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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #22-0098R/ UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF VACANT LOTS AND PUBLIC GREEN SPACES		

TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

DATE: April 27, 2022

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #22-0098R, which is for the purpose of requesting the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of the Department of Transportation, the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Head of the Bureau of Solid Waste, the Sustainability Coordinator, a representative from the Office of the Comptroller, and the Chief of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research to report on the annual cumulative total of calls for service for the upkeep and maintenance of vacant lots and green spaces.

The Department of Planning recommends **disapproval** of City Council Bill #22-0098R, and defers to the Department of Recreation and Parks as the more directly impacted agency. We understand that while it may seem that it would be better to have one agency in charge of the process, in practice it would be difficult for one agency to manage all of the different sites within time schedules that work for those using the spaces and the reduced opportunity for local small businesses to bid and be selected for the maintenance of some and/or all of these green spaces.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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