

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 13-0097R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Kraft, Mosby, Middleton, Stokes, Cole, Scott,
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Revisiting the Journey Home – Revisions to Baltimore City’s 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

FOR the purpose of calling on the City and external agencies concerned with homelessness in Baltimore to appear before the City Council to discuss the status of and proposals for any revisions to Baltimore City’s 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Recitals

In January 2008, Baltimore embarked on a decade long effort to end homelessness with the adoption of “The Journey Home: Baltimore City’s 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness”. This plan, formulated with input from more than 150 stakeholders, has guided Baltimore’s approach to homelessness over the last 5 years and has allowed the City to coordinate its efforts with a broad array of public and private entities to make real progress on homelessness.

Now, halfway through the Plan’s intended period, it is appropriate to review what progress has been made towards the Plan’s goals, and to evaluate where changed circumstances may require changes in approach. However, a plan arrived at through such extensive consultations, and which seeks to coordinate the efforts of so many actors, should not be altered lightly. Any proposed changes should be thoroughly vetted and subjected to the same careful consideration that went into the original plan.

Public hearings before the City Council that all stakeholders have an opportunity to participate in would be an appropriate starting place for any proposed changes. The Council should also have an opportunity to examine and comment on the final form of any changes before they go into effect.

The city-wide coordination of efforts to address homelessness, as represented by the 10-Year Plan, is simply too important to neglect in proposing changes. It is therefore essential that every effort be made to build a genuine consensus throughout the community about what elements of the Plan are succeeding, and what elements may need to be updated to build on these successes.

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

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
2 Council calls on the City and external agencies concerned with homelessness in Baltimore to
3 appear before it to discuss the status of and proposals for any revisions to Baltimore City’s
4 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

5 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
6 Health Commissioner, the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Human Services, the Director of the
7 Homeless Services Program, the Chair of the Journey Home Campaign’s Civic Leadership
8 Council, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.