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DATE: Tuesday, May 2, 2019

TO: Honorable Madam President and Members of the City Council

FROM: Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

POSITION: Support

RE: City Council Resolution 19-0139R

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 19-0139R, following is an update provided by the City Arborist to the City Council on the agency's progress toward creating a municipal composting program:

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks is pleased to inform City Council that its Urban Forestry Division already has a zero wood waste recycling facility at the City's Camp Small site. All wood – i.e., logs and branches – coming from the City's public tree maintenance work is converted into such items as wood chips, mulch, lumber and art work, or is otherwise removed off-site and recycled by private industry. The Department is anticipating an expansion of this program by 2020 through innovation loans and working with private investors. At this time there is not capacity to recycle residential leaves in a similar fashion, nor is Camp Small positioned to recycle food waste. However, the Department of Recreation and Parks sees great value in developing recycling initiatives that use leaves, food and manure. End products such as compost and soil amendments could be used to improve the health and vitality of the city's athletic fields and for urban agriculture farms and gardens. Therefore,

Baltimore City Recreation & Parks wholeheartedly supports City Council Resolution 19-0139R.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Morgan at jenny.morgan@baltimorecity.gov, or by phone at 410-844-2593.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Reginald Moore".

Reginald Moore

Executive Director

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