

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 17-0006R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Scott, Clarke, President Young, Councilmembers Burnett,  
Costello, Bullock, Henry, Pinkett, Cohen, Middleton, Stokes, Sneed, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Finance, Mayor's Office of Criminal  
Justice, Police Department

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Funding for the Consent Decree Between the Baltimore City Police Department and the**  
3 **United States Department of Justice**

4 FOR the purpose of requesting that the Director of Finance and the Police Commissioner work to  
5 ensure that there are no current spending efficiencies within the Police Department before  
6 more dollars are allocated for the implementation of changes mandated in the recently signed  
7 consent decree with the United States Department of Justice.

8 **Recitals**

9 Baltimore's Police Department is by far the City's most funded agency with a budget of \$450  
10 million. The recently agreed upon consent decree between it and the United States Department  
11 of Justice is estimated to carry an initial cost of at least \$10 million along with estimated ongoing  
12 costs of \$3 million annually. Baltimore's budgets in recent years have seen significant cuts to all  
13 agencies, with the Police Department seeing fewer cuts than many other agencies. With this  
14 being true, it would be fiscally irresponsible for the City to increase the Police Department's  
15 budget in order to cover consent decree reforms before ensuring that those dollars can't be  
16 currently found in the Police Department's budget.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That it  
18 requests that the Director of Finance and the Police Commissioner work to ensure that there are  
19 no current spending efficiencies within the Police Department before more dollars are allocated  
20 for the implementation of changes mandated in the recently signed consent decree with the  
21 United States Department of Justice.

22 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
23 Police Commissioner, the Director of Finance, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City  
24 Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.