



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

Richard Worley
Police Commissioner

November 29, 2023

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: City Council Bill #23-0445
Charter Amendment- Baltimore City Police Department

Dear Council President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department has reviewed Mayor and City Council Resolution #23-0445, for the purpose of establishing the objectives, powers, and duties of the Baltimore City Police Department; defining certain terms; creating the role of the Police Commissioner and establishing the Commissioner as the head of the Department; providing for the appointment and confirmation of the Commissioner; establishing the powers and duties of the Commissioner; establishing the powers and duties of police officers; providing for police officers' enjoyment of certain immunities and defenses; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

The BPD has participated as a member of the Local Control Advisory Board (LCAB) since its creation by the General Assembly. The Charter Amendment as introduced is largely consistent with the work of the LCAB and the current public local law. Therefore, the BPD has no objection to Mayor and City Council Resolution #23-0445 as written. However, we respectfully request adequate time to review and comment on any future amendments put forward by the City Council or any other entity as this legislation proceeds through the process, so that we may provide our best analysis of any impact that any proposed changes may have on the Department.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erin L. Murphy".

Erin Murphy, Esq.
Director of Government Affairs

cc: Natwana Austin, Executive Secretary of the Baltimore City Council
Nina Themelis, Director, Mayor's Office of Government
Andrew Smullian, BPD Deputy Chief of Staff

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