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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #10-0436

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TO

DATE: April 9, 2010

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

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill 10-0436 is for the purpose of establishing a BMore Streets for People Program; providing for the administration of the BMore Streets for People Program; defining certain terms; establishing a BMore Streets for People Advisory Board; providing for the composition of the Advisory Board; establishing the duties of the Advisory Board; establishing a special effective date; and generally relating to BMore Streets for People.

Under the proposed legislation, the BMore Streets for People Advisory Board would consist of 24 members who would govern the way by which certain streets to motorized traffic would be closed in order to encourage residents to enjoy camaraderie, bicycle riding, walking, and exercise on main roads. Board members would receive no compensation for services rendered as a member of the Board, but they are entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred, as provided in the Ordinance of Estimates. The Finance Department projects approximately \$5,760 in annual costs for Board meetings, assuming 24 Board members meet twice per month.

The Bill indicates that at the request of the Director or the Advisory Board, all City officials and agencies must extend the services and facilities required for the program, including professional training of street control volunteers. Currently, costs for street closures are reimbursed to the City, as the event organizers are required to include this cost when they apply for event permits.

The Finance Department supports this bill insofar as an overhead rate can be applied to the fee for event organizers to cover costs associated with the Advisory Board's anticipated expenses.

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