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| | SUBJECT | City Council Resolution 18-0060R | | |

DATE: February 16, 2018

TO

The Honorable President and Members
 of the Baltimore City Council
 c/o Natawna Austin
 Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 18-0060R introduced by Council Member Scott, President Young, and Council Members Bullock, Schleifer, Costello, Pinkett, Dorsey, Burnett, Henry, Cohen, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke, and Middleton.

The purpose of the Resolution is to request that the Directors and Commissioners of key City agencies present to the City Council a Multi-Year Coordinated Comprehensive Multi-Agency Violence Reduction strategy, beginning with 2018.

The Department of Public Works has contributed significant time, resources, and ideas toward supporting a collaborative approach to combat the factors that contribute to or make it easier for violence to flourish in communities. Since February of 2017 the Department has focused on four Transformation Zones and more recently, Violence Reduction Initiatives, responding to community requests and internal strategic actions to keep nuisance properties, vacant lots, trash and debris, vermin, and unsanitary conditions of communities out of the crime equation. As a member of this yearlong effort, the Department has developed strong working relationships with the participating member agencies. These working relationships will be critical as the City develops and implements a more mature violence reduction strategy going forward.

The Department of Public Works will attend the scheduled hearing on City Council Resolution 18-0060R, both to listen and to contribute constructive ways in which to continue reducing violence in our City.


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