

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 11-0322R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Conaway
Introduced and read first time: September 26, 2011
Assigned to: Housing and Community Development Subcommittee

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing - Cross Street Market**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that representatives from Baltimore Public Markets Corporation
4 appear before the Council to provide it with information about vendors at the Cross Street
5 Market since 2005.

6 **Recitals**

7 Baltimore's iconic public markets are an important City asset that play a key role in our
8 community's commercial and civic life. For this reason, City government has played a central
9 role in ensuring that they remain vibrant and functional exchanges for more than two centuries.

10 The ability of these markets to stay relevant as the neighborhoods around them change is
11 essential to maintaining continuity and stability in these communities. However, the public is
12 not always aware of how these spaces are being managed and how the market vendors relate to
13 the entities that manage the markets for the City.

14 In particular, the Cross Street Market in Federal Hill has been faced with challenges by the
15 changes in that neighborhood in recent years. The public has a right to know how this important
16 public asset has responded to these changes.

17 Information about the vendor mix and rent terms over the past half decade or so would be
18 especially helpful in evaluating this market's evolution. Accordingly, the Council would like the
19 Cross Street Market's management company, Baltimore Public Markets Corporation, to provide
20 it with information about what vendors have paid rent since 2005, what their lease terms and
21 payment schedules have been over that period, and whether these vendors have been adhering to
22 those terms.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
24 representatives from Baltimore Public Markets Corporation are requested to appear before the
25 Council to provide it with information about vendors at the Cross Street Market since 2005.

26 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
27 Executive Director of Baltimore Public Markets Corporation, and the Mayor's Legislative
28 Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.