



HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 25-0015R

Informational Hearing – Well-being of the Transgender Community in Baltimore

Committee: Public Health and Environment

Chaired by: Councilwoman Phylicia Porter

Hearing Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM

Time (Ending): 11:10 AM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 65 In-Person
Approximately 15 Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

Phylicia Porter	Mark Conway
Ryan Dorsey	Mark Parker
Odette Ramos	John Bullock

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Agency reports read.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Alexis Blackmon, Office of LGBTQ Affairs
- Zachary Wellman, Office of Equity and Civil Rights
- Major Jenkins, Baltimore City Police Department
- Melissa Broome, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Keisha Howard, Mental Health Coordinator

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilwoman Porter, primary sponsor of the Resolution gave opening remarks.
 2. The agency representatives from both the Office of LGBTQ Affairs and the Police Department gave PowerPoint Presentations. **Copies are on file.**
 3. Chairwoman Porter went over the agency reports and/or had discussion with the agency representatives.
 4. Approximately four (4) attendees gave public testimony. Some highlighted comments and/or topics of discussion were:
 - Maryland is a safe haven for our community
 - Supports the Resolution
 - Our community needs more help and support
 - We are a community and need your support and help now!
 - Talked about some past experiences as a member of the LGBTQ community
 - Proper identification is needed for members of the community
 - Appreciates the intent of the Resolution, however, still have concerns such as:
 - More accurate disparity reports are needed
 - Now is the time to mobilize and take action
 - Need dedicated funding
 - Transparency, allocation and accountability are needed
 - Need effective outcomes
 - Community is resilient
 - More community input and engagement are needed
 5. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, and made comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion, comments and/or concern were:
 - **Question(s)**
 - When is the next LGBTQ meeting? Answer: **Second Tuesday in each month.** – **Also see committee request below.**
 - Do we know what the impact of federal cuts are or will be? Any sense of same?
 - How many of our city partners go through actual training?
 - **Comments:**
 - To the community: “We (Council) will protect you!
 - The Council is committed to all communities in the City!
 - Baltimore is a welcoming City to all people and is proud of same!
 - Baltimore protects its people! And is upholding our commitment to equity.
 - We want to make sure we are doing the things we are saying we are doing!
 - Several committee/councilmembers thanked the attendees and agency representatives from attending the hearing.
 6. Hearing recess, per Chairwoman Porter will reconvene sometime within the next six months or so.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

If yes, describe.

☒ Yes ☐ No

1. Committee Requests:

a. By Chairwoman Porter:

- i. Provide an update on the Disparity Report and on the procurement identifier opportunities (Citibuy)
- ii. While examining Citibuy provide an identifier/clarity for trans, gays, lesbians, etc.)

b. By Chairwoman Porter:

- i. Please extend an invitation to the Council to attend future LGBTQT meetings.

c. By Chairwoman Porter: to Health Department

- i. Gender Affirming Care: What policies and procedures are in place for any biases/etc.?
- ii. For the past fiscal year, provide the number and/or list of training provided; to include how many of city partners go through training as well

d. By Committee member Mark Conway:

i. Federal funding:

1. Provide a list of cuts from the federal government, to include grants (if available) and what the funding was for.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff
cc: Bill File

Date: June 12, 2025



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			Te	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email		For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tica	Torres	1422 Darley Ave Baltimore, MD 21213		✓			✓

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Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: **Resolution:** Informational Hearing – Well-being of Gay Men in Baltimore

Resolution # 25-0020R

Committee: Public Health and Environment

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Date: **Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

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J-1A	DAMMONS	Maryland Safe Haven 217 N. Charles St J-1A @ baltimorecityinfo.org					

For

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Yes

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Lonny	Smith	NA bureau@icloud.com					
Keesha	Howard	816 N. Collington Ave Baltimore, MD 21223					

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Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Resolution: Informational Hearing – Well-being of Lesbian Women in Baltimore	Resolution # 25-0021R
Committee: Public Health and Environment	Chair: Phylicia Porter
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City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Health & Environment Committee

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Resolutions 25-0015R, 25-0020R and 25-0021R

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Phylicia Porter, Mark Conway, Mark Parker, Ryan Dorsey, John Bullock, and Odette Ramos
Absent 1 - James Torrence

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

25-0015R Informational Hearing – Well-being of the Transgender Community in Baltimore

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City Public School System, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights, the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Maryland Department of Health, and Behavioral Health Systems Baltimore to update the Council on services provided to, and the general well being of, the transgender community in Baltimore.

Hearing called to recess.

25-0020R Informational Hearing – Well being of Gay Men in Baltimore

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City Public School System, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil

Rights, the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Maryland Department of Health, and Behavioral Health System Baltimore to update the Council on services provided to, and the general well being of, gay men in Baltimore.

Hearing called to recess.

25-0021R

Informational Hearing -- Well being of Lesbian Women in Baltimore

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City Public School System, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights, the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Maryland Department of Health, and Behavioral Health System Baltimore to update the Council on services provided to, and the general well being of, lesbian women in Baltimore.

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT