



HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 25-0020R

Informational Hearing – Well-being of Gay Men in Baltimore

Committee: Public Health and Environment

Chaired by: Councilwoman Phylicia Porter

Hearing Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Time (Beginning): 11:00 AM

Time (Ending): 11:20 AM

Location: **Council Chambers**

Total Attendance: Approximately 50 In-Person
Approximately 5 Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

Phylicia Porter Mark Conway

James Torrence Mark Parker

Odette Ramos

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
Video 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

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Tramar Wilson, Speaker
- Michelle Taylor, Health Department

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman Porter, talked about National World Aides Day, (December 1st); why it exists and should be honored.
2. One person testified. Some topics of his discussion included:
 - Statistical data regarding overdoses and suicide rates
 - The need for more housing (available)
 - He asked the council members (if possible) to investigate the different organizations to make sure they provide the services needed in the community
3. Dr. Taylor, Health Department, gave updates. Topics of discussion included:
 - HIV Rates
 - Syphilis Stats, and
 - Monkey Pox (mpox)

She also stated, "the well-being of the community goes well beyond HIV issues."
4. Chairwoman Porter asked Dr. Taylor to talk about their partnership with the Office of LGBTQ Affairs and to mention some of the goals for same. She also asked, "Will any type of report(s) be generated as a result of those meetings." Dr. Taylor replied, "if you want reports I can see that it happens."
5. Hearing recessed.

Further Study

Was further study requested?
If yes, describe.

Yes No

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff
cc: Bill File

Date: December 8, 2025



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the City?*

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Yes No

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100 North Holliday Street
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Health & Environment Committee

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

11:00 AM Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall, Phone: #1-408-418-9388, Access code: 2337 544 9250, Password: Public, Link: <https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=m84973879e919024a04bf0ab39a8245bf>

Council Resolutions 25-0015R, 25-0020R and 25-0021R

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 5 - Phylicia Porter, Mark Conway, Mark Parker, James Torrence, and Odette Ramos
Absent 2 - Ryan Dorsey, and John Bullock

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

25-0015R Informational Hearing – Well-being of the Transgender Community in Baltimore

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City Public School System, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights, the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Maryland Department of Health, and Behavioral Health Systems Baltimore to update the Council on services provided to, and the general well being of, the transgender community in Baltimore.

Hearing was recessed.

25-0020R Informational Hearing – Well being of Gay Men in Baltimore

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City Public School System, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil

Rights, the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Maryland Department of Health, and Behavioral Health System Baltimore to update the Council on services provided to, and the general well being of, gay men in Baltimore.

Hearing was recessed.

25-0021R Informational Hearing – Well being of Lesbian Women in Baltimore

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City Public School System, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights, the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Maryland Department of Health, and Behavioral Health System Baltimore to update the Council on services provided to, and the general well being of, lesbian women in Baltimore.

Hearing was recessed.

ADJOURNMENT