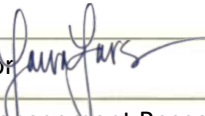



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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 23-0428 ("Mayor's Redistricting Plan")		

TO

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The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

September 25, 2023

Position: Does not oppose

Background

Finance has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0428, the Mayor's Redistricting Plan. This legislation is for the purpose of creating the boundaries of the Council Districts for the election of Council members of the Baltimore City Council.

Following the ten-year federal census, the City utilizes the data to review local precincts that form City Council districts. This process is overseen by the City's Department of Planning utilizing guidance from the City Charter (Section 7(b) of Article III). After the decennial Federal census and before February 1st of the year that a municipal election is scheduled, the Mayor must produce a map of Council Districts. This map must be drawn in accordance with the criteria laid out in the charter. The criteria conform to generally accepted redistricting criteria. The districts must be approximately equal in population, this allows for limited variation. The district lines must be of contiguous territory, have compactness, and utilizes natural bounders. The lines must also take the district lines, established with the 2010 census, into account. Finally, the lines must conform to the precedent by the Supreme Court of the United States.

If the Council takes no action within 60 days, the proposed maps will become law.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of the legislation is \$37,500. The additional (one-time costs) are related to postage costs to notify voters of changes to their Council district and various map and printing costs. The Board of Elections estimates that there are approximately 20,186 voters in the precincts designated to change Council Districts.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 23-0428.

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