



Office of the Comptroller

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Celeste Amato, Chief of Staff to Comptroller Henry/Acting Real Estate Officer

Date: April 23, 2023

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

Position: Support

The Department of Real Estate is reporting on 23-0352 City Property - Renaming Playground and Pavilion at Alhambra Park After Phyllis Gilmore, introduced by Councilman Conway, 4th District. The purpose of this bill is to change the name of the playground and pavilion at Alhambra Park, located at 5200 Alhambra Ave, to the Phyllis Gilmore Playground and Pavilion.

Phyllis Gilmore is a community leader in North Baltimore. She serves as president of the Woodbourne-McCabe Neighborhood Association, vice president of the York Road Partnership, and vice chair of the Mayor's Public Safety Advisory Commission. Ms. Gilmore is a devoted and steadfast advocate for the City to direct more resources to the Woodbourne-McCabe neighborhood.

She has helped transform Alhambra Park into a community resource through a series of improvements, including permanently closing the through street between the playground and field for youth safety, planting dozens of new trees, ensuring annual maintenance and ongoing cleanliness efforts occur, and ongoing graffiti removal. These efforts have allowed the neighborhood association to host meetings and events, while also providing a safe space for children to play and enjoy.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Real Estate supports the passage of 23-0352.

CC: KC Kelleher, Director of Communications & Policy, Comptroller's Office
Councilman Mark Conway, 4th District