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February 8, 2008

TO: The Honorable President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Members of the Baltimore City Council

City Hall, Room 408 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

FROM: Ms. Kathleen G. Kotarba, Executive Director

RE: Bill No. 08-0009-Baltimore City Landmark List-Roland Park Water Tower

This legislation will designate the Roland Park Water Tower, located at 4210 Roland Avenue as a Baltimore City Landmark. The Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation approves this legislation and requests that the designation process be completed as soon as possible.

The Roland Park Water Tower is located at 4210 Roland Avenue. The Roland Park Civic League has acquired the Water Tower from the Baltimore City Real Estate Office in order to rehabilitate it as a multi-purpose community center. The Roland Park Water Tower is primarily significant for its architectural design [Standard #4] featuring distinguishing characteristics representing classical architectural orders. The water tower is also significant for its role in the development of outlying Baltimore City neighborhoods [Standard #1]. It served to provide needed water supply as the city grew by 10% during the first decade of the twentieth century and the site later served a transportation function as a trolley car and bus turn-around loop. The Roland Park Water Tower contributes to the heritage of the surrounding Roland Park National Register Historic District [Standard #5]

Your favorable support is requested. Thank you for your consideration.

cc. Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council

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Mr. Douglas McCoach, Director, Department of Planning

Mr. Gary Cole, Deputy Director, Department of Planning

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