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**DEPARTMENT OF
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DATE: Monday, February 1, 2021

TO: Honorable Council President Mosby & Members of the City Council

FROM: Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

POSITION: Support

Re: City Council Bill #21-0008 – City Property – Naming the Playground in Northwest Park, Located at 2027 West Rogers Avenue, to be the Rikki Spector Playground

Dear Council President Mosby & Members of City Council,

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0008, “for the purpose of naming the playground in Northwest Park,” “located at 2027 West Rogers to be the Rikki Spector Playground.”

Uniquely situated within Northwest Park and alongside the Jones Falls Trail, the playground opened in May 2016 as part of the Northwest Park improvements. The project was the result of a collaboration between the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore. The playground was developed in concert with the Mt. Washington Improvement Association (MWIA). As a Council member and as a leader in MACO, Councilwoman Rochelle “Rikki” Spector knew how to make a success of complicated situations. Applications for funding of this amenity were submitted to the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) by the MWIA and Councilwoman Spector. At the playground’s grand opening ceremony, the Councilwoman was chosen to cut the ribbon.

Councilwoman Spector honorably served the citizens of District 5 from for over forty years. She has long been a champion for Baltimore’s youth and served as Chair for the Maryland Children's Program Awards Committee and the State Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council.

We would like to note that the address listed on the legislation is incorrect and should be amended to read “2021 W. Rogers Avenue.” Once corrected, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks is happy to ‘Support with Amendment,’ City Council Bill 21-0008.

Please note that we would like to highlight the lack of funding available for sign changes associated with these naming requests. We will address this in our naming policy moving forward. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Morgan, *Legislative Liaison* at jmorgan@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-396-7900.

Respectfully,

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

Reginald Moore
Executive Director

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