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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
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Re: City Council Bill 19-0411 – City Property – Renaming Fairmont Harford
Building to Lake Clifton Park Building

Dear President and City Council Members:

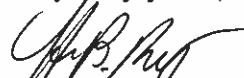
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0411 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would rename the building at 2555 Harford Road to be the Lake Clifton Park Building.

The Baltimore City Code allows for the naming of property by ordinance. City Code, Art. 5, §20-2. The bill that proposes the ordinance must be referred to the Planning Commission, the municipal agency that will have control over the City property, the Department of Real Estate and any other agency that has an interest in the property.

The First Reader version of the bill states that it was referred to the Departments of Real Estate, Recreation and Parks, Transportation, General Services, the City School System and the Department of Planning. The bill needs to be referred to the Planning Commission not the Planning Department. Since it is not a zoning bill, the Planning Commission could waive any rules that would prevent its expedient consideration.

Assuming the bill does get referred to the Planning Commission, the Law Department can approve it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,


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Chief Solicitor

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