

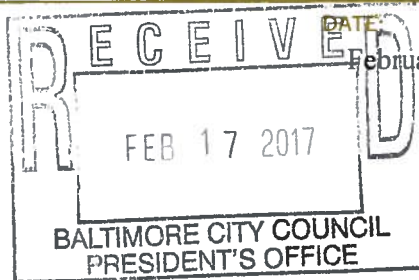
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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 17-0002R</b>

CITY of  
**BALTIMORE**  
**MEMO**



**TO**

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin  
Room 400 – City Hall



DATE: February 15, 2017

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 17-0002R introduced by Council Members Scott, Dorsey, Pinkett, Bullock, Henry, Middleton, Cohen, Stokes, Burnett, Sneed, Clarke, President Young, and Council Member Costello.

The purpose of this resolution is to request the Baltimore City Police Commissioner, Baltimore Health Commissioner, Director of Public Works, Director of Transportation, Director of Recreation and Parks, Director of the Mayor’s Office of Employment Development, Baltimore Housing Commissioner, Director of CitiStat, and the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation to present to the City Council on a coordinated violence reduction strategy for Baltimore.

Reducing violence and the potential to become a victim of violence is a critical concern for local governments. The roots of violence can be fed by poverty, the lack of jobs or job training, substance abuse, stressed families, or the lack of support or positive role models for youth. Reducing the impact of these contributing factors is a daunting task; however, the Department of Public Works believes it can play a strong supporting role by leveraging its services and programs in concert with other City agencies’ efforts, as this resolution proposes. Improving the cleanliness of neighborhoods by strategically securing vacant homes and lots can provide a foundation for other agencies’ focused attention and can result in safer public spaces for residents and visitors alike. The distribution of Municipal Trash Cans throughout the City was completed last year, empowering residents to properly dispose of their trash. The use of these cans, combined with a combination of the continued efforts of cleaning services, citizen education, and enforcement, will lead to a cleaner, healthier city.


Of course, there is no more powerful tool than an active and engaged citizenry. The Department continues to deploy its community liaisons into neighborhoods to bring information to our citizens, listen to their concerns and help resolve complaints or recurring issues. The Department annually supports the YouthWorks summer jobs program to provide meaningful work experience to hard working City youth, and is a founding partner of the Clean Corps program. Public Works is growing its new and promising mentoring and internship programs to inspire and hire these graduating young residents. In addition, the Department just graduated the first class from its small businesses development program, a multi-week training program that helps prepare these local businesses to become active participants in City contracts.

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These are just a few of the ways the Department of Public Works can support efforts to reduce opportunities for violence to take hold in our City. The Department will attend the upcoming hearing on City Council Resolution 16-0302R to listen to concerns and participate in the discussion.

Sincerely,



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Director

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