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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 22-0218, City Property – Renaming Robert E. Lee Park to Lake Roland Park, the purpose of which is to rename the park known as Robert E. Lee Park to Lake Roland Park.

Background

The park, located at 1000 Lakeside Drive, is in Baltimore County and owned by Baltimore City. The park was named Robert E. Lee in 1945, after the Confederate general that led the Confederate Army during the American Civil War. In 2015, City Council introduced legislation to change the name to Lake Roland, but it was not enacted. However, the park has been operating under the name Lake Roland since 2015 and this legislation is intended to formally change the name.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Finance does not anticipate any fiscal impact for the City from this legislation.

Other Considerations

The original 2015 legislation to rename the park was introduced as part of a broader movement across the country following the massacre of nine Black worshippers at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina by a white supremacist in 2015. This movement focused on examining and removing the presence of Confederate flags and symbols, including statues, monuments, and street names. Formally changing the name of the park to no longer honor a Confederate general that fought to maintain the enslavement of Black people aligns with the City's actions to advance equity and trauma-informed practices across services and agencies.

Conclusion

This legislation will officially rename Robert E. Lee Park to Lake Roland Park. Finance does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 22-0218.

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