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DATE: October 22, 2020

TO: Judiciary Committee

FROM: Department of Real Estate

POSITION: No objections, defer to City Council

RE: Council Bill 20-0628

INTRODUCTION: An Ordinance concerning City Property

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 20-0628 introduced by Councilmember Costello.

PURPOSE:

Naming a Pavilion and a Nature Park in the Joseph H. Rash Playfield to be the BGE Pavilion and the BGE Nature Park.

BRIEF HISTORY:

Rash Field is a 7.5-acre public park located at 301 Key Highway, along the south shore of the Inner Harbor. The park was open in 1977 but has been vacant and underused for decades. In partnership with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks and the Baltimore Development Corporation, Waterfront Partnership and other entities will transform Rash Field in Rash Field Park. Baltimore Gas and Electric Company has offered to donate up \$1 million toward park renovation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION:

As with all cases of naming City-owned property the Department of Real Estate, defers to the wisdom of the district's Councilmember and to the agency with jurisdiction over the property. In this case, the Department of Recreation and Parks has primary jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Walter J Horton
Real Estate Officer

