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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Kevin Davis
Police Commissioner

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Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

**Re: City Council Bill No. 17-0002R
Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 17-0002R. This resolution is for the purpose of requesting the Police Commissioner, the Health Commissioner, the Director of Public Works, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore Housing Commissioner, the Director of CitiStat, and the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation present to the City Council on a coordinated violence reduction strategy for Baltimore.

BPD supports this bill.

Having a coordinated, collaborative, and agency-wide plan to combat violent crime in Baltimore City is critical to the City's overall success. Maximizing efficiencies and executing a meaningful strategy between relevant City agencies, in partnership with the communities we serve, will have long-lasting and transformative effects.

Violence impacts every part of this great City, and this must be addressed by all stakeholders in one unified front.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The Department looks forward to working with the City Council on this matter.

Sincerely,

James A. Grulis
Director of Government Affairs

Comments

