined school community.

If approved, the bill will change the name of the building and allow City Schools to include Dorothy I. Height's name on the building in time for the January 2018 opening.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Sonja Brookins Santelises, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer



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FROM	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #17-0069 / CITY PROPERTY – RENAMING JOHN EAGER HOWARD ELEMENTARY TO DOROTHY I. HEIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CITY of
BALTIMORE

MEMO



DATE:

TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

May 25, 2017

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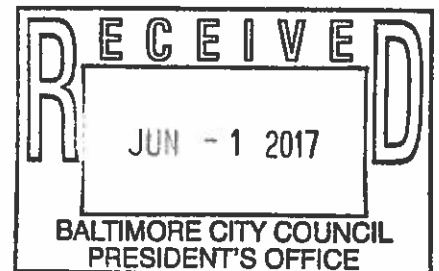
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TJS/WA

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Catherine E. Pugh
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

STAFF REPORT

May 25, 2017

REQUEST: City Council Bill #17-0069/ City Property - Renaming John Eager Howard Elementary School to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School:

For the purpose of changing the name of John Eager Howard Elementary School (School #61), located at 2011 Linden Avenue, to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School (School #61).

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Ivor Quashie

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmen Leon F. Pinkett III and Zeke Cohen

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: The John Eager Howard Elementary School is located at 2011 Linden Avenue, on the east side of Linden Avenue, between Lennox Street and Ducatel Street.

General Area: This school is located within the Reservoir Hill neighborhood, a predominantly residential neighborhood, where a majority of the housing stock is comprised of row houses. The neighborhood is bordered by North Avenue on the south, McCulloh Street on the west, Druid Park Lake Drive on the north, and Mount Royal Terrace on the east.

HISTORY

The INSPIRE plan for this school was approved by the Planning Commission on January 12, 2017. This plan included the following recommendations for the neighborhood: Invest in Housing and Market-Strengthening Development Opportunities, Create Sustainable Neighborhoods, Improve Sanitation, Improve Resident Safety, Create Connections and Access and Create Opportunities for Health and Wellness.

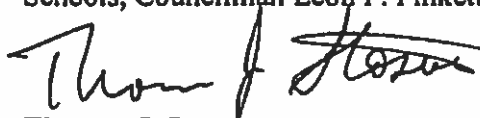
ANALYSIS

Background: As captioned in the recital of the bill, on January 12, 2016, the Board of School Commissioners voted to close the Westside Elementary School and to change the school zone of the John Eager Howard Elementary School to include the Westside School zone.

In accordance with the regulations of the school system, the principal convened a committee comprised of teachers, administration, school partner (Child First Authority), 1 parent from the former John Eager Howard Elementary, 1 parent from the former Westside Elementary School, 1 representative from the Penn North Community (Westside), and 1 representative from the Reservoir Hill Community. After deliberations, this renaming committee submitted 2 names to members of the communities and the school community, and the name Dorothy I. Height was

selected to replace the name of John Eager Howard elementary school. Dorothy I. Height was an educator and civil and women's rights activist with a focus on issues of African-American women, including unemployment, literacy, and voter awareness. Dorothy Height was the president of the National Council of Negro Women for 40 years and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2004. On February 1, 2017, the same day Ms. Height was honored with a forever stamp, the school community selected Dorothy I. Height out of a list of six influential candidates to replace John Eager Howard as the name for the new combined school.

Notification: The following have been notified of this action: Friends of Reservoir Hill, Penn North Community Association, the Neighborhood Action Group, St. Francis Neighborhood Center, Central District Police-Community Relations Council, Mt Royal Community Development Corporation, leaders of the 21st Century Schools Team from Baltimore City Public Schools, Councilman Leon F. Pinkett III and Councilman Zeke Cohen.



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 17-0069

City Property – Renaming John Eager Howard Elementary School to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations
Chaired By: Councilmember Eric Costello

Hearing Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2017
Time (Beginning): 10:55 AM
Time (Ending): 11:05 AM
Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber
Total Attendance: Approximately 50

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Eric Costello John Bullock
Brandon Scott Edward Reisinger
Leon Pinkett Robert Stokes
Mary Pat Clarke

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Agency reports read? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? [] yes [X] no [] n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [] yes [] no [X] n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? [] yes [] no [X] n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Motioned by: Councilmember Pinkett
Seconded by: Councilmember Reisinger
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers
(This is not an attendance record.)

- Mignon Anthony, Baltimore City Public Schools
Nicob Price, Baltimore City Public Schools

Major Issues Discussed

1. The primary sponsor of the legislation made opening remarks stating that “the name change was chosen by the community and that this was a good opportunity for engaging the students and community.”
2. Two representatives from the Baltimore City Public Schools testified. Some highlights of their conversation were:
 - This was a unique opportunity!
 - The merge of the two cultural was a positive move!
 - A brand new 21st century building
 - We received a lot of support to include the hard work of the students and community involvement!
 - Thanked the community for submitting the name change, and
 - Thanked the city council for its support!
 - We will continue to bring the students and communities together!

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

E. Costello: Yea
L. Pinkett: Yea
M. Clarke Yea
R. Stokes Yea
E. Reisinger: Yea
B. Scott: Yea
J. Bullock: Yea

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: June 29, 2017

cc: Bill File
OCS Chrono File



**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS
COMMITTEE**

Mission Statement

On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the mission of the Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee is to investigate and study the continuing operations, efficiency, and functions of Baltimore City government in accordance with the laws of Baltimore City, the State of Maryland, and the United States.

As a result of its investigations and studies, the Committee will recommend and oversee reforms to improve the operations of Baltimore City's government through legislative, administrative, and/or budgetary processes.

**The Honorable Eric T. Costello
Chairman**

PUBLIC HEARING

**Monday, June 26, 2017
10:35 AM**

CLARENCE "DU" BURNS COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council Bill 17-0069

***City Property - Renaming John Eager Howard Elementary School to
Dorothy I. Height Elementary School***

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Bill 17-0069

**City Property - Renaming John Eager Howard Elementary School To
Dorothy I. Height Elementary School**

Sponsor: Councilmember Pinkett, et al
Introduced: May 8, 2017

Purpose:

For the purpose of changing the name of John Eager Howard Elementary School (School #61), located at 2011 Linden Avenue, to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School (School #61).

Effective: On the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

Hearing Date/Time/Location: June 26, 2017/10:35 a.m./Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber

Agency Reports

Law Department	Favorable
Planning Commission	Favorable
Department of Real Estate	No Objections
Baltimore City Public School System	Favorable

ANALYSIS

Current Law

The renaming of a school is governed by the Baltimore City Code, Article 5, §20-2(a) and §20-2(b)(1). In the first of the two sections, the Mayor and City Council are granted the authority to name or rename property through an ordinance. According to the second of the two sections, a bill purporting to name or rename a property must be referred to the Planning Commission, Department of Real Estate, the municipal agency that controls the property, and any other agency with a stake in the property.

Background

Council Bill 17-0069 renames "John Eager Howard Elementary School," also known as School #61, to "Dorothy I. Height Elementary School." The Department of Real Estate has no objections to 17-0069, deferring to the wisdom of the City Council. The Law Department provided a favorable report, approving the Bill for form and legal sufficiency so long as all legally-required agencies provide a favorable report.

Similarly, the Planning Commission has provided a favorable report, noting that a renaming committee consisting of school staff and community members had chosen the name "Dorothy I. Height." It added that Ms. Height was an "educator and civil and women's rights activist with a focus on issues of African-American women." She was president of the National Council of Negro Women, and has won the Presidential Medal of Freedom and Congressional Gold Medal. Ms. Height's name was selected by the aforementioned committee on the same day she was honored with a forever stamp.

The Baltimore City Public School System ("BCPSS") also submitted a favorable report, citing multiple reasons for its support. It noted that the naming committee was created when Westside Elementary School was closed and its students absorbed into John Eager Howard Elementary School, adding that "changing the program name provides an opportunity for the closing and receiving schools to work together to create a new shared identity." BCPSS also lauded Ms. Height's work in the African American community, mentioning that her ideals are "a fitting example for the students and families of the combined school community."

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Law Department; Planning Commission; Department of Real Estate; Baltimore City Public School System

Analysis by: *D'Paul S. Nibber*
D'Paul S. Nibber
Analysis Date: June 19, 2017

Direct Inquiries to: (410) 396-1268

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0069
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Pinkett, Cohen

Introduced and read first time: May 8, 2017

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Real Estate, Baltimore City Public School System

A BILL ENTITLED

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2 **City Property – Renaming John Eager Howard Elementary School to**
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6 BY authority of

7 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
8 Section 20-2
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)

11 **Recitals**

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Agency Reports:

- **Law Department**
 - **Favorable**
- **Planning Commission**
 - **Favorable**
- **Department of Real Estate**
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- **Baltimore City Public School System**
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NAME & TITLE THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR

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8TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET

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PLANNING COMMISSION

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Thomas J. Stosur
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STAFF REPORT

May 25, 2017

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STAFF: Ivor Quashie

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmen Leon F. Pinkett III and Zeke Cohen

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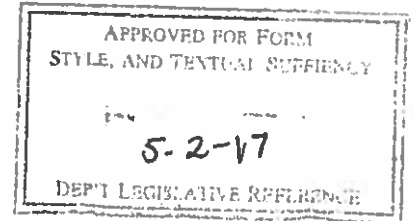
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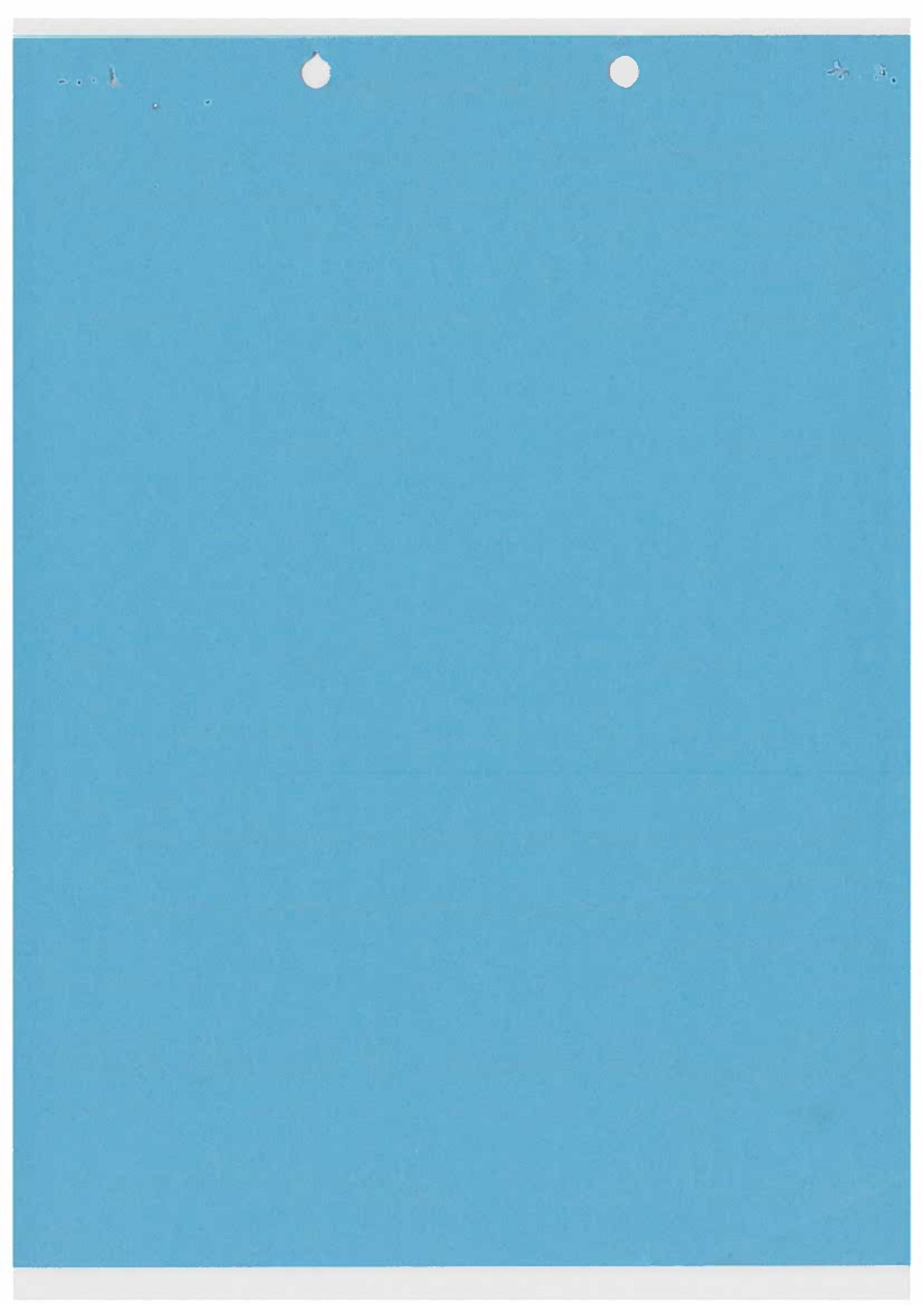
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ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

MAY 08 2017

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON June 20 + 26, 2017 _____ 20 _____

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF July 17, 2017 _____ 20 _____

FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

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Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

JUL 17 2017
20 _____

_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ AUG 14, 2017

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

[Signature]
President

[Signature]
Chief Clerk

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

101 City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

June 16, 2017

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of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
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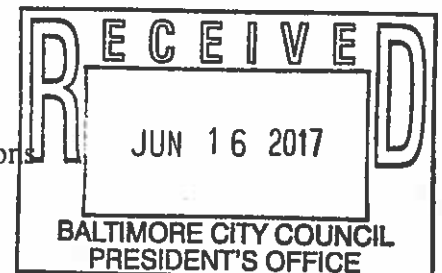
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Sincerely,

Victor K. Tervala
Chief Solicitor

cc: David Ralph, Interim City Solicitor
Karen Stokes, Director, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations
Kyron Banks, Mayor’s Legislative Liaison
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F R O M	Name & Title	Walter [Signature] Real Estate Officer	CITY OF BALTIMORE MEMO	
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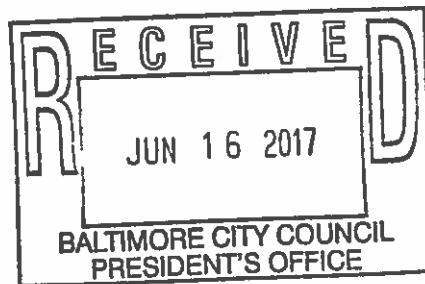
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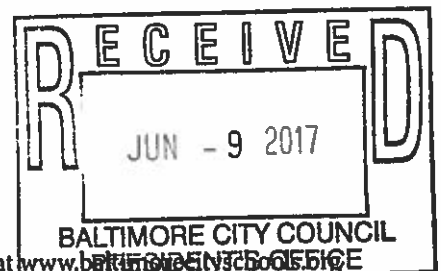
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FROM	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #17-0069 / CITY PROPERTY - RENAMING JOHN EAGER HOWARD ELEMENTARY TO DOROTHY I. HEIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DATE:

TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
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May 25, 2017

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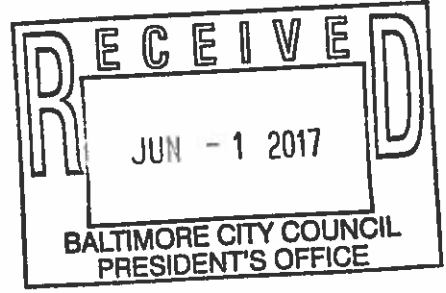
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TJS/WA

Attachment

- cc: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer
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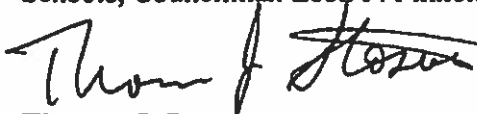
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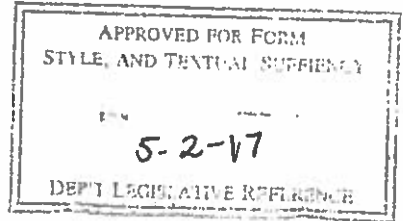
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7 Section 20-2
8 Baltimore City Code
9 (Edition 2000)

10 Recitals

11 On May 14, 2015, John Eager Howard’s school modernization “Design Team”
12 submitted to the 21st Century School Buildings Program a request for the Board of
13 School Commissioners to consider changing the name of John Eager Howard
14 Elementary School. On January 12, 2016, the Board of School Commissioners
15 voted to close the Westside Elementary School and to change the school zone of
16 the John Eager Howard Elementary School to include the Westside School zone.

17 In accordance with the regulations of the school system, the principal convened a
18 committee comprised of teachers, administration, school partner (Child First
19 Authority), 1 parent from the former John Eager Howard Elementary School
20 (before the zones were combined), 1 parent from the former Westside Elementary
21 School, 1 representative from the Penn North Community (Westside), and 1
22 representative from the Reservoir Hill Community. After deliberations, this
23 renaming committee submitted 2 names to members of the communities and the
24 school community, and the name of Dorothy I. Height was selected to replace the
25 name of John Eager Howard. Changing the name of the school will help build a
26 new school identity.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1 Dorothy I. Height (March 24, 1912 - April 20, 2010) was an American
2 administrator and educator and a civil and women's rights activist whose focus
3 was the issues of African-American women, including unemployment, literacy,
4 and voter awareness. Dorothy Height was the president of the National Council
5 of Negro Women for 40 years and was awarded the Presidential Medal of
6 Freedom, in 1994, and the Congressional Gold Medal, in 2004.

7 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
8 name of John Eager Howard Elementary School (School #61), located at 2011 Linden Avenue, is
9 changed to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School (School #61).

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
11 after the date it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City