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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 24-0570 City Property – Naming the Playground Located at Lake Montebello to be the City Council President Mary Pat Clarke Playground

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed Mayor and City Council Bill 24-0570 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would name the playground located at Lake Montebello to be the City Council President Mary Pat Clarke Playground.

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. Baltimore 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.

The First Reader version of this bill states that it was referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Planning Commission, Department of Recreation and Parks, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, and Department of Real Estate. Assuming that the land is in control of one of these agencies, then it has been properly referred. As there are no legal impediments to this bill, the Law Department can approve it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ebony Thompson, City Solicitor
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