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

Re: City Council Bill 24-0597 – City Property – Renaming Riverside Park Pool to the Congressman Elijah E. Cummings Community Pool

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0597 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would rename the Riverside Park Pook to be the Congressman Elijah E. Cummings Community Pool. The Baltimore City Code allows for the naming of property by ordinance. City Code, Art. 5, § 20-2. There are no requirements for the name of real or personal property as there are for names of streets. City Code, Art. 26, §7-1, *et. seq.*

The bill that proposes the ordinance must be referred to the Planning Commission, the municipal agency that will have control over the City property, the Department of Real Estate and any other agency that has an interest in the property. City Code, Art. 5, § 20-2(b). The First Reader version of this bill states that it was referred to the City Solicitor, the Departments of Finance, Recreation and Parks, Transportation and Real Estate, as well as the Baltimore Development Corporation. The bill has not been referred to the Planning Commission. Assuming the bill is referred to the Planning Commission and the land is in the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks, then Law Department can approve it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hilary R. Ruley".

Hilary Ruley  
Chief Solicitor

cc: Ebony Thompson, City Solicitor  
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