

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 08-0019R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, D’Adamo, Curran, Spector, Middleton, Conaway,
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

The Restoration of Federal Funding to the HOPE VI Program

FOR the purpose of expressing support for the restoration of funding to the HOPE VI program,
and calling upon the Honorable Members of the Maryland Delegation to the 110th Congress
to secure such funding.

Recitals

The fiscal year 2009 budget released by President Bush removes all funding for the Housing
Opportunities for People Everywhere (HOPE) VI program, a program that has been crucial to the
revitalization of Baltimore City. This program was funded at \$100 million in fiscal year 2008.

The proposed budget, which totals a record \$3.1 trillion, would reduce overall funding to the
Department of Housing and Urban Development by 12.8%.

Since its inception, HOPE VI has proven to be an important tool in decreasing the isolation
of low-income families in distressed neighborhoods. In Baltimore alone, HOPE VI funds have
been used for the creation of numerous mixed-income developments, including Pleasant View
Gardens, the Townes at the Terraces, Heritage Crossing, Broadway Overlook, and Albemarle
Square. Loss of funding could interrupt development projects already underway, such as
Albemarle Square, undermining the possibility of success for these projects and weakening their
neighboring communities.

These funds have also enabled the demolition of the City’s most blighted public housing
projects. Nationwide, there continue to be approximately 81,900 severely distressed public
housing units, whose residents are in need of safe, healthy housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That this
Body expresses support for the restoration of funding to the HOPE VI program, and calls upon
the Honorable Members of the Maryland Delegation to the 110th Congress to secure such
funding.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to be sent to the
President of the United States, to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, House Speaker Nancy
Pelosi, the Honorable Members of the Maryland Delegation to the 110th Congress, the Mayor,
and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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