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	Subject	Support City Council Bill 19-0411 - City Property – Renaming Engine 52 Fire Station to Hilton L. Roberts, Sr. Fire Station		

TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Natwana B. Austin
Executive Secretary of the Baltimore City Council
400 City Hall

DATE: September 11, 2019

Re: Support for City Council Bill 19-0412 - City Property – Renaming Engine 52 Fire Station to Hilton L. Roberts, Sr. Fire Station

The Department of General Services reviewed City Council Bill 19-0412 - City Property – Renaming Engine 52 Fire Station to Hilton L. Roberts, Sr. Fire Station. The building is located at 3525 Woodbrook Avenue, and is managed and maintained by the Baltimore City Fire Department. **The Department supports City Council Bill 19-0412.**

The Department of General Services defers to the Baltimore City Fire Department regarding the impacts of this legislation. Hilton L. Roberts, Sr., a career Baltimore City firefighter, was one of the first African American firefighters in Baltimore City. He was awarded the World War II Pacific Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, and the Victory Medal. He, along with seven others, graduated in the first class of African Americans from the Baltimore City Fire Department Academy. He and his fellow graduates were pioneers in this field of public service at a time when they encountered danger, hostility, and racial turmoil. Helping others was his calling, and firefighting was the vehicle by which he touched many lives. Committed to being a positive role model in the community, he coordinated neighborhood fireworks displays so that parents and children could watch and safely enjoy the celebration. In 1959, he received a commendation for heroism from the Fire Department.

The Department of General Services thanks the committee for the opportunity to weigh in on this piece of legislation and agrees that it would be fitting to honor to Mr. Hilton L. Roberts, Sr.'s service to Baltimore by naming Engine 52 Fire Station the Hilton L. Roberts, Sr. Fire Station and urges the **support of City Council Bill 19-0412.**

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