

21-0172 – Baltimore City Legacy Residents –
Urban Homesteading Program

I stand in support of Bill 210172. The city council should unanimously pass the legislative measure. I grew up in Baltimore and I am eager to see the city restored to its full potential. The historical practice of redlining has comprised the ability for some former city home owners to create generational wealth. Many of the vacant properties that taint the cities once vibrant landscape were illegally seized by the Baltimore City's Sheriff's Office. Illegally evictions add fuel to the practice of redlining because city constituents are denied their right to bureaucracy and judicial processes.

Which is the right to a fair and constitutional bureaucratic process. A foreclosure does not necessitate an immediate eviction. Many of these illegal evictions are orchestrated by community development block grant overseers. They have intel on the financial status of every home within the community in which they operate. Every neighborhood in Baltimore has one, even the bad ones.

Sometimes these individuals are known as the CDA of local communities. The CDA knows who is in foreclosure and who is not. These individuals have powerful connections and can arrange for someone to show up at your door dressed in a sheriff's uniform and leave a notice demanding that you vacate your property. Please pass this bill to right the wrongs of redlining.

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