

Introduced by: Councilmember Scott

young, Hen, Middleton, Schleiter, Pinkus, Cole

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Bullard

Date: October 24, 2018

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SWED,*

Referred to: _____

RESOLUTION

Committee

*Clarke
Reisinger
Burnette
Castell
Stones*

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

CITY COUNCIL *18-0114R*

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

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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: _____
_____	Other: _____
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_____	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
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Board of Estimates
_____	Board of Ethics
_____	Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
_____	Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation
_____	Commission on Sustainability
_____	Employees' Retirement System
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Environmental Control Board
_____	Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System
_____	Labor Commissioner
_____	Parking Authority Board
_____	Planning Commission
_____	Wage Commission
_____	Other: _____
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Boards and Commissions

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0114R
(Resolution)**

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

Introduced and adopted: October 29, 2018

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Supporting a National Agenda for U.S. Housing Investment and Opportunity

FOR the purpose of urging the President and Congress to work with city leaders, nationwide, to end homelessness and to ensure that the lowest-income and most vulnerable households have the opportunity for safe, decent, affordable housing.

WHEREAS, America's cities are the strength of our nation – communities of neighborhoods where people live, work, learn, and play; and

WHEREAS, Every American deserves a decent home in a suitable living environment with adequate financial stability to maintain it; and

WHEREAS, Affordable housing contributes to the economic vitality of our communities and local economic regions as a vehicle for creating jobs and increasing municipal tax bases; and

WHEREAS, There is an irreplaceable role for the federal government in addressing our nation's housing needs; and

WHEREAS, Research demonstrates that inadequate housing is linked to issues including unemployment, rising health care costs, public safety challenges, and poor academic performance; and

WHEREAS, The demand for affordable housing far outpaces the supply in the United States, as wages have not kept pace with rising home values over the period following the subprime mortgage crisis; and

WHEREAS, In no state, metropolitan area, or county can a worker earning the federal minimum wage or prevailing state minimum wage afford a two-bedroom rental home at fair market rent by working a standard 40-hour week; and

WHEREAS, 3 out of 4 households eligible for federal housing assistance receive none; and

WHEREAS, On any given night, there are an average of 560,000 Americans, including over 120,000 children and 39,000 veterans, experiencing homelessness, meaning that they are sleeping on the streets, in an emergency shelter, or in a transitional housing program; and

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

Council Bill 18-0114R

1 **WHEREAS**, The Baltimore City Council supports the bipartisan coalition “Mayors and CEOs
2 for U.S. Housing Investment” and welcomes all city leaders and CEOs to consider joining the
3 coalition as common stakeholders in expanding housing opportunities and ending homelessness;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, The Baltimore City Council supports the national multi-sector housing campaign
6 “Opportunity Starts at Home”, a long-term , multi-sector campaign to meet the rental housing
7 needs of the nation’s lowest income people.

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
9 Baltimore City Council urges the President and Congress to work with city leaders, nationwide,
10 to end homelessness and ensure that the lowest-income and most vulnerable households have the
11 opportunity for safe, decent, affordable housing.

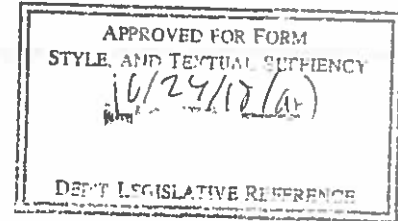
12 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Baltimore City Council urges Congress to bridge
13 the funding gap between rents and income for extremely low-income households through rental
14 assistance programs, including supporting a mechanism to address the acceptance of rental
15 assistance vouchers.

16 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Baltimore City Council urges the federal
17 government to work with local governments to expand the stock of affordable housing and
18 workforce housing.

19 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Baltimore City Council urges Congress to restore
20 and improve funding for neighborhood and household stabilization to provide emergency
21 assistance to avert housing instability, homelessness, and neighborhood decline.

22 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Senator Benjamin
23 Cardin, Senator Chris Van Hollen Jr., Congressman Elijah Cummings, Congressman John
24 Sarbanes, Congressman Charles “Dutch” Ruppertsberger, the Baltimore City Department of
25 Housing and Community Development, United States Secretary of Housing and Urban
26 Development Benjamin Carson, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City
27 Council.

INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL _____ R
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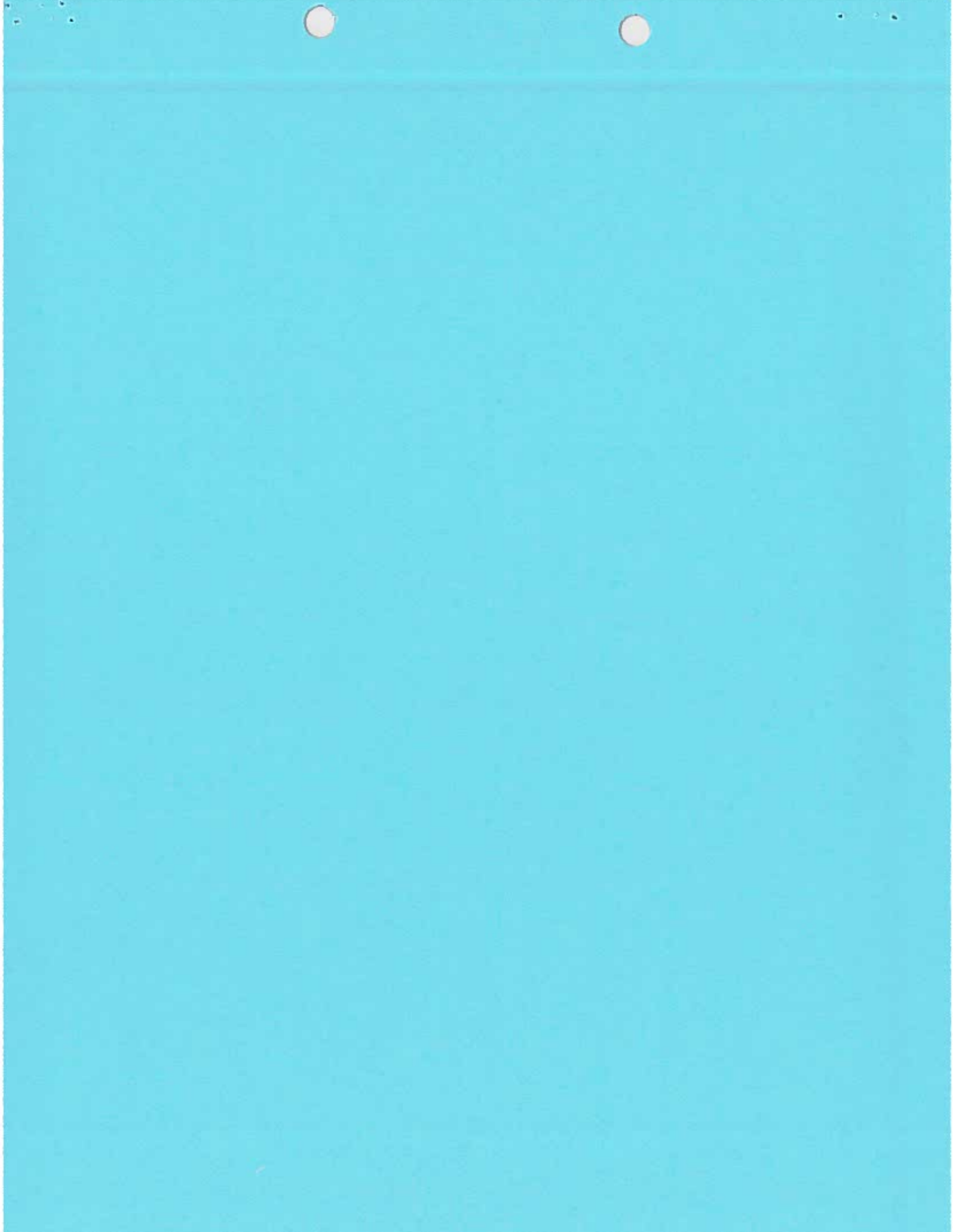
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ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OCT 29 2018

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON _____ 20 _____

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF _____ 20 _____

_____ FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

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:

_____ 20 _____

_____ 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