

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0081R
(First Reader)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Middleton, Bullock, Porter, Cohen

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Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community Development

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **CODEMAP and Decision Making**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Housing and Community
4 Development to explain to the City Council how the CODEMAP application and the data
5 sets the application uses assists public and private decision making and strategic planning in
6 the City and helps move the City forward.

7 **Recitals**

8 **WHEREAS**, Researchers from the Pew Research Center have found that states can improve
9 decision making by taking 5 concrete steps to maximize the administrative data at their disposal,
10 and it is likely that cities like Baltimore can also use the same steps for excellent results;

11 **WHEREAS**, First, Baltimore can plan ahead by writing formal data strategies, developing data
12 governance structures, and inventorying data sets and data collection procedures;

13 **WHEREAS**, Second, Baltimore can build their capacity to effectively use data by employing
14 an adequate number of employees with expertise working with data, appropriately funding data
15 strategies and allowing sufficient time for data-driven projects to be completed, and building
16 relationships with external partners like universities;

17 **WHEREAS**, Third, Baltimore can establish data-sharing agreements and protocols within
18 offices, across agencies, and with third-party stakeholder so that data is easily accessible by all
19 relevant parties;

20 **WHEREAS**, Fourth, Baltimore can analyze data to create helpful tools that will assist City
21 leaders in making decisions that will bring positive changes to the City;

22 **WHEREAS**, Fifth, Baltimore can maintain support for the development of data, data-sharing,
23 and related endeavors so that gains created by these programs are not lost in the future;

24 **WHEREAS**, Knowing the above steps the City can take regarding administrative data and
25 decision making, the City Council would like to learn how the CODEMAP application and the
26 application's corresponding data sets are managed and put to work to move the City forward.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
2 Council invites the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development to
3 explain to the City Council how the CODEMAP application and the data sets the application
4 uses assists public and private decision making and strategic planning in the City and helps move
5 the City forward.

6 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the
7 Department of Housing and Community Development and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the
8 City Council.