

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0149R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Stokes, Burnett, Scott, Costello, Bullock, Cohen, Henry,
Pinkett, Sneed, Schleifer, Dorsey, Clarke, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: April 15, 2019

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department, State's Attorney's
Office, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, Sheriff's Office, Health Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Alternatives to Arrest**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore
4 City State's Attorney's Office, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, the Baltimore City
5 Sheriff's Office, and other City officials responsible for enforcement, prosecution, and
6 judicial review of criminal justice to appear before the City Council to discuss ways that we
7 can rebuild trust between our citizens and the agents of the criminal justice system by
8 exploring alternative enforcement strategies outside of traditional arrest.

9 **Recitals**

10 Baltimore City residents have maintained an uneasy relationship with the Baltimore Police
11 Department that was heightened after the death of Freddy Gray and the discovery of the
12 corruption of the Gun Trace Task Force. The City is now in year 2 of the Justice Department's
13 Consent Decree; under the Decree, the Department is making reforms to build trust between the
14 police and the citizenry. One possible way to build trust between the citizenry and the police is
15 to reduce arrests of African Americans. The Justice Department found that the Baltimore Police
16 Department engaged in unjustified stops, searches, and arrests of African Americans. The
17 Baltimore City Council is interested in how the Baltimore Police Department can perform its law
18 enforcement duties outside of traditional arrest, so as to build trust between civilians and police
19 officers.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
21 Baltimore City Council invites representatives from the Baltimore Police Department, the
22 Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, the Baltimore
23 City Sheriff's Office, and other City officials responsible for enforcement, prosecution, and
24 judicial review of criminal justice to appear before the City Council to discuss ways that we can
25 rebuild trust between our citizens and the agents of the criminal justice system by exploring
26 alternative enforcement strategies outside of traditional arrest.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Baltimore
2 Police Commissioner, the Baltimore City State’s Attorney, the Director of the Mayor’s Office of
3 Criminal Justice, the Baltimore City Sheriff, the Executive Director of the Civilian Review
4 Board, the Monitor of the Baltimore Police Monitoring Team, and the Mayor’s Legislative
5 Liaison to the City Council.