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	Subject :	City Council Bill 24-0570 Naming the Playground Located at Lake Montebello		

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TO: The Honorable City Council President Nick Mosby
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

INTRODUCTION

I am herein reporting on City Council bill 24-0570 introduced by Councilwoman Odette Ramos.

PURPOSE

For the purpose of naming the playground located at Lake Montebello to be named City Council President Mary Pat Clarke Playground.

BRIEF HISTORY

The playground located on DPW property at Lake Montebello was constructed by Baltimore City Recreation & Parks (BCRP) at the request of former Mayor Martin O'Malley. The playground suffered from vandalism and was rendered unusable following damages received during the Freddie Gray uprising. With the receipt of federal ARPA funding, Councilwoman Odette Ramos requested that BCRP use some of those funds to replace this popular community asset.

This legislation requests the formerly unnamed playground be named after former Council President Mary Pat Clarke as "City Council President Mary Pat Clarke Playground." Mary Pat Clarke holds a long and distinguished career as one of our Baltimore's most dedicated public servants. Beyond that distinction, she was the first woman to be elected as City Council President in 1987.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION

BCRP has agreed to fabricate the sign for the playground as "Council President Mary Pat Clarke Playground." We request that the legislation be amended to reflect this name. Naming convention does not typically include a recipient's title, but in an effort to highlight the magnitude of her contributions to Baltimore, BCRP has complied with this request. Thought this is ultimately under the purview of DPW, because of our direct involvement with this legislation, we are happy to support the bill.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Morgan at jmorgan@baltimorecity.gov.