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The Honorable President and Members of  
the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 23-0352– City Property-Renaming Playground and Pavilion at  
Alhambra Park After Phyllis Gilmore

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0352 for form and legal sufficiency. This bill is for the purpose of changing the name of the playground and pavilion at Alhambra Park, located at 5200 Alhambra Avenue, to the Phyllis Gilmore Playground and Pavilion. The proposed bill states that Phyllis Gilmore is a dedicated community leader in North Baltimore who serves as president of the Woodbourne-McCabe Neighborhood Association and vice president of the York Road Partnership.

The City has the power to name this playground and pavilion under Article 5, §20-2 of the Baltimore City Code. Article 5, §20-2 requires that an ordinance proposing the renaming of City property be referred to the Planning Commission, the municipal agency that has or will have control over the City property, the Department of Real Estate and any other agency that may have an interest in naming the City property. The section further provides that within 30 days after the referral, the Planning Commission, and the applicable municipal agency which is in control of the City property, shall submit reports. However, the section states further that if the reports are not received within the 30-day time period the City Council may act on the proposed legislation.

This bill has been referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Finance, the Planning Commission, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Real Estate. To date, the Planning Commission has provided a report recommending that City Council Bill #23-0352 be approved. Given that the ordinance has been referred and because reports are not mandatory, the Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa E. Cummings".

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