

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 13-0111R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Middleton, Mosby, Stokes, Branch, Holton,
Scott, Welch, Reisinger, President Young, Councilmembers Kraft, Cole
Introduced and read first time: June 3, 2013
Assigned to: Education and Youth Committee

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Youth Involvement in The Inner Harbor Project**
3 **and That Project’s Recommendations for a Safe and More Youth-Inclusive**
4 **Inner Harbor Environment**

5 FOR the purpose of convening a City Council hearing on youth involvement and
6 recommendations regarding The Inner Harbor Project’s efforts to provide a safe and inclusive
7 environment for visitors of all ages, both local residents and tourists, at Baltimore City’s
8 Inner Harbor.

9 **WHEREAS**, During the summer of 2012, Celia Neustadt, founder of The Inner Harbor Project,
10 formed a partnership with eight Baltimore City public high school students to address student
11 interest in reversing incidents of inappropriate and disruptive behavior among youthful visitors to
12 the Inner Harbor and in fostering positive inclusion of youth in Inner Harbor activities and
13 attractions.

14 **WHEREAS**, Since then, this core group has expanded, and its student leaders have developed
15 their own research questions, surveys and data analyses in pursuing their vision of an Inner
16 Harbor both safe and inclusive for all visitors, including our youth and teens.

17 **WHEREAS**, In response, The Inner Harbor Project has now worked with students from high
18 schools throughout Baltimore City, conducting focus groups in most Baltimore high schools to
19 gather data on teen experiences at the Inner Harbor and to brainstorm teen solutions to disruptive
20 behavior and to becoming more centrally included in activities and attractions.

21 **WHEREAS**, Based on this extensive research, on Wednesday, May 29, The Inner Harbor
22 Project presented its formal findings and suggestions for improving the Inner Harbor for various
23 stakeholders and its vision for effecting positive change. Called ***The Inner Harbor: A Brighter***
24 ***Future***, this presentation was held in the West Shore Park at the Inner Harbor.

25 **WHEREAS**, The Baltimore City Council has already met with and encouraged youth leaders
26 of The Inner Harbor Project and applauds their commitment to a “safe harbor” for the enjoyment
27 of all of Baltimore City and its visitors.

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the
29 Baltimore City Council seeks a hearing to discuss The Inner Harbor Project’s May 29
30 recommendations for the purposes of becoming active and informed participants in bringing

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1 these recommendations to fruition, and of officially thanking the youth for their leadership and
2 their partner stakeholders for working collaboratively to seek the perspective of a broad
3 cross-section of high school students across the City.

4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That, along with The Inner Harbor Project's youth leaders,
5 City Council cordially invites representatives of the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, Visit
6 Baltimore, the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, the Baltimore City Police Department, and
7 the Mayor's Office to participate in this discussion.

8 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Founder of The
9 Inner Harbor Project, the President of the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, the President of
10 Visit Baltimore, the President of the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, the Police
11 Commissioner, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City Council.