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D.C. ACT 10-367

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DECEMBER 28, 1994

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publication in either the District of Columbia Register, the District of Columbia Statutes-at-Large, or the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

Chairman

Council of the District of Columbia

DEEMED APPROVED WITHOUT SIGNATURE UPON EXPIRATION OF 10-DAY MAYORAL REVIEW PERIOD.

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Mayor

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December 28, 1994



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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

DEC 12 1994

The Honorable Sharon Pratt Kelly Mayor of the District of Columbia 441 4th Street, N.W., 11th Floor Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Transmittal of Bill 10-443, "Parks Amendment Act of 1994".

Date of Council Action: 12-06-94

Dear Mayor Kelly:

The above named enacted bill is hereby transmitted in accordance with Section 404(e) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P.L. 93-198.

Attached to this bill, for your information, is the report of the Council's standing committee with jurisdiction over this matter.

Sincere

David A. Clarke

Chairman of the Council

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