



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Police Commissioner

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TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

FROM: James H. Green, ^{JHG} Deputy Chief Legal Counsel
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RE: City Council Bill No. 11-0327R-Informational Hearing-Recreation
and Parks-Disposition of Recreation Centers

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 11-0327R-Informational Hearing-Recreation and Parks-Disposition of Recreation Centers. This legislation proposes to have the Director of Recreation and Parks and the Bureau of Recreation head brief the Council on the status of the City's recreation facilities.

The BPD supports all efforts to provide constructive activities in our neighborhoods and communities. Recreational facilities/centers are among the positive outlets that provide structured recreational programming for Baltimore's children and young adults. Commissioner Bealefeld continues to discuss and stress the importance of these types of "positive" foundational activities and programs that help keep our youth from taking the wrong path.

The BPD stands willing to assist in the City's collective efforts in this area. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

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