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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 11-0278R		

TO The Honorable President
 And Members of City Council
 Room 400 City Hall

DATE: April 27, 2011

Attention: Karen Randle

City Council Bill 11-0278R is a resolution regarding the payment of Lead Poison Judgments and requests the appearance of certain City officials to address various issues in connection with Lead Poison Judgments against the Housing Authority of Baltimore City.

Although this resolution is asking that the Director of Finance for the Mayor & City Council appear to discuss possible funding sources to compensate those harmed while living in our public housing facilities, the public facilities referred to as "our" are owned, operated and governed by an public authority that is neither created nor funded by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore.

Although the Mayor of the City of Baltimore appoints the members of the Board of Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) as well as the Commissioner of Housing, it is clear that the liabilities and finances of HABC are not the liabilities and finances of the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore.

Setting aside the fact that the corporation of the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore certainly is in no position financially to take on such payments as the referenced Lead Poisoning Judgments against HABC, it would be my recommendation that the Mayor & City Council should not get involved in the business of a totally federally funded public housing authority for the reason stated in the previous paragraph.

CC: Angela Gibson

Comments

