

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton, *Young, Bullock Pinkell, Arnold Costello*
Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference Date: March 7, 2018

Referred to: **JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS** Committee

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL *R - 0205*

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Baltimore City Commission for Women – Non-Voting Members

FOR the purpose of allowing the Mayor to appoint members of the Baltimore City Council as additional, non-voting members of the Baltimore City Commission for Women; conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Commission for Women.

By repealing, and reordaining, with amendments
Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
Section(s) 20-1(b) and 20-4(a)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

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Edmund J. Perry

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Robert R. [Signature] *Mary Pat Clark*

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Agencies

_____	Baltimore City Public School System
_____	Baltimore Development Corporation
_____	City Solicitor
_____	Comptroller's Office
_____	Department of Audits
_____	Department of Finance
_____	Department of General Services
_____	Department of Housing and Community Development
_____	Department of Human Resources
_____	Department of Planning
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Department of Public Works
_____	Department of Real Estate
_____	Department of Recreation and Parks
_____	Department of Transportation
_____	Fire Department
_____	Health Department
_____	Mayor's Office of Employment Development
_____	Mayor's Office of Human Services
_____	Mayor's Office of Information Technology
_____	Office of the Mayor
_____	Police Department
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____

Boards and Commissions

_____	Board of Estimates
_____	Board of Ethics
_____	Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
_____	Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation
_____	Commission on Sustainability
_____	Employees' Retirement System
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
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_____	Environmental Control Board
_____	Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System
_____	Labor Commissioner
_____	Parking Authority Board
_____	Planning Commission
_____	Wage Commission
_____	Other: _____
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CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE **18-119**
Council Bill 18-0205

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton, President Young, Councilmembers Bullock, Pinkett,
Burnett, Costello, Dorsey, Henry, Cohen, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke, Reisinger, Scott, Schleifer
Introduced and read first time: March 12, 2018
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
Committee Report: Favorable and amended by Floor Amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: March 26, 2018

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1 **Baltimore City Commission for Women – Non-Voting Members**

2 FOR the purpose of allowing the Mayor to appoint ~~members of the Baltimore City Council~~
3 certain elected officials from Baltimore City as additional, non-voting members of the
4 Baltimore City Commission for Women; conforming related provisions; providing for a
5 special effective date; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Commission for Women.

6 BY repealing, and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
8 Section(s) 20-1(b) and 20-4(a)
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
12 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

15 **Subtitle 20. Baltimore City Commission for Women**

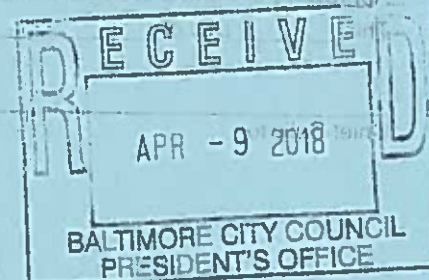
16 **§ 20-1. Commission established.**

17 (b) *Composition.*

18 (1) The Commission comprises 19 VOTING members, to be appointed by the Mayor in
19 accordance with Article IV, § 6 of the City Charter.

20 (2) ~~THE MAYOR MAY APPOINT 1 OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL~~
21 OR THE BALTIMORE CITY DELEGATION TO THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS
22 ADDITIONAL, NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.



Council Bill 18-0205

1 § 20-4. Meetings; quorum.

2 (a) In general.

3 (1) The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chair as frequently as required to
4 perform its duties.

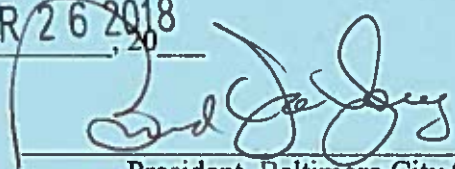
5 (2) A majority of the VOTING members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the
6 transaction of business.

7 (3) An affirmative vote by the majority of a quorum is needed for any official action.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
9 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
10 Ordinance.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
12 enacted.

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of MAR 26 2018



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of MAR 26 2018



Chief Clerk

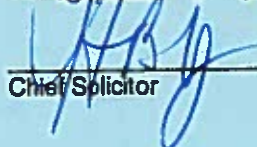
Approved this 27 day of March, 2018



Mayor, Baltimore City

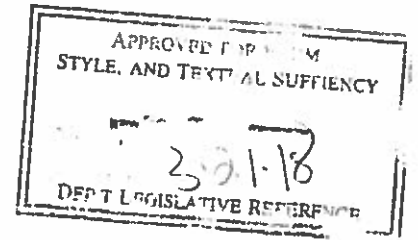
Approved For Form and Legal Sufficiency

This 27 Day of March 2018.



Chief Solicitor

AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 18-0205
(1st Reader Copy)



By: Councilmember Middleton
{To be offered on the Council Floor}

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “members of the Baltimore City Council” and substitute “certain elected officials from Baltimore City”; and, on that same page, in line 21, after “COUNCIL” insert “OR THE BALTIMORE CITY DELEGATION TO THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY”.

ADOPTED

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS VOTING RECORD

DATE: March 20, 2018

Bill #: 18-0205

BILL TITLE: Baltimore City Commission for Women – Non-Voting Members

MOTION BY: Scott SECONDED BY: Clarke

- FAVORABLE FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
 UNFAVORABLE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Costello, Eric - Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clarke, Mary – Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bullock, John	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pinkett, Leon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reisinger, Edward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott, Brandon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TOTALS	<u>6</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>

CHAIRPERSON: Eric T. Costello, E.T. Costello

COMMITTEE STAFF: Marguerite Currin, Initials: M.C.

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

ANDRE M. DAVIS, CITY SOLICITOR
100 N. Holliday Street
Suite 101, City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

March 16, 2018

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 18-0205– Baltimore City Commission for Women – Non-Voting Members

Dear President and City Council Members:

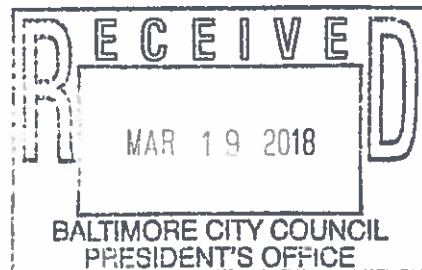
The Law Department has been asked to review City Council Bill 18-0205 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill allows the Mayor to appoint members of the Baltimore City Council as additional, non-voting members of the Baltimore City Commission for Women. Specifically, the bill authorizes the appointment of 1 or more members of the City Council as non-voting members of the Commission.

The bill is an appropriate exercise of the authority of the City Council. Accordingly, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

cc: Andre Davis, City Solicitor
Karen Stokes, Executive Director, MOGR
Kyron Banks Mayor's Legislative Liaison
Victor Tervalá, Chief Solicitor
Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor
Ashlea Browns, Special Assistant Solicitor
Avery Aisenstark



City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland
21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

10:05 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

18-0205

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Member Eric T. Costello, Member Mary Pat Clarke, Member Leon F. Pinkett III, Member John T. Bullock, Member Brandon M. Scott, and Member Robert Stokes Sr.

Absent 1 - Member Edward Reisinger

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

18-0205

Baltimore City Commission for Women - Non-Voting Members

For the purpose of allowing the Mayor to appoint members of the Baltimore City Council as additional, non-voting members of the Baltimore City Commission for Women; conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Commission for Women.

Sponsors: Sharon Green Middleton, President Young, John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Kristerfer Burnett, Eric T. Costello, Ryan Dorsey, Bill Henry, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Shannon Sneed, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, Brandon M. Scott, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

A motion was made by Member Scott, seconded by Member Clarke, that Bill 18-0205 be recommended favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Member Costello, Member Clarke, Member Pinkett III, Member Bullock, Member Scott, and Member Stokes Sr.

Absent: 1 - Member Reisinger

ADJOURNMENT

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 18-0205

Baltimore City Commission for Women – Non-Voting Members

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations
Chaired By: Councilmember Eric T. Costello

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Time (Beginning): 10:25 AM
Time (Ending): 10:30 AM
Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber
Total Attendance: Approximately 45

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric T. Costello Leon Pinkett
Mary Pat Clarke Robert Stokes
John Bullock Brandon Scott

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 type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Motioned by:	Councilmember Bullock		
Seconded by:	Councilmember Clarke		
Final Vote:	Favorable with Amend		

Major Speakers
(This is not an attendance record.)

- Yoanna Moisesides, Finance Department – Bureau of Revenue Collections

Major Issues Discussed

1. The chairman discussed the Law Department's agency report; it was favorable.
 2. The primary sponsor of the legislation gave opening remarks stating that she intends to submit a floor amendment which will add one additional organization/member to the bill.
 3. Vote taken.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

E. Costello: Yea
M. Clarke: Yea
J. Bullock: Yea
L. Pinkett: Yea
E. Reisinger Absent
B. Scott: Yea
R. Stokes: Yea

M. M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: March 20, 2018

cc: Bill File
OCS Chrono File



CITY OF BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL HEARING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations **Chairperson:** The Honorable Eric T. Costello
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 **Time:** 10:05 AM **Place:** Clarence "Du" Burns Chambers
Subject: Ordinance - Baltimore City Commission for Women - Non-Voting Members **CC Bill Number:** 18-0205

PLEASE PRINT

IF YOU WANT TO TESTIFY PLEASE CHECK HERE



TESTIFY

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ST. #	ADDRESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	ZIP	EMAIL ADDRESS	WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THIS BILL?		LOBBYIST: ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE CITY	
						FOR	AGAINST	YES	NO
John	Doe	100	North Charles Street	21202	Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(* NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD. REGISTRATION IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION AND FORMS, CALL OR WRITE: BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ETHICS, C/O DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE, 626 CITY HALL, BALTIMORE, MD 21202. TEL: 410-396-4730; FAX: 410-396-8483.

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**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS
COMMITTEE**

Mission Statement

On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the mission of the Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee is to investigate and study the continuing operations, efficiency, and functions of Baltimore City government in accordance with the laws of Baltimore City, the State of Maryland, and the United States.

As a result of its investigations and studies, the Committee will recommend and oversee reforms to improve the operations of Baltimore City's government through legislative, administrative, and/or budgetary processes.

**The Honorable Eric T. Costello
Chairman**

PUBLIC HEARING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018
10:05 AM
CLARENCE "DU" BURNS COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

***Council Bill #18-0205
Ordinance – Baltimore City Commission for Women – Non-Voting Members***

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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Leon Pinkett – Vice Chair
Bill Henry
Sharon Green Middleton
Brandon M. Scott
Isaac “Yitzy” Schleifer
Shannon Sneed
Staff: Marguerite Currin

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Zeke Cohen – Chair
Mary Pat Clarke – Vice Chair
John Bullock
Kristerfer Burnett
Ryan Dorsey
Staff: Larry Greene

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Kristerfer Burnett – Vice Chair
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Mary Pat Clarke
Staff: Samuel Johnson

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Staff: Jennifer Coates

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Isaac “Yitzy” Schleifer
Staff: Richard Krummerich

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sharon Green Middleton – Chair
Leon Pinkett – Vice Chair
Eric Costello
Edward Reisinger
Robert Stokes
Staff: Samuel Johnson
- Larry Greene (*pension only*)



BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Bill 18-0205

Baltimore City Commission for Women – Non-Voting Members

Sponsor: Councilmember Middleton, et al.

Introduced: March 12, 2018

Purpose:

FOR the purpose of allowing the Mayor to appoint members of the Baltimore City Council as additional, non-voting members of the Baltimore City Commission for Women; conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Commission for Women.

Effective: On the date it is enacted.

Hearing Date/Time/Location: Tuesday, March 20, 2018/10:05 AM/Council Chambers

Agency Reports

Law Department

Analysis

Current Law

The Baltimore City Code:

Article 1 “Mayor, Council, and Agencies” – Subtitle 20: outlines the mandates, rules and regulations pertaining to the Baltimore City Commission for Women. *See attached copy.*



Background

The Baltimore City Commission for Women was established in 2006 but has been inactive for several years.

On January 22, 2018 the primary sponsor of this bill introduced a Resolution to revive the Baltimore City Commission for Women; Council Resolution 18-0064R. *See attached copy*

Currently the Commission is seeking a group of 19 to be involved in the organization. Applications were accepted through the Commission's website through February 9, 2018. Per the primary sponsor of the bill, the Commission received over one-hundred (100) applications!

In addition to the 19 member Commission if enacted Council Bill 18-0205 would allow the Mayor to appoint one or more additional members from the Baltimore City Council to serve as non-voting member(s) of the Commission.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): City Code, Council Bill 18-0205 and Council Resolution 18-0064R

Analysis by: ^{Marguerite M. Currin} Marguerite M. Currin Direct Inquiries to: 443-984-3485
Analysis Date: March 15, 2018

**SUBTITLE 20
BALTIMORE CITY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

§ 20-1. Commission established.

(a) *In general.*

There is a Baltimore City Commission for Women.

(b) *Composition.*

The Commission comprises 19 members, to be appointed by the Mayor in accordance with Article IV, § 6 of the City Charter.

(c) *Appointment without regard to political affiliation.*

The appointment of members must be made without regard to political affiliation.
(*City Code, 1976/83, art. 1, §183(a).*) (*Ord. 83-955; Ord. 06-359.*)

§ 20-2. Terms, compensation, vacancies.

(a) *Terms of office.*

- (1) Members serve for a term of 4 years, concurrent with the terms of the Mayor and the City Council.
- (2) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(b) *Compensation; expenses.*

The members of the Commission:

- (1) serve without compensation; but
- (2) are entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, as provided in the Ordinance of Estimates.

(c) *Vacancies.*

A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term or to succeed a member who is holding over serves only for the remainder of that term.
(*City Code, 1976/83, art. 1, §183(b), (c).*) (*Ord. 83-955; Ord. 99-526; Ord. 06-359; Ord. 16-503.*)

§ 20-3. Officers; committees.

(a) Officers.

- (1) The Mayor shall designate a member of the Commission to serve as its Chair.
- (2) Members of the Commission may select any other officers they consider necessary or appropriate.

(b) Committees.

The Chair may appoint committees to assist the Commission in carrying out its functions and duties.

(City Code, 1976/83, art. 1, §183(d) - (e).) (Ord. 83-955; Ord. 06-359.)

§ 20-4. Meetings; quorum.

(a) In general.

- (1) The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chair as frequently as required to perform its duties.
- (2) A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (3) An affirmative vote by the majority of a quorum is needed for any official action.

(b) Rules of procedure.

The Commission may adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings and procedures.

(c) Failure to attend meetings.

If any member is absent from regularly scheduled meetings more than 3 times in 1 year, not counting absences excused by the Chair:

- (1) the member is considered to have resigned; and

- (2) the Chair shall request that member's appointing authority to fill the resultant vacancy.

(City Code, 1976/83, art. 1, §183(f) - (g).) (Ord. 83-955; Ord. 06-359.)

§ 20-5. Personnel; budget.

(a) Executive Director.

- (1) The Commission may appoint a properly qualified person as Executive Director of the Commission.

(2) The Executive Director is entitled to a salary as provided in the Ordinance of Estimates.

(3) The Executive Director shall perform the duties that the Commission prescribes.

(b) Staff.

(1) The Executive Director may employ a staff as provided in the Ordinance of Estimates.

(2) Staff members shall be members of the classified service.

(c) Volunteers.

The Commission may engage the services of volunteer workers and consultants, without salary, as it considers necessary from time to time.

(d) Budget.

The Director may expend funds as authorized in the Ordinance of Estimates or in any supplemental appropriations.

(City Code, 1976/83, art. 1, §184.) (Ord. 83-955; Ord. 06-359.)

§ 20-6. Powers and duties.

(a) In general.

The Baltimore City Commission for Women shall undertake the activities described in this section.

(b) Referral system.

The Commission shall:

(1) develop an information and referral system for all services in the City related to women; and

(2) recommend other services when a need for them is determined.

(c) Forum for amelioration.

The Commission shall serve as the focus and forum for the identification and amelioration of the unique problems faced by women in our society and on any practice of discrimination or prejudice that exists because of gender.

(d) Research and education.

(1) The Commission shall:

- (i) conduct research, policy analysis, and public information and education programs and activities to assist in addressing the needs of women; and
 - (ii) institute and conduct other programs, meetings, and conferences to promote equal rights and opportunities for all women.
- (2) These programs and activities shall address the special needs of women related to race, age, national origin, religious preference, disability, sexual preference, physical characteristics, marital status, reproductive health, and economic status.

(c) Monitor workforce.

The Commission shall:

- (1) review and monitor the conditions of women in the workforce in Baltimore City;
- (2) make recommendations promoting equal pay for work of equal value and equitable representation by women in all job levels; and
- (3) direct attention to the problems facing women in the workforce.

(f) Advise and counsel.

The Commission shall:

- (1) advise and counsel the residents of Baltimore City, the City Council, the Mayor, and the various departments and agencies of the City, state, and federal governments on all matters involving women's lives; and
- (2) recommend programs and legislation it considers necessary and proper to promote and ensure equal rights, equal opportunities, and equal access to services for all persons regardless of gender.

(g) Evaluate policies and programs.

The Commission shall review and evaluate the impact of existing and proposed policies and programs and legislation affecting women.

(h) Seeking to remove inequalities.

The Commission shall work to remove inequalities due to discrimination or prejudice on the basis of gender in housing, recreation, employment, education, community services, criminal justice, financing, credit, insurance, and related matters.

(i) *Monitor board and commissions.*

**The Commission shall monitor City government so as to ensure the equitable representation of women on all City boards and commissions.
(City Code, 1976/83, art. 1, §185.) (Ord. 83-955; Ord. 06-359.)**

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0064R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton, President Young, Councilmembers Scott, Bullock,
Dorsey, Costello, Burnett, Pinkett, Schleifer, Henry, Cohen, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke, Reisinger
Introduced and adopted: January 22, 2018

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Supporting the Baltimore Commission For Women

FOR the purpose of reaffirming the City Council's support for the Baltimore Commission For Women and its important work to empower women in Baltimore, and requesting that the Administration assign a professional staffer to support the Commission's efforts.

Recitals

The Baltimore Commission For Women believes in a high quality of life and in the equal rights, opportunities, and access to services for all women. When it was established by ordinance in 2006, it was intended to be a resource for women to assist them in accessing services and assistance to improve their lives and the lives of their families. It was charged with empowering women through education and through coordination of opportunities to ensure that barriers to equal rights and opportunities for women will be reduced, with the eventual goal of eliminating those barriers throughout Baltimore City.

Regrettably, the Commission was not adequately staffed or filled and essentially became defunct for far too long. Recently, the Mayor and the City Council have partnered in an effort to revive the Commission so that its important work for women can receive the attention it deserves.

The needs and voices of women and young girls are so important to our collective future, here in Baltimore City, now more than ever. Women and young girls need access to many mentoring and career building "tool kits." They need support for growth and empowerment including raising the quality of life and lessons learned from experiences. Women lack entry to financial capital and specialized skills that can lead to economic advancement. They need multiple opportunities and the ability to engage in exploration activities such as site visits, job shadowing, internships, and community service. The revived Commission will work towards these goals and objectives.

Current plans call for the Commission to have committees on topics such as inadequate healthcare & health insurance, education, gender equality, poverty, hunger, homelessness, the wage gap, reproductive rights, paid sick and parental leave, human trafficking, elder mistreatment, affordable childcare, addiction, foster care, inadequate representation in board rooms, and political life.

However, in order to be successful in assisting Baltimore's women with this ambitious agenda, the Commission will need the assistance of a professional staffer to augment the volunteer efforts of its members. It is important that an Executive Director or Community

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Council Bill 18-0064R

1 Liaison be assigned from the Administration to properly organize and support the Baltimore
2 Commission For Women so that it, and its vital work, does not fall by the wayside once again.

3 Women have come a long way, but as a society we still have a very long way to go. Dr.
4 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s quote in a 1959 speech on race relations is equally appropriate to
5 describe women's progress today:

6 "Lord, we ain't what we want to be.
7 We ain't what we ought to be.
8 We ain't what we gonna be.
9 But, thank God, we ain't what we was."

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
11 Council reaffirms its support for the Baltimore Commission For Women and the Commission's
12 important work to empower women in Baltimore, and requests that the Administration assign a
13 professional staffer to support the Commission's efforts.

14 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and the
15 Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

18-0205

AGENCY REPORTS

**None received as of this
writing**

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0205
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton, President Young, Councilmembers Bullock, Pinkett, Burnett, Costello, Dorsey, Henry, Cohen, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke, Reisinger, Scott, Schleifer
Introduced and read first time: March 12, 2018
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Baltimore City Commission for Women – Non-Voting Members**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing the Mayor to appoint members of the Baltimore City Council as
4 additional, non-voting members of the Baltimore City Commission for Women; conforming
5 related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the
6 Baltimore City Commission for Women.

7 BY repealing, and reordaining, with amendments
8 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
9 Section(s) 20-1(b) and 20-4(a)
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

12 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the**
13 **Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:**

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

16 **Subtitle 20. Baltimore City Commission for Women**

17 **§ 20-1. Commission established.**

18 (b) *Composition.*

19 (1) The Commission comprises 19 VOTING members, to be appointed by the Mayor in
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21 (2) THE MAYOR MAY APPOINT 1 OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
22 AS ADDITIONAL, NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

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Council Bill 18-0205

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2 **(a) *In general.***

3 (1) The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chair as frequently as required to
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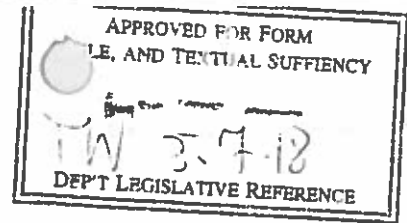
5 (2) A majority of the VOTING members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the
6 transaction of business.

7 (3) An affirmative vote by the majority of a quorum is needed for any official action.

8 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance**
9 **are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior**
10 **Ordinance.**

11 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is**
12 **enacted.**

INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL _____



Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton

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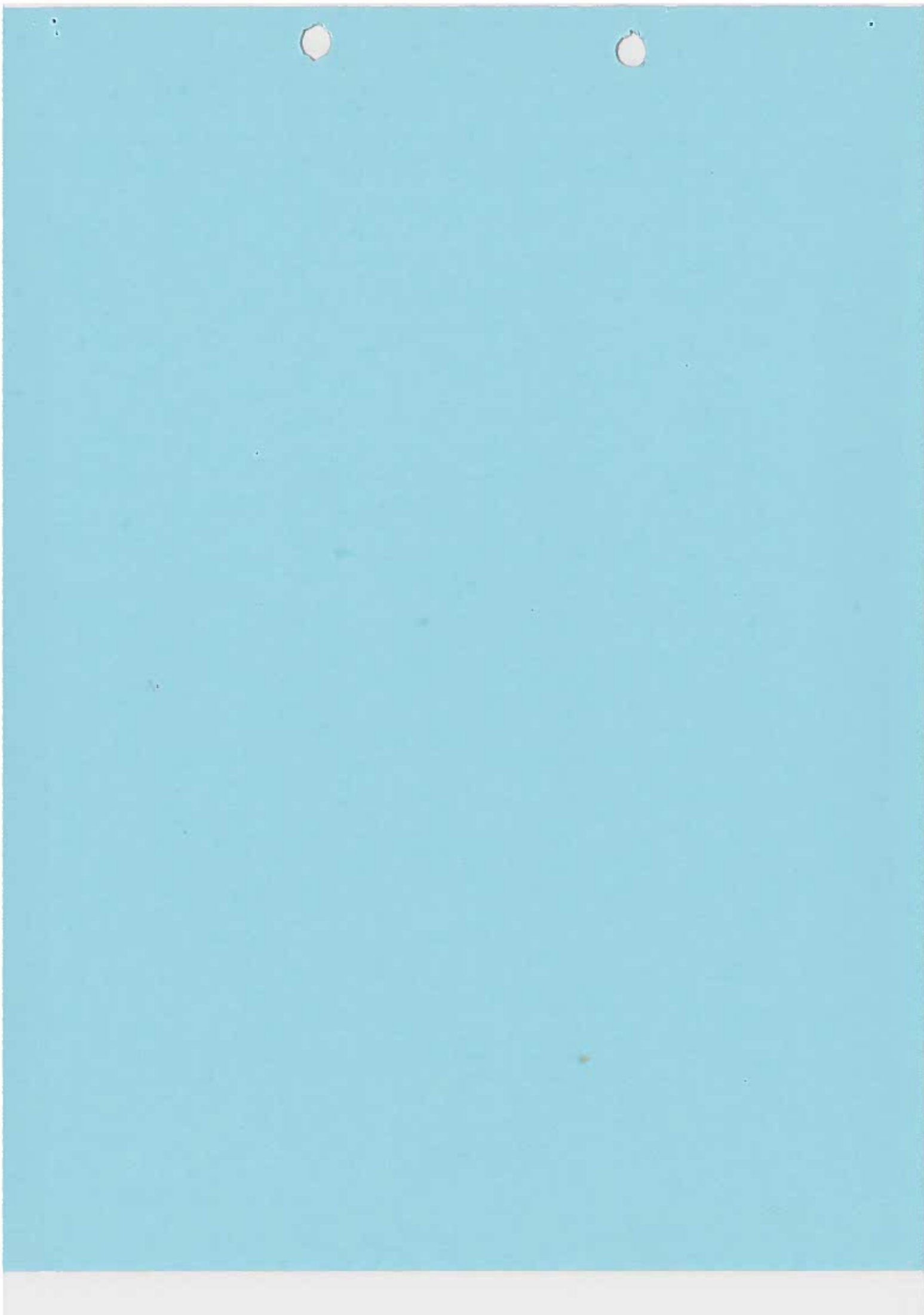
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ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

MAR 12 2018

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON March 20, 2018 _____ 20 _____

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF March 26, 2018 _____ 20 _____

FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

[Signature]
Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

MAR 26 2018

_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ MAR 26 2018

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

[Signature]
President

[Signature]
Chief Clerk