

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0023R
(First Reader)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen, Bullock, Middleton

Introduced and read first time: February 22, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore Development Corporation, Parking Authority, Planning Commission, Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Transportation, Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts, Department of Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – “1% for Art” Program**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Public Arts Commission, the Baltimore
4 Development Corporation, the Parking Authority, the Planning Department, the Department
5 of Public Works, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of
6 Transportation, the Mayor’s Office, the Department of Finance, and the Baltimore Office of
7 Promotion and the Arts to discuss the continued administration of the “1% for Art” program.

8 **Recitals**

9 The Baltimore City Council recognizes the impact public art adds to the cultural and
10 economic vitality of the City of Baltimore and how public art continues to serve as a source of
11 public pride for its citizens.

12 In 1964, the City of Baltimore led the way in establishing the “1% for Art” law requiring the
13 City to allocate 1% of all capital construction costs towards public artwork. This law now serves
14 as a model for public arts programs across the country.

15 In 2007, the Baltimore City Council doubled down on this commitment by establishing a 9-
16 member public arts commission to administer the public arts program. Since the creation of the
17 public art commission, however, there has been little if any legislative oversight to review for
18 proper compliance with the law.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
20 Council invites representatives from the Public Arts Commission, the Baltimore Development
21 Corporation, the Parking Authority, the Department of Planning, the Department of Public
22 Works, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Transportation, the
23 Mayor’s Office, the Department of Finance, and the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts
24 to discuss the continued administration of the “1% for Art” program.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
2 Public Arts Commission, the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore Development
3 Corporation, the Chief Executive Officer of the Parking Authority, the Director of the
4 Department of Planning, the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Acting
5 Director of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Transportation, the Director of
6 Finance, the Executive Director of the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts, and the
7 Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City Council.