

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 06-0326  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Commission on Aging and Retirement Education)  
Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2006  
Assigned to: Aging Subcommittee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Commission on Aging and Retirement Education

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **The Creation for a Center for Aging Services and Research**

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4 FOR the purpose of sustaining an initiative to create a “Center for Urban Aging Services and  
5 Policy Development” in the City of Baltimore.

6 **Recitals**

7 The Baltimore City Commission on Aging and Retirement Education (CARE) is launching  
8 an initiative to create a “Center for Urban Aging Services and Policy Development” in the City.  
9 The Center will bring together urban researchers, private and public funders, community leaders,  
10 service providers, and older consumers to develop new strategies for creating innovative models  
11 for delivering services to older adults. Further, the Center will examine strategies for tapping  
12 into the vast reservoir of resources offered by older adults and establish a foundation for public  
13 policy and funding strategies based on the realities of aging in urban America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

14 The Center will be established as a 501(c)(3) community-based organization and will  
15 examine the role played by key subgroups of older urbanites in the life of cities like Baltimore.  
16 These subgroups will include low income minorities, the “empty nester” population, senior  
17 homeowners, older people with chronic diseases and disabilities, grandparents raising  
18 grandchildren, emerging ethnic and minority communities, aging members of the gay  
19 community, and urban baby boomers.

20 The Center will respond to issues affecting the older urban population including poverty,  
21 lack of safety and security, the need for improved housing and *senior friendly* neighborhoods,  
22 the complexities of providing health and long term care in an urban setting, volunteerism and  
23 employment, retirement and financial planning, access to information, transportation, and the  
24 impact of Federal and State budget reductions on aging services, and emergency preparedness  
25 and response. It will mobilize assets in support of the initiatives including seniors themselves,  
26 faith communities, academic and medical institutions, senior serving organizations and  
27 community groups. Partnerships and collaborations will play a major role in the operation of the  
28 Center.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

1       The Center will work closely with other senior-serving and community organizations to  
2 develop coordinated systems of service delivery, to incorporate evidence-based practices into  
3 programs, and to make best use of limited resources. The Center will also work closely with and  
4 has the support of the City’s Human Services Sub-Cabinet agencies that provide services to older  
5 adults, including the Departments of Recreation and Parks, Health, Housing and Community  
6 Development, Social Services, Planning, Police, and Transportation, and with the Mayor’s  
7 Offices of Children, Youth and Families, Neighborhoods, Community Investments, and  
8 Employment Development. Other City and governmental agencies supporting the Center are the  
9 Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association, Baltimore City Public Schools, the  
10 Community Relations Commission, and the Mayor and City Council.

11       The Center’s approach to urban aging issues will emphasize strategies that have an impact on  
12 public policy, particularly funding; are evidence-based and multi disciplinary; emphasize the  
13 potential of technology to assist the elderly; and create Statewide and national networks of  
14 advocates and planners for the urban elderly.

15       **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
16 City of Baltimore supports the Baltimore City Commission on Aging and Retirement Education  
17 (CARE) in its efforts to design, develop, and implement its initiative to create a “Center for  
18 Urban Aging Services and Research” aimed at improving the quality of life for older adults in  
19 Baltimore and urban America.

20       **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the  
21 Mayor; the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council; Directors of the Baltimore City  
22 Department of Recreation and Parks, the Baltimore City Department of Health, the Baltimore  
23 City Department of Planning, the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community  
24 Development, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Baltimore City Police  
25 Department, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation; the Mayor’s Offices of Children,  
26 Youth and Families, Neighborhoods, Community Investments, Employment Development; the  
27 Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association; Baltimore City Public Schools; and the  
28 Community Relations Commission.

29       **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
30 day after the date it is enacted.