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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
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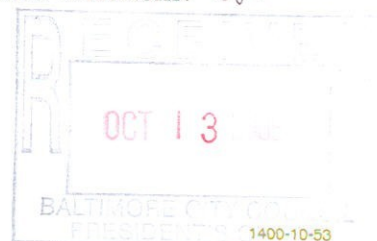
I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 09-0141R introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake and Council Members Clarke, Middleton, Cole, Branch, Curran, Spector, Welch, Holton, Henry, Kraft, Reisinger, and Conaway.

The purpose of the Resolution is to request the Director of Public Works and the Bureau Head of Solid Waste to report to the City Council on the status of the One Plus One waste collection system, the effectiveness of the new system in keeping the streets and alleys of the City free of debris, and the level of Baltimore City residents' participation in or complaint against One Plus One; to request the Director of the Health Department Bureau of Vector Control to report on any change in rodent infestation in Baltimore's neighborhoods since the implementation of One Plus One; and to request the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, Permits and Code Enforcement to generate a report on the number of citations resulting from the introduction of the One Plus One program.

Beginning July 14, 2009, Baltimore residents were to comply with the newly approved One Plus One program. Residents were asked to place trash out on one day and recycling on another day of the week, a change from twice a week trash and twice a month recycling collections. Recycling and yard waste volumes continued to be unlimited, but mixed refuse was held to a maximum of 96 gallons (three 32-gallon containers). Crews formerly dedicated to the bi-monthly recycling collection were assigned to proactive street and alley cleaning within one of four designated quadrants of the City. Folded into the One Plus One program were two planned operational changes: revisions to outdated collection routes to balance the workload for proper collection; and adjustments to the mixed refuse and recycling collections from a six day a week to a four day a week work schedule.

Public Works planned for a three month transition period to help residents adjust to the changes in their solid waste services. Working closely with the Department of Housing and Community Development's Code Enforcement arm, the Vector Control division of the Department of Health, and support from the Cleaner Greener campaign, challenged communities received door-to-door information, notices about changes in collection days, small grants to community groups, and focused enforcement of basic sanitation violations.

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The results from this transition period have been remarkable: the tonnage of mixed refuse collected decreased and the tonnage of recycling increased; complaints about missed collections of mixed refuse and recycling dropped significantly; street and alley cleaning crews kept current with reported call-ins and are now addressing cleaning on a proactive basis; and Sanitation Enforcement officers focused their efforts on problem areas to help change some poor sanitation habits. While more progress and work is ahead, it is evident that residents have quickly adjusted to the changes in their solid waste collection services.

The Department of Public Works will be happy to appear before the Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee on October 21, 2009 to report on the progress being made under the One Plus One program.



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