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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0136R – Informational Hearing – Status of the Baltimore City Municipal ID Program		

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TO

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400

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The Mayor's Office of Children & Family Success is herein reporting on City Council Bill 22-0136R – Informational Hearing – Status of the Municipal Identification Card Program, the purpose of which is inviting representatives from various city agencies to discuss the status of the program, including obstacles, solutions, and a timeline for implementation.

### **Background**

Many residents of Baltimore City cannot attain government-issued identification cards, preventing them from having access to resources and participating in programs constructed for their benefit. Although the City offers an array of cultural, educational, and civic opportunities meant to be accessible to all members of our community, this barrier leaves thousands of individuals – including immigrants, those experiencing homelessness, transgender people, senior citizens, youth, and returning citizens – without access to these necessary services.

Ordinance 16-586 was enacted in 2016, to implement a Citywide municipal identification card program. To become familiarized with the operations and best practices of a municipal ID program, MOCFS engaged the directors of the Municipal ID programs in Philadelphia and Chicago, as well as various identification vendors to discuss the scope of our program based on the enacting legislation and potential phases of implementation based on their experience. Given the feedback that we received from the Cities of Philadelphia and Chicago, we anticipate that this program will have three distinct phases: Planning, Implementation, and Post Implementation.

Additionally, MOCFS, along with our various sister agencies have been working diligently with the Chief Procurement Officer to craft a request for proposal, based on our findings, to begin the planning phase of the program.

MOCFS welcomes the opportunity to be a part of this very important discussion on the Municipal ID Program along with our sister agencies engaged in this work.

### **Conclusion**

The Mayor's Office of Children & Family Success will attend the hearing for this resolution and respond to any subject matter inquiries.

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