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City Council President Returns Automatic Pay Increase

Instead Calls for His Pay Raise to be Donated to City Parks & Recreation Department.

BALTIMORE, MD (March 23, 2010) – Council President Bernard C. “Jack” Young will not accept a cost of living pay increase that is scheduled to automatically kick in for Baltimore City elected officials.

Council President Young, who has championed the city’s recreation centers as a necessary refuge for Baltimore’s youth, will instead call for his 2.5 percent pay increase to supplement the Parks & Recreation Department’s budget.

In a letter to Edward Gallagher, Director of the City’s Department of Finance, President Young said “I want the funds to supplement the proposed budget and not supplant existing funds.”

“We have to stand up and provide for our youth as a part of our public safety strategy. I believe that our recreation centers play a major role in helping to keep our streets safe. They provide safe places for children of all ages to exercise and enrich their minds,” Young said.

President Young has also asked each council member to consider donating their cost of living raises back to the city.