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Honorable President Stephanie Rawlings Blake Members of the City Council Baltimore City Council 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: Council Bill # 09-0312

City Property-Naming of the Pavilion in Clifton Park to be the Councilwoman Rita R. Church Pavilion and Recreation Center

Dear President Rawlings-Blake:

City Council Bill # 09-0312 is for the purpose of naming the pavilion in Clifton Park, located on the southwest side of Saint Lo Drive between Harford Road and Sinclair Lane to be the Councilwoman Rita R. Church Pavilion and Recreation Center.

Councilwoman Rita R. Church was a long-standing leader in her community and served as a member of the Coldstream-Homestead Montebello Community Board, as well as the Maryland Central Committee and is warmly remembered for her commitment to others.

In 1996, Ms. Church was appointed to the Baltimore City Council and represented the 3rd District until her retirement in 1999. Throughout the years she remained steadfast in her determination to raise the quality of life of the citizens of Baltimore.

The Department of Recreation and Parks **supports Council Bill # 09-0312** which requests that this fitting recognition of her dedication and commitment to the City of Baltimore be memorialized.

Respectfully yours,

Wanda S. Durden

Director

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Cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council