



March 17, 2008

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

RE: **Council Bill # 08-0023R (Resolution)**
Informational Hearing – Building a Skatepark in Baltimore City

Dear President Rawlings Blake:

The Department of Recreation and Parks submits its support of Council Bill #08-0023R. The bill is for the purpose of requesting that the President of The Skatepark of Baltimore, Inc., brief the Council on the rapid growth of skateboarding across the country, the impact that this trend has on Baltimore City, the necessity for building a skatepark in Baltimore City, the current status of grants and donations that The Skatepark of Baltimore, Inc., has obtained, and the status of its goals to raise funds, build partnerships, secure a location, design, and begin construction of a skatepark in Baltimore.

The Department of Recreation and Parks supports the Baltimore City Council conducting a hearing to be briefed on this popular recreational activity. We appreciate and look forward to learning more about the efforts of The Skatepark of Baltimore, Inc. in acquiring support for this endeavor. Their commitment through fundraising activities and educating the public on this energetic recreational activity has been impressive. We are committed to assisting The Skatepark of Baltimore, Inc. in realizing its goals in enhancing opportunities and experiences in this exciting sport.

The Department of Recreation and Parks supports Council Bill #08-0023R.

Respectfully,

Portia E. Harris, Acting Director

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cc: Angela Gibson, Legislative Liaison to the City Council

