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	Subject	City Council Resolution 17-0052R Informational Hearing – Baltimore’s Disaster Preparedness		

TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Natwana B. Austin
Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council
400 City Hall

DATE: February 21, 2018

Re: City Council Resolution 17-0052R – Informational Hearing – Baltimore’s Disaster Preparedness

The Department of General Services reviewed City Council Resolution 17-0052R - Informational Hearing – Baltimore’s Disaster Preparedness for the purpose of calling on representatives to appear before the City Council to discuss the current state of Baltimore’s disaster preparedness and how lessons learned from recent disaster responses can be applied in Baltimore to ensure the best possible response to any threats the City may face.

The Department of General Services serves the City of Baltimore and its agencies in a support capacity. The department attempts to leverage any, and all, resources necessary in the event of a disaster to meet the needs of other City agencies. These resources may include facility space, shelter, or maintenance, as well as gas and vehicle repair. One key piece of disaster related response is the department’s role ensuring the City government is able to continue to operate and serve the citizens of Baltimore. General Services has a plan in place to provide secure and connected space to both the executive and legislative branches at separate locations within the City.

The Code Red collaboration between the department and the Mayor’s Office will allow General Services to maintain communication with City employees while our interconnected walkie-talkies connect staff with emergency responders to provide support and maintenance when needed. Additionally, the Department of General Services is a member of a multi-agency collective to ensure accountability and resources to other City agencies and staff in the eleven downtown campus buildings. The collective includes, but is not limited to, Fire, Police, Transportation, Public Works, and Emergency Management.

The department thanks the committee for the opportunity to weigh in on this important resolution.

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cc: Kyron Banks