

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 07-0248R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Mitchell, Young, Kraft, Branch, Curran, Holton, Welch,  
Reisinger, Clarke, Harris, President Rawlings Blake  
Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2007  
Assigned to: Committee of the Whole

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **In Support of State Funding – The National Lacrosse Center in Baltimore**

3 FOR the purpose of showing support for State funding for a National Lacrosse Center in  
4 Baltimore so that such a facility would stay in Baltimore City and provide the lacrosse  
5 community with a much needed facility for its national center in a location that is central to  
6 its needs.

7 **Recitals**

8 The State of Maryland, and more specifically the City of Baltimore, is considered the  
9 epicenter of the lacrosse world. Across the City and State, tens of thousands of youth compete in  
10 recreation programs, and Maryland's high school programs are considered some of the best in  
11 the country. Maryland's colleges and universities have won men's or women's national  
12 championships 76 times over the last 119 years, and City universities such as Johns Hopkins and  
13 Loyola are perennially in contention. The aggregate of all this lacrosse participation is that over  
14 35,000 players play on more that 1,300 teams across the state.

15 Economically, lacrosse's popularity in the state of Maryland has meant that STX and Lax  
16 World have made the Baltimore region their national headquarters. Both companies are leaders  
17 in the \$150 million a year lacrosse equipment and apparel market. In addition, Maryland  
18 benefits from the dozens of lacrosse events, tournaments, and camps that attract fans from  
19 throughout the country. For example, more than 110,000 tickets were sold for the 2004 NCAA  
20 Men's Lacrosse Championship, which was held at M&T Bank Stadium. That event alone  
21 generated an estimated \$13 million for Baltimore and Maryland. The event returns to Baltimore  
22 in 2007.

23 The City of Baltimore recognizes lacrosse's importance to Baltimore and the State of  
24 Maryland and accordingly asks the Maryland Department of Economic Development to assist  
25 with the funding for the construction of a National Lacrosse Center. The new center being  
26 planned will be a 36,000 square-foot facility that will house the national administrative offices,  
27 an interactive museum and National Hall of Fame, and a 2,500 seat exhibition field. Having a  
28 facility of this nature in Baltimore will not only bring business to the City, but will also provide a  
29 positive environment for youth lacrosse players throughout the State.

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

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1       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this  
2 Body shows support for State funding for a National Lacrosse Center in Baltimore so that such a  
3 facility would stay in Baltimore City and provide the lacrosse community with a much needed  
4 facility for its national center in a location that is central to its needs.

5       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
6 Honorable Chair and Members of the 2007 Baltimore City Delegation to the Maryland General  
7 Assembly, the National Lacrosse Association, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the  
8 Council.