

Introduced by: Councilmember Pinkett, Henry, *Henry*

Dorsey, Bullock, J. H. NEBT

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Date: September 18, 2019

Re: S. Hoyer

Referred to: **TAXATION, FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Committee

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL 19-0168R

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

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FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore Office of Promotion and Arts to speak at an informational hearing regarding the current status and future potential of the film industry in Baltimore, and asking the 2020 Baltimore City Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly to support an increase in Film Production Activity Tax Credit amounts in order to maintain and grow the film industry in Baltimore City.

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Agencies

_____	Baltimore City Public School System
_____	Baltimore Development Corporation
_____	City Solicitor
_____	Comptroller's Office
_____	Department of Audits
_____	Department of Finance
_____	Department of General Services
_____	Department of Housing and Community Development
_____	Department of Human Resources
_____	Department of Planning
_____	Other: <u>Baltimore Office of Promotion of the Arts</u>
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Department of Public Works
_____	Department of Real Estate
_____	Department of Recreation and Parks
_____	Department of Transportation
_____	Fire Department
_____	Health Department
_____	Mayor's Office of Employment Development
_____	Mayor's Office of Human Services
_____	Mayor's Office of Information Technology
_____	Office of the Mayor
_____	Police Department
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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0168R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Pinkett, Henry, Cohen, Dorsey, Bullock, President Scott,
Councilmembers Sneed, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: September 23, 2019

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

Committee Report: Favorable

Adopted: January 13, 2020

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Council Bill 19-0168R

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BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VOTING RECORD

DATE: December 19, 2019

BILL#: 19-0168R

BILL TITLE: Growing the Film Industry in Baltimore

MOTION BY: Costello SECONDED BY: Stokes

- FAVORABLE FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
 UNFAVORABLE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Middleton, Sharon, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
McCray, D, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Costello, Eric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reisinger, Edward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stokes, Robert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTALS				

CHAIRPERSON: Sharon Middleton

COMMITTEE STAFF: Samuel Johnson, Initials: _____



BALTIMORE

OFFICE OF PROMOTION & THE ARTS

December 19, 2019

RE: 10-1068R- SUPPORT

Baltimore City Council Taxation,
Finance and Economic Development Committee
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Members of the Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee,

My name is Debbie Dorsey and I am the Director of the Baltimore Film Office at the Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts. The Baltimore Film Office is the official liaison between filmmakers and city agencies, businesses, crew and communities and markets Baltimore as a first class location for film production.

Baltimore City has had a film office since 1979. Cities, states and countries create film offices for the purpose of economic development. While we take pride in seeing our city on the screen, we also take pride in the job creation and the enormous economic impact this industry brings to our city and state.

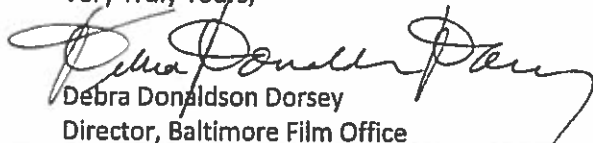
From 2011-2019 the film industry created an economic impact of over ONE BILLION DOLLARS in Maryland, with over 75% of that in Baltimore City. These productions range from major television series and feature films on one end to student films on the other with indies, commercials, documentaries, web series and music videos in between. During this same period, 20,000 Marylanders were hired. The Motion Picture Association of America estimates an average movie or television show spends \$250,000 dollars a day on location, much of this is for local salaries- the film industry creates opportunities for a diverse workforce to include accountants, truck drivers, camera, grip and electric crew, local actors and extras, office staff, wardrobe, hair and makeup, security... these jobs are well paying jobs with benefits.

Between 2011-2019 approximately 18,000 Maryland businesses were supported, since 2012 over 3,657 Baltimore City businesses benefited from the film industry. The industry supports a variety of businesses such as hotels, car, truck and equipment rentals, lumber, paint, fabric and furniture stores.

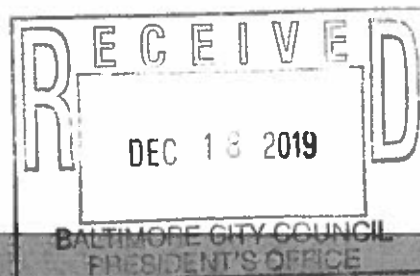
This film production activity is a result of the Maryland State Film Production Activity Tax Credit, which was created in 2011 and enhanced in subsequent years-always with the support of the Baltimore City Delegation. Currently, the program is tapped out, and we are turning productions away. In order to maintain and grow the industry, an increase in the annual available tax credit amount is necessary.

I sincerely thank Baltimore City for your continued support of this industry and ask for a favorable vote on this Council Resolution.

Very Truly Yours,


Debra Donaldson Dorsey
Director, Baltimore Film Office

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CITY OF BALTIMORE

BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG
Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW
ANDRE M. DAVIS, CITY SOLICITOR
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET
SUITE 101, CITY HALL
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

December 17, 2019

Honorable President and Members
of the City Council of Baltimore
c/o Natwana Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 19-0168R- Growing the Film Industry in Baltimore

Dear President and City Council Members:

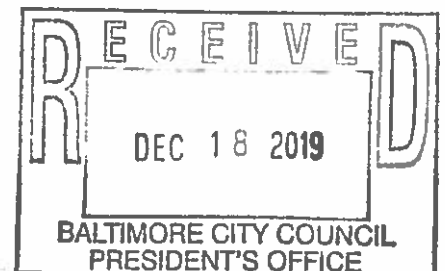
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0168R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts to speak at an informational hearing regarding the current status and future potential of the film industry in Baltimore, and asking the 2020 Baltimore City Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly to support an increase in Film Production Activity Tax Credit amounts in order to maintain and grow the film industry in Baltimore City..

In general, a City Council resolution is "an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body's official cognizance." *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc.*, 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3rd Ed.)). Council Bill 18-0110R is an appropriate resolution to express the Council's concerns about this particular situation and request that appropriate officials to discuss implementation efforts.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 19-0168R for form and legal sufficiency as it is a valid method of conveying City Council's desires regarding this matter.


Sincerely,

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor



**Cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor
Matthew Stegman, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
Caylin Young, President's Legislative Liaison
Ashlea Brown, Special Solicitor
Victor Tervalo, Chief Solicitor
Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor
Avery Aisenstark**

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FROM	NAME & TITLE	Robert Cenname, Chief	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Bureau of the Budget and Management Research Room 432, City Hall (410) 396-4774		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-0168R—Growing the Film Industry in Baltimore		

DATE:

TO

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

December 4, 2019

Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0168R, Growing the Film Industry in Baltimore, the purpose of which is to discuss the film industry in Baltimore City and the pursuit of increasing the Film Production Activity Tax Credit to maintain and grow the film industry in Baltimore City.

Background

The State of Maryland currently offers the Film Production Activity Tax Credit for entities completing production activities in Maryland, which is funded by the state corporate income tax. Qualified entities may receive a refundable income tax credit of up to 25% and 27% for direct costs for film and television production activities, respectively, with a maximum credit of \$10,000,000 per project. In Fiscal 2018, *House of Cards* received a tax credit for the fifth season of approximately \$7 million and had an estimated economic impact of over \$129 million for the State.

Fiscal Impact

Since the Film Production Activity Tax Credit is funded by the state corporate income tax, it does not have a direct impact on City funds. However, television and film productions within the City can generate minimal revenue through hotel tax, permitting fees, and engagement in the local business economy. The Department of Finance is unable to provide exact revenue impacts for the City, but the Regional Economic Studies Institute of Towson University released a report in 2014 stating that "for every dollar claimed in film tax credits, Maryland gains \$1.03 in total tax revenues and \$3.69 in economic output".

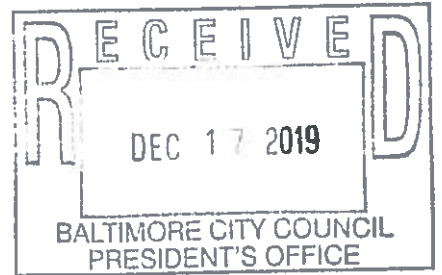
Conclusion

The Film Production Activity Tax Credit provides qualified entities a refundable income tax credit for direct costs of film and television production activities completed in Maryland. Film and television production activity in the State, and Baltimore City specifically, generates tax revenue and increased economic outputs that benefits residents through increased business and employment opportunities, as well as other state and local taxes and fees.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 19-0168R.

cc: Henry Raymond
Matthew Stegman
Nina Themelis

Not opposed



City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

Thursday, December 19, 2019

10:00 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

19-0168R
CHARM TV 25

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

- Present** 4 - Member Sharon Green Middleton, Member Danielle McCray, Member Eric T. Costello, and Member Robert Stokes Sr.
- Excused** 1 - Member Edward Reisinger

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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A motion was made by Member Costello, seconded by Member Stokes, Sr., that this Bill be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Member Middleton, Member McCray, Member Costello, and Member Stokes Sr.

ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG, Mayor



OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

LARRY E. GREENE, Director
415 City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
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HEARING NOTES

Mayor and City Council Resolution: 19-0168R

Growing the Film Industry in Baltimore

Committee: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development
Chaired By: Councilmember Sharon Green – Middleton

Hearing Date: December 19, 2019
Time (Beginning): 10:15 a.m.
Time (Ending): 11:05 a.m.
Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 30 – 35
Committee Members in Attendance:
Sharon Green – Middleton
Danielle McCray
Robert Stokes
Eric Costello

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Agency reports read? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Motioned by: Councilmember Costello
Seconded by: Councilmember Stokes
Final Vote: 4 – 0

Major Issues Discussed

- 1. Chairwoman Middleton read the bill into the record.
2. Councilman Leon Pinkett, sponsor of the bill offered remarks.
3. The members of the panel that were invited provided testimony.
4. Councilman Robert Stokes made a request for the Baltimore Office of Promotion and Arts to provide data on the Economic Impact of the film industry in Baltimore.
5. Staff from the Baltimore Office of Promotion and Arts stated that in the last two years they have had to turn down 25 projects that wanted to shoot films in Baltimore City because of the lack of a tax credit.
6. One additional person offered public testimony.
7. The committee took a final vote and the hearing was adjourned.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe. N/A

Samuel Johnson , Committee Staff
(410) 396-1091
cc: Bill File
OCS Chrono File

Date: December 19, 2019



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Ordinance – Growing the Film Industry in Baltimore	Bill #: 19-0168R
Committee: Taxation, Finance, and Economic Development	Chair: Leon Pinkett
Date: Thursday, December 19, 2019	Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Council Chamber	

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BOBBA	SALWYPR	BOPA dds@promotionandarts.org					✓
Debbie	Dorsey	Baltimore Film Office / BOPA ddorsey@promotionandarts.com	✓				
David	O'Ferrall	2301 Russell St. Balto. 21230 doferrall@iatse487.org	✓				
Kyle	Yearwood		✓				
Josh	Slates	Location Scout joshslates@gmail.com	✓				
Jed	Dietz		✓				
Mike	Davis	CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR mike@midatlanticscenery.com	✓				
Frau	Carmen	Balto Film Office / BOPA fcarmen@promotionandarts.com					

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Attachments:

[19-0168R~1st Reader](#)

[Finance 19-0168R](#)

[Law 19-0168R](#)

ADJOURNMENT

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development

Bill 19-0168R

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Sponsor: Councilmember Leon Pinkett

Introduced: September 23, 2019

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Effective: N/A

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Agency Reports

Dept. of Finance	
Department of Law	
Office of Promotion and Arts	

Analysis

Background

Film Production Activity is the production of a film or video project that is intended for nationwide commercial distribution; and for television series, or each season of the television series. Film Production Activity includes the production of a feature film, television project, commercial, corporate film, or a music video. The Maryland Film Production Activity Tax Credit Program (Tax General Article 10-730) was amended in 2018 by Senate Bill 1154.

The bill authorizes \$8,000,000 in credits for fiscal year 2019, \$11,000,000 in credits for fiscal year 2020, \$14,000,000 in credits for fiscal year 2021, \$17,000,000 in credits for fiscal year 2022, and \$20,000,000 in credits for fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter.

To claim the credit, before beginning a film production activity, a qualified film production entity shall apply with the Maryland Department of Commerce for an initial credit certificate for the estimated production cost. In general, to qualify as a film production entity, the estimated total direct costs incurred in Maryland must exceed \$250,000, however for small or independent film productions, the estimated total direct costs incurred in Maryland must exceed \$25,000, with at least 50% of production taking place in Maryland.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Maryland Tax General Article 10-730, Agency Reports

Analysis by: Samuel Johnson
Analysis Date: December 17, 2019

Direct Inquiries to: (410) 396-1091

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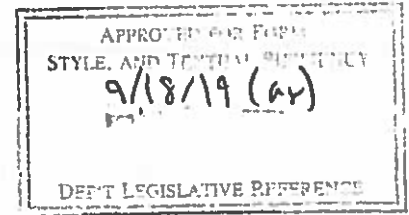
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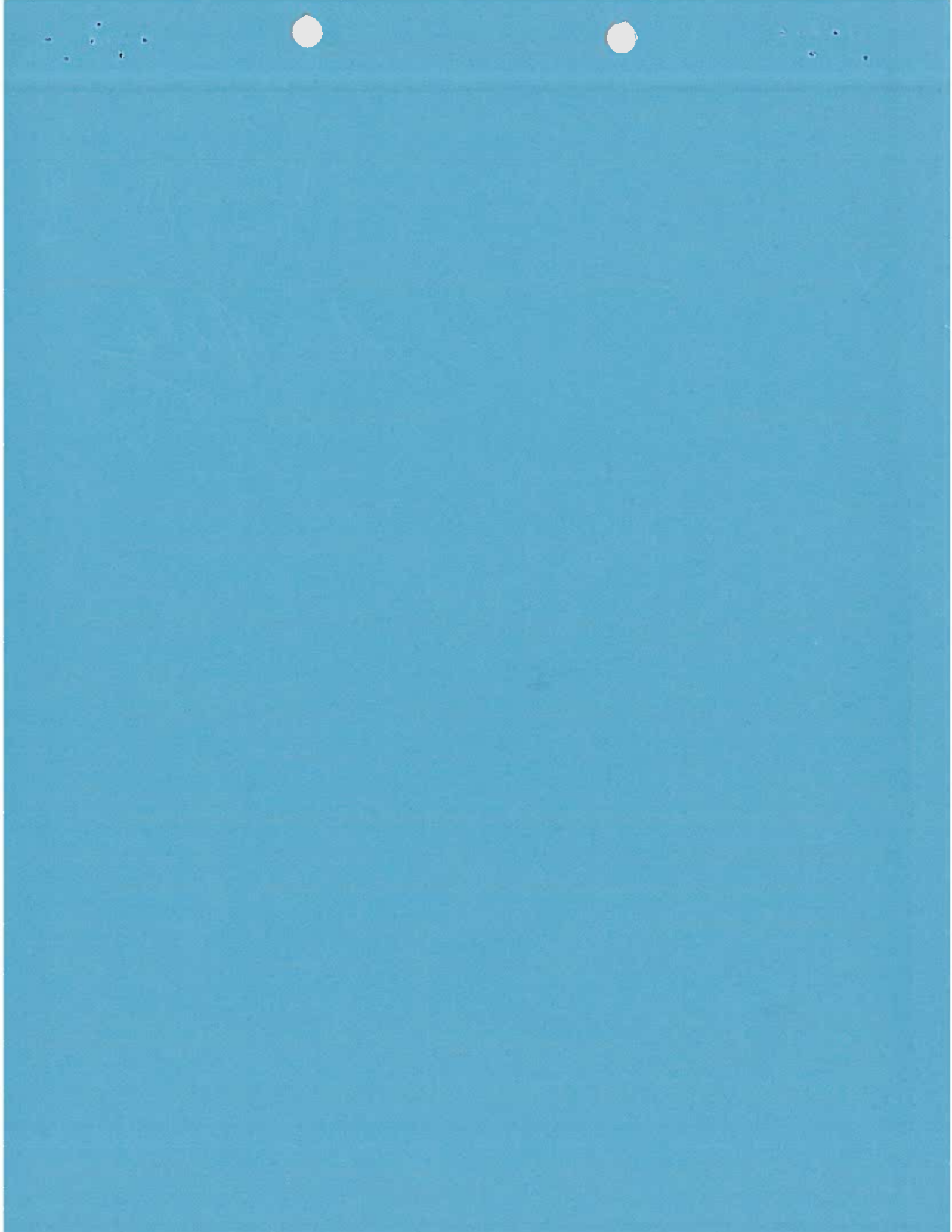
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Baltimore City Council invites representatives from the Baltimore Office of Promotion and Arts to speak at an informational hearing regarding the current status and future potential of the film industry in Baltimore, and asks the 2020 Baltimore City Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly to support an increase in Film Production Activity Tax Credit amounts in order to maintain and grow the film industry in Baltimore City.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the 2020 Baltimore City Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly, the Director of the Baltimore Film Office, the Logistics Coordinator of the Baltimore Film Office, the CEO of the Baltimore City Office of Promotion and the Arts, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.



ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON _____ December 19 20 19

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF _____ January 13 20 20

FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Shane M. [Signature]
Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

JAN 13 2020
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_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

President

Chief Clerk