



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Mayor

Michael S. Harrison
Police Commissioner

February 16, 2021

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**RE: City Council Bill #21-0004
Office to End Homelessness – Establishment, Administration, and Permanent
Housing Voucher Program**

Dear Council President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 21-0004 which is for the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Office to End Homelessness; declaring that the policy of the Mayor and the City Council of Baltimore is to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring; providing that the Office will be led by an Executive Director; requiring the Office to provide annual reports; establishing the Permanent Housing Voucher Program; providing for certain funding for the Permanent Housing Voucher Program; establishing procedures for a family's admission and removal from the program; etc.

The BPD takes no position on City Council Bill 21-0004. Thank you for allowing us to comment on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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