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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 12-0049R introduced by Council Members Henry, Clarke, Middleton, Branch, Holton, Kraft, Spector, Reisinger, Curran, President Young, Council Members Scott, Mosby, and Welch.

The purpose of the Resolution is to request the Director of Public Works and the Chief of the Bureau of Solid Waste to report to the Council on the Department's progress toward creating a comprehensive Municipal Composting Program; to provide a fiscal impact statement of creating the program; and an estimated time line for citywide implementation of municipal composting.

Implementation of a comprehensive program to process the City's leaf and yard waste material would require a significant financial commitment by the City. According to a cost analysis done by DPW as part of a Fiscal 2011 capital request, the total cost of implementation is estimated at \$5.2 million.

The creation of a composting facility could generate some savings for the City. Leaf and yard waste could be converted into shredded mulch for use in a variety of City programs. Mulch is currently used by Recreation and Parks in playgrounds, for tree plantings, and for the Baltimore City Farms program. Also, savings in tipping fees could be realized since yard waste material would go to a composting facility rather than to BRESKO.

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