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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council

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The Baltimore City Environmental Control Board (ECB) has been requested to review City Council Bill # 19-0403, Fair Election Fund. The purpose of the bills is to provide public campaign financing for candidates for City elective office, regulate certain campaign finance activity of a candidate for City elective office who voluntarily accepts public campaign financing, provide for the powers and duties of the City Fair Election Fund Commission, require that the Commission educate the citizens of Baltimore regarding the Fund and how to participate, require that the Commission perform certain periodic reviews, establish certain qualifications for applicants to receive public campaign financing, establish an application process, authorize the Maryland State Board of Elections to assist in the administration and enforcement of the public campaign financing system, establish certain Fund distribution requirements, provide for certain penalties for violations of the public campaign financing system, define certain terms, conform and correct related provisions generally relating to the administration of the Fair Election Fund, and provide for special effective dates.

It is anticipated that the number of citations that will be issued for violations of the relevant provision(s) will have no significant impact on ECB operations. For this reason, ECB has no objections to the passage of this bill.