

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 23-0380  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: President Mosby

Introduced and read first time: May 1, 2023

Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of Equity and Civil Rights

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment - Community Reinvestment and Reparations Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a continuing, non-lapsing Community Reinvestment and  
4 Reparations Fund, to be used exclusively to support the work of the Community  
5 Reinvestment and Reparations Commission; authorizing the Mayor and City Council, by  
6 ordinance, to provide for the oversight, governance, and administration of this Fund; and  
7 submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

8 BY proposing to add  
9 Article I - General Provisions  
10 Section 20  
11 Baltimore City Charter  
12 (1996 Edition)

13 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
14 City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

15 **Baltimore City Charter**

16 **Article I. General Provisions**

17 **§ 20. Community Reinvestment and Reparations Fund.**

18 (A) *DEFINITIONS.*

19 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

20 IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

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

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1 (B) *AUTHORIZATION.*

2 BY ORDINANCE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE MAY ESTABLISH A  
3 CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND FOR PURPOSES OF SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE  
4 COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AND REPARATIONS COMMISSION WHICH IS TO PROVIDE  
5 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES INTENDED TO BENEFIT  
6 LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY HARMED BY GOVERNMENT DRUG  
7 PROHIBITION AND ENFORCEMENT POLICIES.

8 (C) *REVENUE SOURCES.*

9 THE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL COMPRISE:

10 (1) DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE STATE COMPTROLLER FROM THE STATE COMMUNITY  
11 REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR FUND; AND

12 (2) FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

13 (D) *CONTINUING NATURE OF FUND.*

14 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CHARTER, UNSPENT PORTIONS OF THE  
15 FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION:

16 (1) REMAIN IN THE FUND, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THEIR ORDAINED PURPOSES;

17 (2) DO NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL REVENUES OF THE CITY; AND

18 (3) THEIR APPROPRIATIONS DO NOT LAPSE.

19 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this proposed amendment to the City  
20 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection,  
21 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the  
22 City Solicitor.