



MEMORANDUM

TO The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

DATE March 15, 2021

RE City Council Bill 21-0082R ak

Background

FOR the purpose of requesting that the City Administrator, the Deputy City Administrator, each of the Deputy Mayor's, the Chief Data Officer, the Director of the Office of Performance and Innovation, the Director of the Baltimore City Office of Information Technology and the heads of Data Driven Strategies and Performance Management from each city agency come before the City Council to discuss the current state of data collection, evaluation, and how we are using the tenets of CitiStat to address internal process issues to help close service delivery gaps.

Comments

DHCD is generally supportive of data driven policy and program decision making, as well as the CitiStat structure. It must be noted that community development and its attendant decisions rely on both quantitative *and* qualitative data. Moreover, development activities operate on a longer time horizon, thus do not always lend itself to the "traditional" bi-weekly or monthly "stat-ing" model.

Position

DHCD **supports** City Council Bill 21-0082R.

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cc: Ms. Themelis, Nina, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*