



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner
<b>DATE</b>	May 29, 2024
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>24-0504 Zoning - Open Space District - Conditional Use Cultural Facility and Parking Lot - Variances - C.C. Jackson Park and Library - 4910 Park Heights Avenue</b>

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400

7/2/24

**Position: Favorable**

**Introduction**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0504 for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a cultural facility and an open off-street parking area on the property known as C.C. Jackson Park and Library, 4910 Park Heights Avenue (Block 4605, Lots 001-018, 021, 055-065) as outlined in red on the accompanying plats; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 24-0504 would allow for the establishment of a cultural facility, park and an open off-street parking area on the property known as C.C. Jackson Park and Library located at 4910 Park Heights Avenue. The request is on behalf of the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks. The shared parking lot is necessary to support expanded recreation activities and park use, as well as the new library.

**DHCD Analysis**

DHCD previously supported City Council Bill 23-0396 which was a companion bill that provided for the condemning and closing of three alleys that would support the expansion of C.C. Jackson Park and home to a new Park Heights Library building. The project is located in the Park Heights Impact Investment area and a DHCD Community Development Zone. DHCD's Development Division has undertaken significant acquisition and disposition in Park Heights in order to expand CC Jackson Park.

This DHCD Development Division project was developed in conjunction with the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP) and represents a significant investment in the Park Heights Community. As such, certain conditional uses should be granted in order to implement the project design for the CC Jackson Park expansion and library. This legislation is a key piece to the timeline for the Park Heights development.

## Conclusion

DHCD respectfully request a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 24-0504.