

MEMORANDUM

To: Nick J. Mosby, President, Baltimore City Council

From: Peter Little, Executive Director

Date: October 8, 2024

Subject: City Council Bill 24-0584

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0584 introduced by Council President Mosby and Councilmember Ramos at the request of the Administration (Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs).

The purpose of this bill is to require a certain Baltimore government entity to appoint a language access liaison and adopt a Language Access Plan; require a Baltimore government entity to provide language access services to specified individuals; establish certain reporting requirements; define certain terms; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to the provision of language access services by Baltimore government entities.

The Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC) has reviewed the proposed legislation. The Parking Authority interacts with City residents and other members of the public through nearly every program we manage on behalf of the City. It is essential that we communicate clearly and effectively with everyone, including individuals whose primary language is not English, and who have limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English. We welcome the support of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs in this endeavor, and we appreciate the guidance provided by this bill.

Based on the comments above, the PABC respectfully requests a favorable report on City Council Bill 24-0584.