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Honorable President Stephanie Rawlings Blake Members of the City Council Baltimore City Council 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

> RE: **Council Bill # 09-0378** City Property - Grant of Easement - Robert E. Lee Park

Dear President Rawlings Blake:

The Department of Recreation and Parks supports Council Bill #09-0378. The bill is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to grant a drainage and utility easement through Robert E. Lee Park for the property known as 6608 Falls Road, Baltimore County.

If approved, this Bill will allow for a perpetual easement that would run through a portion of Robert E. Lee Park. The easement would enable the installation of a permanent sewer connection to the property located at 6608 Falls Road in Baltimore County. The legislation will require that plans and specifications be approved in writing by the City before the work would begin.

The City of Baltimore will be held harmless against legal action associated with this easement, but will retain access to the easement area for public use.

Therefore, the Department of Recreation and Parks supports Council Bill #09-0378.

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cc: Angela Gibson, Legislative Liaison to the City Council