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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 25-0111 – Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –
Department of Recreation and Parks – \$5,630,976

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 25-0111 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$5,630,976 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry), to provide funding to balance the Department of Recreation and Parks' Fiscal Year 2025 budget for a deficit caused by overtime and unbudgeted contractual costs. The money for this supplementary appropriation is excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025. The bill would take effect on its date of enactment.

Section 8(b)(2)(iii) of Article VI of the City Charter permits a supplementary appropriation when there has been "a material change in circumstances, or additional appropriations for new programs that could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates" for the fiscal year. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance. The ordinance must identify the source of the funds and may only involve a "single program, purpose, activity or project." City Charter, Art. VI, § 8(c). Since it meets these requirements, the Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

Michele Toth
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