

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 12-0058R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Young, Councilmembers Stokes, Kraft, Cole, Branch, Henry,
Reisinger, Scott, Welch, Curran

Introduced and read first time: July 16, 2012

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of
Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation, Police Commissioner,
Department of Public Works, Department of General Services, Department of Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **City Agency Adoption of Recreation Centers**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Housing
4 Commissioner, the Director of Transportation, the Police Commissioner, the Director of
5 Public Works, the Director of General Services, and the Director of Finance appear before the
6 City Council to discuss the status of the City's recreation centers and the feasibility of
7 creating interagency partnerships to allow each of the City's five largest agencies to sponsor
8 two recreation centers each to continue operations of the recreation centers slated for closure
9 or private partnerships after the 2012 summer season.

10 **Recitals**

11 **WHEREAS**, The people of Baltimore have consistently communicated with the Baltimore
12 City Council the importance of maintaining a broad network of recreation centers with adequate
13 programming to engage the City's youth.

14 **WHEREAS**, Baltimoreans overwhelmingly believe that Baltimore should be a city that invests
15 in the healthy development of young people by providing recreational and educational activities.

16 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore should be a city that values the life-long benefits associated with
17 engaging our youth with positive, skill building activities from a young age and throughout
18 childhood.

19 **WHEREAS**, The city charter states that the Department of Recreation and Parks has the duty
20 to "establish, maintain, operate and control recreational facilities and activities for the people of
21 Baltimore City, and to have charge and control of all such property and activities".

22 **WHEREAS**, Relinquishing control of these centers takes away our power to protect and
23 provide for Baltimore's youth.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, There is nothing more critical for a city to provide than opportunities for youth to
2 thrive and succeed.

3 **WHEREAS**, There is an opportunity for City Agencies to assist in maintaining the existing
4 network of recreation centers until the Department of Recreation and Parks is able to implement
5 the Plan for a Community Center Network as recommended by the Recreation Center Task Force
6 Report that will provide an adequate network of recreational opportunities for youth.

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the
8 Director of Recreation and Parks, the Housing Commissioner, the Director of Transportation, the
9 Police Commissioner, the Director of Public Works, the Director of General Services, and the
10 Director of Finance are hereby requested to appear before the City Council to discuss the status
11 of the City's recreation centers and the feasibility of creating interagency partnerships to allow
12 each of the City's five largest agencies to sponsor two recreation centers each to continue
13 operations of the recreation centers slated for closure or private partnerships after the 2012
14 summer season.

15 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
16 Director of Recreation and Parks, the Police Commissioner, the Director of Transportation, the
17 Director of Public Works, the Housing Commissioner, the Director of General Services, and the
18 Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.