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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 20-0628 City Property – Naming a Pavilion and a Nature Park in
the Joseph H. Rash Playfield to be the BGE Pavilion and the BGE Nature Park

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0628 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would name a pavilion and a nature park in the Joseph H. Rash Playfield to be the BGE Pavilion and the BGE Nature Park.

Article 5, Subsection 20 of the City Code requires that property owned by the Mayor and City Council be renamed by ordinance. See City Code, Article 5, §20-1, *et. seq.* The municipal agency that “has or will have control over the property” must be referred the bill for comment, in addition to the Planning Commission and the Department of Real Estate. See City Code, Article 5, §20-2(b). Presumably the Department of Recreation and Parks is the agency that controls or will control this property and it has been referred the bill.

Unlike the guidelines for the naming of streets in Article 26, subtitle 7, there is no prohibition in the code of naming property after a business.

The Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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