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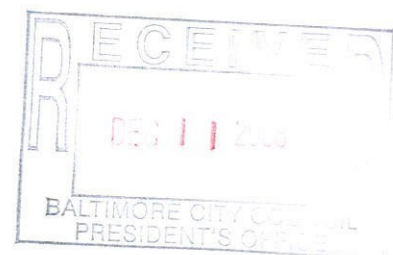
TO DATE: December 4, 2008

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 08-0077R introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake and Council Members Young, Middleton, D'Adamo, Kraft, Henry, Cole, Spector, Holton, Welch, Branch, Clarke, Curran, and Reisinger.

The purpose of the Resolution is to request the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Transportation, and the CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools to form a coalition to develop a plan to create green collar jobs in Baltimore City.

The Department of Public Works is a member of the Mayor's Environmental Sub-Cabinet, the body that coordinates agency implementation of the City's sustainability plans and programs. Public Works is also involved in many of the Mayor's Clean and Green initiatives, including the alley gating and greening program, Single Stream recycling, neighborhood cleanups and household hazardous waste days, stream restorations, school greening projects, and many other efforts. In managing the City's buildings and fleet, great progress has been made in reducing energy consumption, retrofitting vehicles, and providing alternative fuel at various City fueling points. With the recent enactment of the City's Green Building Standards (Ordinance 07-490), all new and renovated City buildings must meet LEED "Certified" and, after July 1, 2009, LEED "Silver" standards (or their equivalent). In the future, green roofs and solar energy could become commonplace in Baltimore. All of these activities foster and support a full range of green collar jobs, from landscaping, to site preparation, to planning and engineering, to envisioning new ways to reduce our collective carbon footprint.



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The Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) and its partner, the Baltimore Workforce Investment Board, have already collected very good data on the status of green jobs in Baltimore. This information provides an excellent foundation for a more expansive look at green job opportunities and training for City residents. In responding to this Resolution, MOED agrees to serve as a partner in the proposed Green Collar Jobs Creation Coalition and offers to facilitate the Coalition in concert with the Baltimore Workforce Investment Board. The Department of Public Works is willing to participate in the proposed Coalition and supports MOED's offer to facilitate the work of the newly formed Coalition.



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