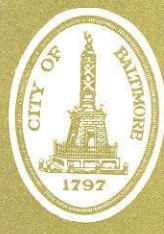


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| <b>FROM</b> | NAME & TITLE          | Steve Sharkey, Director  | CITY of<br>BALTIMORE<br><b>MEMO</b> |  |
|             | AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS | Department of General Services<br>800 Abel Wolman Municipal Building |                                     |   |
|             | SUBJECT               | <b>CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 13-0131R</b>                              |                                     |   |

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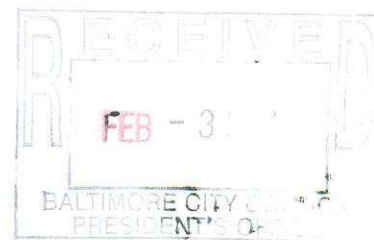
The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 13-0131R introduced by Council Members Curran, Stokes, Clarke, Welch, Scott, Branch, Kraft, Middleton, Holton, Reisinger, Cole, President Young, Council Members Henry and Spector.

The purpose of the Resolution is to request the Baltimore City Health Department, the Department of General Services, and the Department of Finance to report to the City Council on the needs assessment, feasibility, and building program study for a new or renovated facility for the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS) located at 301 Stockholm Street in Baltimore.

The City formerly managed its homeless and abandoned animal population through its own Municipal Animal Shelter. BARCS, a nonprofit organization, now manages the City's animal facility in its current location at 301 Stockholm Street. The challenge for BARCS and the former municipally run animal shelter is the policy to accept any animal brought to the facility, regardless of capacity issues. While this policy for the housing, care and adoption of homeless and abused or injured animals is an incredibly compassionate one, it also means that more than 11,000 animals arrive at their doors every year.

City Council Resolution 13-0131R outlines the limitations of the current facility and the desire to either significantly rehabilitate the existing building to the more modern and healthier animal care standard, or build a new facility. In 2013 the Energy Division of General Services did install new air handling units with energy recovery units, and a new chiller and boiler to improve the overall condition of the HVAC system, as well as a lighting retrofit. This \$1 million investment does provide improvement to the overall operation of the facility, but does not address the more fundamental concerns expressed by BARCS for significantly different animal housing and care facilities, increased customer and employee spaces, and opportunities to expand citizen educational services.



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Representatives of the Department of General Services will attend the hearing on City Council Resolution 13-0131R scheduled for February 12, 2014 to assist the Committee in its information seeking on how best to humanely care for the City's animals in need of medical attention and home placements.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Sharkey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

STEVE SHARKEY  
DIRECTOR

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