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Honorable President Bernard Young Members of the City Council Baltimore City Council 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE:

Council Bill # 09-0143R

Informational Hearing - Preparations for Major Events and Festivals -Improving Notification Procedures for Road Closings and Other **Preparations**

Dear President Young:

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks supports the intent of City Council Bill # 09-0143R which is for the purpose of inviting representatives of the Parking Authority of Baltimore City, the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of General Services to a City Council hearing to brief the Council on the procedures in place for notifying communities about road closings, meter bagging, and other preparations for major events, and to discuss possible methods for improving these procedures.

The Department of Recreation and Parks welcomes the opportunity to participate in this City Council hearing to brief its members on our current procedures used to notify communities about upcoming events. Currently BCRP provides this information through various radio and TV media outlets, Community Associations, our website, Twitter and Facebook pages.

The Department of Recreation and Parks supports the intent of City Council Bill #09-0143R.

Respectfully yours,

Gregory Bayor

Director

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cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to the Mayor's Office