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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0024R – Informational Hearing - Baltimore City Tax Sale	M E M O	

TO: The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400 City Hall
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

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The Baltimore City Office of Information & Technology (BCIT) has reviewed Council Bill 21-0024R. The purpose of this bill is to invite the Baltimore City Department of Finance, the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development, the Comptroller, Baltimore City Information Technology, the Law Department, the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service and other relevant parties to provide information and complete details and timeline, and amounts of liens owed, disaggregated where appropriate by demographics, ages, owner-occupied versus non-owner-occupied, and number of residents who have owned their property for more than 25 years in tax sale this year; in addition, to discuss the City's powers related to the state, programs already in place to assist homeowners in tax sale, possible reforms, an update on implementation of the *In Rem* process for vacant and abandoned properties, and any other relevant information of interest to the Baltimore City Council.

The Baltimore City Office of Information & Technology has reviewed this legislation and welcomes the opportunity to participate in this hearing. BCIT is happy to provide what data is available to us. Of the demographics requested, BCIT can provide data about properties that are owner-occupied vs. non-owner occupied, and BCIT can distinguish those over that have owned their property for more than 25 years. However, BCIT is unable to provide any age-related information.

If you have any questions, please contact Leyla Layman, Chief of Staff, at (443) 202-4511.

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