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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 15-0202

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TO

DATE:

March 4, 2015

The Honorable President and Members of City Council
City Hall 4th floor
100 N. Holliday Street

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 15-0202R introduced by Council Members Henry, Branch, Costello, Kraft, Clarke, Reisinger, Middleton, Welch, Holton, Scott, Mosby, Curran, Stokes, Spector, and Young.

The purpose of this resolution is to request the Director of Public Works, and the Chief, Bureau of Solid Waste to update the Council on the Department's progress toward creating a comprehensive Municipal Composting Program, to provide a fiscal impact statement on creating the program, and estimate a time line for citywide implementation of municipal composting. The Resolution was also referred to the Department of Planning for review and comment.

The Department of Planning is supportive of the goal to increase organic and food waste composting. Such efforts are in alignment with the Sustainability Plan's Resource Conservation Goal #3, Minimize the production of waste. Good quality compost is important to support our farms and gardens.

The new proposed zoning code, CCB #12-0152 will support the growth of composting by implementing changes that make food waste composting more permissive without compromising water quality and other important environmental goals. Current zoning regulations restrict the location of such facilities in certain areas, which is detrimental to the growth of this industry in Baltimore.

The Department of Planning will be present at the hearing on City Council Resolution 15-0202R to further discuss municipal composting in Baltimore.

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