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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 24-0603 – Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –  
Department of Recreation and Parks – \$905,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 24-0603 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the aggregate amount of \$905,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks, specifically, \$55,000 to Service 646 (Park Maintenance) to provide funding for playground and court repairs, \$50,000 to Service 647 (Youth and Adult Sports) to provide capital planning support for Upton Boxing, and \$800,000 to Service 648 (Community Recreation Centers) to expand after-school programming. The money for this supplementary appropriation is excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025. The bill would take effect on its date of enactment.

City Charter Art. VI, § 8(b)(2)(iii) permits a supplementary appropriation when there has been “a material change in circumstances, or additional appropriations for new programs that could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates” for the fiscal year. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance. The ordinance must identify the source of the funds and may only involve a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” City Charter, Art. VI, § 8(c). This bill must be amended to provide for the funds to go to a single service. An amendment is attached for this purpose. The Law Department approves the attached amendment to this bill which identifies a single service to which the appropriation will be assigned. Provided the amendment is adopted, the Law Department can approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

Michele Toth  
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