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DATE: November 2, 2018

TO: Respective City Council Budget and Appropriations Committee

FROM: Baltimore City Office of Information and Technology (BCIT)

POSITION: Support

RE: Council Resolution – 18-0078R- Informational Hearing – Coordination of CitiWatch with ATVES and DAS Installations

INTRODUCTION

BCIT is herein reporting on City Council Resolution 18-0078 introduced by Councilmembers Costello, Pinkett, Stokes, Scott, Bullock, Dorsey, Middleton, Reisinger, Henry, Clarke, Schleifer, Cohen, Sneer, Burnett, and Council President Young. This bill is regarding information pertaining to a 2015 agreement made with Crown Castle, LLC.

PURPOSE/PLANS

This bill is being introduced for the purpose of requesting that various City agencies, including BCIT, appear before the City Council to testify on how DAS and ATVES installations can be coordinated with additional CitiWatch cameras to ease the overall cost burden of implementing these technologies.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION

BCIT is in **support** of coordinator efforts that would ease the burden of the cost of additional CitiWatch cameras in order to improve public safety in Baltimore City, as is sought in City Council Resolution 18-0078. BCIT is currently engaged with Crown Castle, LLC, to coordinate the installation of CCTV cameras on DAS poles. We look forward to further discussions and collaboration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank Johnson,
Chief Information Officer