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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 10-0143R		

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TO The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400- City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 09-0143R introduced by Council Members Cole, Henry, Middleton, Curran, Kraft, Welch, Spector, Holton, Conaway, Reisinger, Clarke and President Young.

The purpose of the Resolution is to invite representatives of the Parking Authority of Baltimore City, the Baltimore Office of Promotions and the Arts, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of General Services to a City Council hearing to brief the Council on the current procedures for notifying communities about preparations that will impact their respective neighborhoods. Road closings, restrictive parking, alternate traffic patterns and other preparations for major events all require community notifications and this hearing will assess ways to improve the notification process.

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods participated in several interagency meetings to assess and offer input to the Special Event permit process. These meetings included representatives from various city agencies that issue special permits including: the Department of General Services and the Department of Recreation and Parks. The primary role of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods as it relates to this process is to notify community associations, organizations (example: institutions of faith) and residents who will be impacted by an issued permit in respect to their geographical location via: email blasts (listserv), bi-weekly newsletter, community meetings and telephone.

In some cases, communities are impacted by special events that require neighborhood notification, but no permit(s). Former Governor William Donald Schaefer's funeral and the activities associated with it is one example of such a case. Neighborhood Liaisons facilitate community canvassing in these unique cases to notify residents, organizations and local businesses of the potential impact on traffic and parking. In all cases, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods works as a partner along with other agencies.

Representatives of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods will attend the hearing on City Council Resolution 09-0143R to provide any additional information needed by the Council.



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