



Bernard C. "Jack" Young
President,
Baltimore City Council

100 N. Holliday Street, Room 400 · Baltimore Maryland 21202
410-396-4804 · Fax: 410-539-0647

**MEDIA ADVISORY
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**
Wednesday, August 11, 2010

Contact: Lester Davis
(410) 396-4804 (office)
443-835-0784 (mobile)

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT THANKS BUSINESS LEADERS FOR PROVIDING THE
MAJORITY OF FUNDING TO RE-OPEN CITY SWIMMING POOLS**

Young and his colleagues move forward with plan to consider a resolution demanding that money from city's rainy day fund be used to re-open remaining 13 pools.

BALTIMORE, MD – City Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young and his colleagues on the City Council are pleased that their actions over the past couple days inspired several community-minded businesses to come forward and make donations that will help re-open city pools and provide Baltimoreans with relief from recent unhealthy heat waves.

"I am very thankful for the generosity of Baltimore's business and residential communities," Council President Young said. "While today's announcement was a welcome surprise, we still have more work to do to ensure that every pool in our city is open for business. All of Baltimore's neighborhoods matter, whether we're dealing with a snow emergency or heat wave."

The Council will move forward with its plan to hold a special session on Friday to consider Council President Young's resolution to draw \$177,000 from the city's rainy day fund to open the remaining 13 shuttered neighborhood walk-to swimming pools. Friday's special Council meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. inside Council Chambers.

"I know that our City was recently faced with record deficits that caused us to enact a host of new revenue-generating measures," the Council President said. "But I can not, and will not just stand by while our residents, and particularly our children, suffer through unhealthy heat waves. It is irresponsible to simply drain 13 neighborhood walk-to pools and turn people away."

Baltimore has experienced its hottest summer on record, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The city has also experienced more Code Red unhealthy air quality days this summer than at any point in the past decade. Re-opening the swimming

pools will provide Baltimoreans with much-needed relief.

#

Please visit our website at www.baltimorecitycouncil.com