



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

Acting Police Commissioner

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TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

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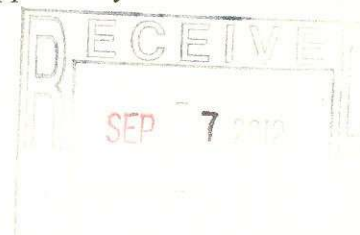
RE: City Council Bill No. 12-0058R-City Agency Adoption of
Recreation Centers

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 12-0058R-Informational Hearing-City Agency Adoption of Recreation Centers. This legislation proposes to have the Director of Recreation and Parks and other City agencies brief the Council on the status of the City's recreation centers and to discuss the feasibility of creating interagency partnerships related to their operations.

The BPD supports all efforts to provide constructive activities in our neighborhoods and communities. Recreational facilities/centers are among the positive outlets that provide structured recreational programming for Baltimore's children and young adults. The BPD joins with Mayor Rawlings-Blake to continue to discuss and stress the importance of these types of "positive" foundational activities and programs that help keep our youth from taking the wrong path.

The BPD stands willing to join in the City's collective discussion in this area however defers to the Finance Department as to all financial implications of the proposed "partnerships." Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison



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