



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: August 24, 2022

Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM

Time (Ending): 11:10 AM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 40 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danielle McCray John Bullock

Mark Conway James Torrence

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

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Dr. Letitia Dzirasa, Health Department

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman McCray called the hearing to order.
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. Dr. Dzirasa presented on the Health Department’s role in reproductive healthcare, the Department’s planning and preparations related to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, and resources available to people seeking abortion healthcare services.
4. Health Department representatives responded to Council member questions.
5. Representatives from healthcare service providers and reproductive health advocates testified on existing challenges and barriers, trends in people traveling from other states for healthcare services, and policies that the City could enact to improve access.
6. Chairwoman McCray explained that the Committee will hold additional meetings on the resolution in the future and recessed the hearing.

Further Study


Was further study requested? **Yes** **No**

If yes, describe.

The Committee will hold additional meetings on the resolution in the future.

Committee Vote:

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



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: August 26, 2022

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