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Honorable President  
Members of the City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary  
409 City Hall  
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: Council Bill 23-0375 – City Property – Renaming REACH! Partnership School  
Field to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium

Dear President and Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 23-0375 for form and legal sufficiency. The purpose of the bill is to change the name of REACH! Partnership School Field, located at 2555 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21218, to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium. The bill would take effect 30 days after it is enacted.

City real property, other than a street, is named or renamed by ordinance as provided in Baltimore City Code Article 5, Subtitle 20. Under Art. 5, § 20-2(b), the bill must be referred to the following agencies for review: the Planning Commission, the municipal agency that has or will have control over the City property, the Department of Real Estate, and any other agency that may have an interest in naming the City property.

The stadium field in question serves as an athletic field for The Reach! Partnership School, which is a Baltimore City public high school. The field is located on City property which falls under the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks. The Baltimore City Public School System and the Department of Recreation and Parks have a shared use agreement for the facility. The bill introducing the ordinance to change the name of the school's field was referred for review to the following departments: Baltimore City Public School System, City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Planning Commission, Department of Real Estate, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Office of Equity and Civil Rights, and Department of Recreation and Parks. The bill has been referred to all of the agencies required under Art. 5, § 20-2(b).

On the face of Council Bill 23-0375 the agencies to which the bill was referred, which appears under the information required by Council Rule 8-1, does not reflect that the bill was referred to the Baltimore City Public School System. Since the list of agencies to whom the bill was referred is not mandatory information and is not a substantive part of the bill, the oversight in listing the referral to the Baltimore City School System does not affect its validity. The bill file reflects that Council Bill 23-0375 has been referred to all required agencies. See generally City Charter Art. III, §§ 13 and 14(b); City Code Art. 1, § 1-3; Council Rule 8-1; 5 McQuillin Mun. Corp. § 16:13 (3d ed.).

The Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

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