

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 3, 2024

**TO:** Ways and Means Committee **FROM:** Colin Tarbert, President and CEO

**POSITION:** Favorable

**SUBJECT:** Council Bill 24-0597

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 24-0597 introduced by Council President Mosby, Councilmembers Costello, Stokes, Bullock, Schleifer, Conway, Dorsey, Burnett, Ramos, Porter, Glover, Cohen and Torrence.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this bill is to request the name change of Riverside Park Pool to The Congressman Elijah E. Cummings Community Pool.

#### **BRIEF HISTORY**

Riverside Park Pool at 1800 Covington Street, (Block 1940, Lot 001) has a strong connection to the civil rights movement and the late Congressman Elijah Cummings. During the 1960s the public pool was integrated away from its previous whites only status. Elijah Cummings, who was a youth at this time, attempted to swim at the pool and was attacked by white protesters. In honor of Congressman Elijah Cummings' service and the others who paved the way for Civil Right Movements a name change to the pool is proposed.

# **FISCAL IMPACT [to BDC]**

None.

#### AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully submits a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 24-0597. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or <a href="mailto:KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com">KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com</a>.

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