

Introduced by: Councilmember Costello, Henry, Bullock, Burnett, Pinnett, Young, Scott
Prepared by: ^{John SNEED} Department of Legislative Reference Date: February 25, 2019

Referred to: RESOLUTION Committee

Schleifer
Middleton
Stokes
Clarke
Reisinger

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

CITY COUNCIL 19-0142R

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning



Request for State Action – Support the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra’s World Class Status

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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: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	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: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Environmental Control Board
_____	Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System
_____	Labor Commissioner
_____	Parking Authority Board
_____	Planning Commission
_____	Wage Commission
_____	Other: _____
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Boards and Commissions

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0142R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Costello, Henry, Bullock, Burnett, Pinkett, President Young,
Councilmembers Scott, Schleifer, Reisinger, Stokes, Clarke, Sneed, Middleton, Cohen
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EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

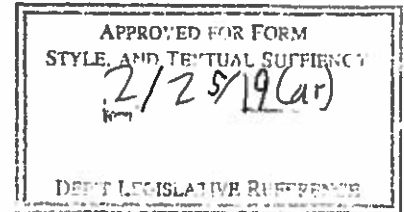
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2 continue to attract the top-tier musicians it currently employs, to ensure that it continues to
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10 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable
11 Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City House and Senate Delegations to the Maryland
12 General Assembly, the Chair of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and the Mayor's Legislative
13 Liaison to the City Council.

INTRODUCTORY*
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COUNCIL BILL _____ R
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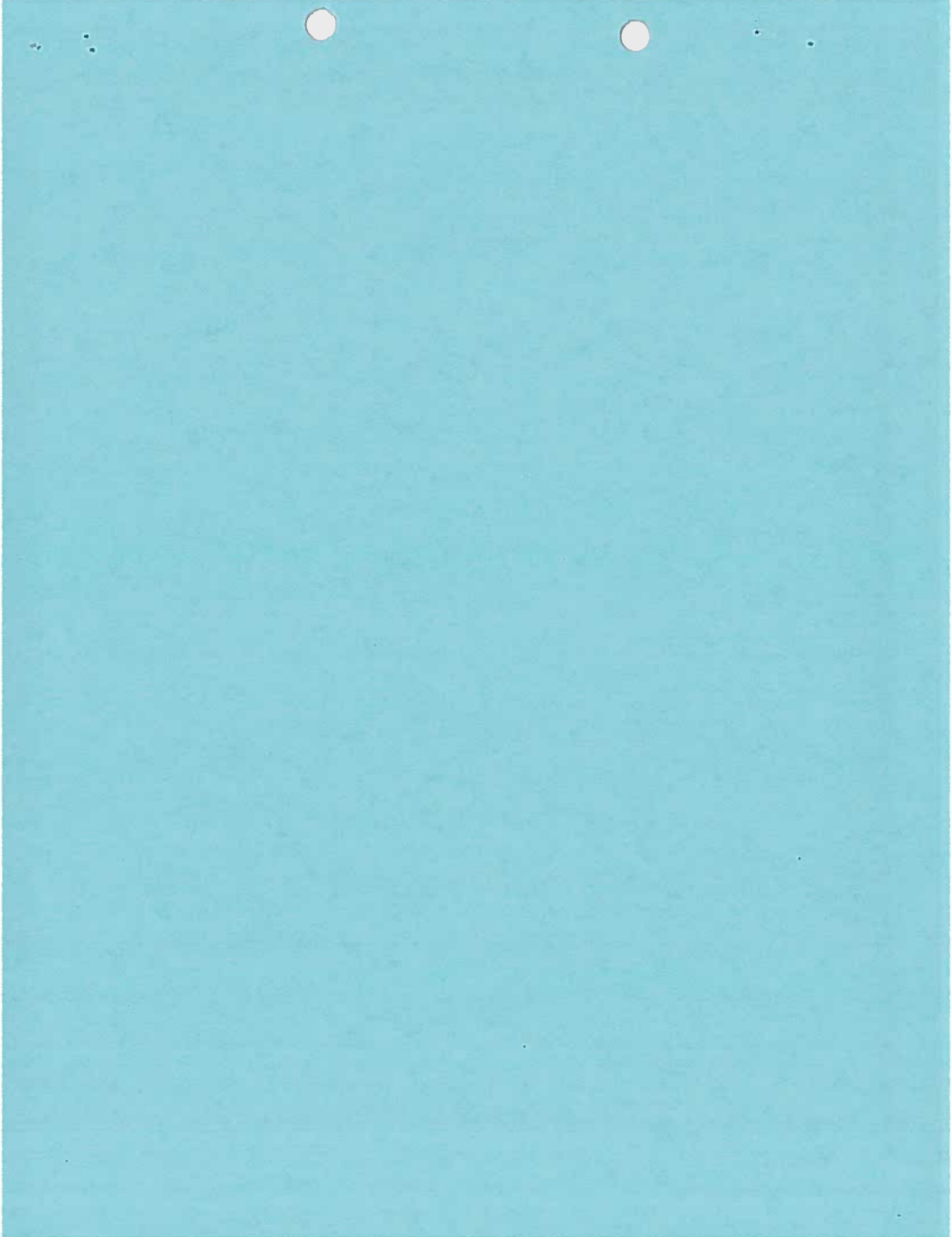
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ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

FEB 25 2019

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON _____ 20 _____

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF _____ 20 _____

_____ FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

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:

_____ 20 _____

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

THIRD READING _____ 20 _____

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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.

President

Chief Clerk