MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
            c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary
From: Christine Griffin, Deputy Director of Policy and Government Relations
Date: August 23, 2023
Re: 23-0375 City Property – Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field to Senator Robert L.
            Dalton Stadium

Position: Support

The Department of Real Estate is responding to the request for a report on City Council bill 23-0375 City Property – Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium. The purpose of this bill is to change the name of the stadium field at Reach! Partnership School, a Baltimore City public high school located at 2555 Harford Road, to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium. The bill would take effect 30 days after it is enacted.

The stadium field serves as an athletic field for the school and is located on City property under the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks. The Baltimore City Public School System and the Department of Recreation and Parks have a shared use agreement for the facility.

In addition to serving in the Maryland General Assembly, Senator Dalton was a steelworker, union, and neighborhood organizer. He was a member of the Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee; a Substitute Member, Board of Election Supervisors; President and Executive Board Member, Steelworkers and Shipyard Workers for Equality; Treasurer, East Baltimore Community Corporation; Treasurer, East Baltimore Community Corporation; and founder and President, Coldstream Park Neighborhood Improvement Association. Naming the stadium after Senator Robert L. Dalton is a fitting way to honor his legacy and recognize his many contributions to the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Real Estate supports the passage of 23-0375.

CC:
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