CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 25-0011R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Ramos Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, and Glover Introduced and adopted: February 24, 2025

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Request for State Action – Maryland HB 1006 – Protecting Sensitive Locations Act and Maryland SB 977 – Maryland Data Privacy Act

FOR the purpose of calling on the Maryland General Assembly to pass HB1006, the Protecting
 Sensitive Locations Act, to ensure that all citizens regardless of their immigration or
 citizenship status are safe in sensitive locations; and to pass SB977, the Maryland Data
 Privacy Act, to prohibit the sharing of personal information with immigration enforcement
 officials.

Recitals

Since the beginning of the second Trump administration, over 8,000 people have been
arrested by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") nationwide, with raids in major
cities like New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia. The ongoing ICE raids, which often target
undocumented individuals in vulnerable situations such as taking their children to school,
working, and waiting for public transportation, have instilled fear and anxiety across immigrant
communities everywhere.

With the threat of detainment and deportation present, families are preventing their children from attending school, missing days of work, and not seeking necessary medical care. The lack of protection in sensitive locations will have severe consequences on our communities, children, and economies.

In Baltimore City, there are roughly 135,600 people who are undocumented. Allowing immigration officers free rein in sensitive spaces jeopardizes the livelihoods and safety of the City's immigrant population, and thus the well-being of the City as a whole. The City Council must prevent immigration enforcement officers from intimidating and unlawfully detaining members of the community.

HB1006, the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act, would protect people visiting sensitive
 locations ranging from schools, places of worship, hospitals, mental health facilities,
 courthouses, and places that provide social services. SB977, the Maryland Data Privacy Act,
 would protect the privacy of individuals by prohibiting state and local governments from sharing
 information with federal immigration enforcement.

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1 The uncertainty and fear caused by the Trump administration's draconian immigration 2 policies make it imperative to advocate for Baltimore's vulnerable immigrant community, and so 3 the City Council implores the General Assembly to pass these bills so that Baltimoreans feel safe 4 in sensitive locations and are protected from invasions of privacy.

5 **Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City 6 Council of Baltimore calls on the Maryland General Assembly to pass HB1006, the Protecting 7 Sensitive Locations Act, to ensure that all citizens regardless of their immigration or citizenship 8 status are safe in sensitive locations; and to pass SB977, the Maryland Data Privacy Act, to 9 prohibit the sharing of personal information with immigration enforcement officials.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
 Governor, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Speaker of the Maryland House of
 Delegates, the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the General Assembly, the
 Council President and the President's legislative staff, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs,
 and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.