

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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FREDERICK H. BEALEFELD, III Police Commissioner

February 21, 2010

TO:

The Honorable President and Members

of the Baltimore City Council

Room 400 City Hall Attn. Karen Randle

FROM:

James H. Green, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel

Baltimore Police Department

RE:

City Council Bill No. 10-0445-Ethics Board Composition, Tenure, etc.-

Ethics Training

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 10-0445-Ethics Board Composition, Tenure, etc.-Ethics Training and supports the bill. This legislation proposes to reconstitute the Baltimore City Ethics Board, provide for changes in the Board's composition and qualifications, require an annual report, include additional entities within the purview of the Pubic Ethics Law, and expand the requirements for training.

It remains important to the City that the Baltimore City Board of Ethics ensure the overall public trust in government. The proposals contained within this legislation work towards this end and the BPD stands willing to assist in the City's collective efforts in this area. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison cc:

