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

RE: **Council Bill # 09-0264**
Motor Vehicle Fund Capital Appropriation Transfer – Department of
Public Works (Account #9958-526-994) to Department of Recreation
and Parks (Account #9938-475-755) - \$500,000

Dear President Rawlings Blake:

The Department of Recreation and Parks **supports** Council Bill #09-0264. The bill is for the purpose of transferring a Motor Vehicle Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 from the Department of Public Works (Account #9958-526-994) to the Department of Recreation and Parks (Account #9938-475-755); and providing for a special effective date.

These funds will be used to address the longstanding backlog of work that exists within our Forestry Division. With this allotment of funds, we will strategically focus a segment of our staff's efforts on significantly reducing outstanding tree pruning, removal and inspection service requests generated by the 311 Call Center System. Three contract crews will commit their time to this segment of the Forestry Division's work.

The Department of Recreation and Parks **supports** Council Bill #09-0264.

Respectfully,

Wanda S. Durden, Director

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cc: Angela Gibson, Legislative Liaison to the City Council

