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November 16, 2015

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

> RE: Council Bill # 15-0590 – Demolition, etc., of City Structures

Dear President Young:

City Council Bill # 15-0590 is for the purpose of prohibiting the demolition or reconstruction of certain City-owned structures unless expressly authorized by an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council: defining certain terms; and requiring that, on introduction of a proposed authorizing ordinance, the bill be referred to certain agencies for their reports and recommendations.

The Department of Recreation and Parks has reviewed this piece of proposed legislation and has determined that based on the potential complexity of its impact it will be in our best interest to defer to the expertise of the Department of Planning.

The Department of Recreation and Parks defers to the Department of Planning in the matter of City Council Bill #15-0590.

Respectfully yours,

Ernest W. Burkeen, Jr.

Director EWB:VSO

Cc: Angela Gibson, Liaison to City Council

Defers to