



HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 22-0110R

Investigative Hearing - Baltimore City as an Abortion Rights Protection Jurisdiction

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology

Chaired by: Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: July 27, 2022

Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM

Time (Ending): 10:50 AM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 50 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danielle McCray John Bullock Mark Conway
Phylicia Porter James Torrence

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Agency reports read? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [ ] YES [ ] NO [X] N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? [ ] YES [ ] NO [X] N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? [ ] YES [X] NO [ ] N/A
Motioned by:
Seconded by:
Final Vote:

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Kelleigh Eastman, Health Department
Meagan Shipley, Health Department
Elena DiPietro, Law Department

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**Major Issues Discussed**

1. Chairwoman McCray called the hearing to order and read the title and purpose of the resolution.
2. Vice President Middleton discussed the importance of ensuring abortion healthcare access in Baltimore and planning for the potential influx of patients from other states.
3. Representatives from the Health Department discussed legal protections for abortion healthcare access in Maryland, the potential for out of state patients seeking abortion healthcare services in Baltimore, and the Department’s role in providing information and referrals related to abortion.
4. Agency representatives responded to Council member questions.
5. Vice President Middleton requested that the Health Department provide more specific information on its efforts to ensure that Baltimore City residents and visitors have access to safe abortion healthcare services.
6. Chairwoman McCray explained that the Committee will hold additional meetings on the resolution in the near future and recessed the hearing.

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**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?**

**Yes**     **No**

**If yes, describe.**

The Committee will hold additional meetings for the Health Department to provide more specific information on its efforts to ensure that Baltimore City residents and visitors have access to safe abortion healthcare services.

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**Committee Vote:**

D. McCray: .....  
J. Bullock: .....  
M. Conway: .....  
R. Dorsey: .....  
P. Porter: .....  
J. Torrence: .....  
I. Schleifer: .....

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Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: July 29, 2022

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