

The Baltimore City Department of
**HOUSING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner 

Date: October 31, 2017

Re: **City Council Bill 17-0026 - Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors –Chick Webb
Recreation Center**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0026, for the purpose of designating the Chick Webb Recreation Center, 623 North Eden Street, as an historical landmark: exterior.

The Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center is located in East Baltimore and was the first recreation center and pool built for African Americans in segregated East Baltimore. The recreation center is eligible for a Landmark Designation because of its Art Moderne Style architecture, its association with the internationally renowned drummer and bandleader from East Baltimore, Henry “Chick” Webb and the role it has played in the history of Baltimore.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 17-0026.

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cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
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