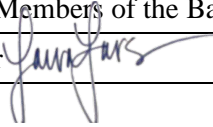




CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Laura Larsen, Budget Director 
DATE	October 1 st , 2024
SUBJECT	City Council Bill 24-0597, City Property – Renaming Riverside Park Pool to the Congressman Elijah E. Cummings Community Pool

Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0597, City Property – Renaming Riverside Park Pool to the Congressman Elijah E. Cummings Community Pool, the purpose of which is FOR the purpose of changing the name of Riverside Park Pool, located at 1800 Covington Street (Block 1940, Lot 001), to the Congressman Elijah E. Cummings Community Pool.

Background

This legislation seeks to rename the Riverside Park Pool to the Congressman Elijah E. Cummings Community Pool. This community pool serves is located in South Baltimore and serves the neighborhood where Congressman Cummings was raised, Sharp-Leadenhall.

Congressman Cummings has a personal history with the Riverside Park Pool. In 1954 the Supreme Court ruled that segregation is unconstitutional. Despite this Riverside Park Pool remained segregated, for whites, in practice. In 1962 with the support of the park’s recreation leader, an 11-year-old Congressman Cummings and about two dozen other Black children used the pool over the course of a week. As many as 1,000 white protestors arrived to protest their use of the pool. Congressman Cummings and many other children, as well as civil rights leader Juanita Jackson Mitchell, were injured by the protestors while attempting to swim.

Fiscal Impact

Renaming this facility will have a limited fiscal impact.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 24-0597.

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