

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0190R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes, President Scott, Councilmembers Henry, Schleifer,
Costello, Burnett, Cohen, Dorsey, Clarke, Middleton, Pinkett, Bullock, Reisinger, Sneed
Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2020

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, Police Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice's Response**
3 **to High Homicide Rate**

4 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to
5 inform the City Council how the Office plans to lower the City's homicide rate in 2020.

6 **Recitals**

7 In 2019, Baltimore City had 348 recorded homicides. This is the second-deadliest year for
8 the City on-record. In 1993, the City had 355 recorded homicides, yet the City also had almost
9 125,000 more residents than it does now. In June 2019, the Baltimore Police Department
10 published a Crime Reduction Strategy partly in response to the high homicide rate. The City
11 Council is interested in how the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice is working to reduce the
12 City's homicide rate.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
14 Baltimore City Council invites representatives from the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to
15 inform the City Council how the Office plans to lower the City's homicide rate in 2020.

16 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
17 Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the
18 City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.