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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
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 15-0552 – City Property – Renaming Robert E. Lee Park to Lake Roland Park

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0552 for form and legal sufficiency. It seeks to rename Robert E. Lee Park to Lake Roland Park. Property under the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks can be renamed through its internal process that culminates in the adoption of an ordinance, as required by Article 5, Subsection 20 of the City Code. See <http://bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/About/PolicyForNamingParksFacilities.aspx> (visited Aug. 26, 2015); see also Charter, Art. VII, §67. However, the process can start with the introduction of the City Council bill. City Code, Article 5, §20-1, *et. seq.* The municipal agency that “has or will have control over the property” must be referred the bill for comment, in addition to the Planning Commission and the Department of Real Estate. See City Code, Article 5, §20-2(b). Presumably the Department of Recreation and Parks is the agency that controls this property since this bill was referred to it and the Law, Planning, Finance and Real Estate Departments. Assuming this is the case, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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