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	SUBJECT	Responses to City Council YouthWorks Resolutions		

TO Angela Gibson
City Hall

DATE: September 19, 2011

Per your request, please find enclosed my responses to the following City Council Bills related to the City's YouthWorks program:

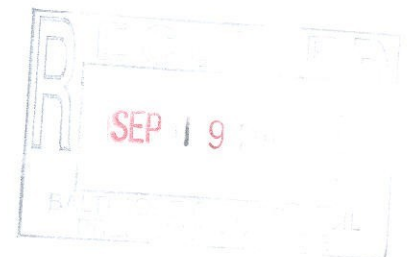
- 11-0310R – Constant Funding Baltimore City YouthWorks
- 11-0311R – Expanding YouthWorks into a Year-Round Program
- 11-0312R – Automating YouthWorks Registration
- 11-0313R – Establishing a Permanent Fund-raising Committee for Youth Works

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Attachments

cc: Kaliopé Parthemos, Deputy Mayor
Kumasi Vines, Special Assistant to Deputy Mayor
Andrew Smullian, Legislative Director



Resolution Title: Informational Hearing -- Constant Funding – Baltimore City YouthWorks

Introduced by: Councilmember Holten

Introduced on: August 10, 2011

Resolution ID Code: 11-0310R

Response:

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development strongly supports and will fully participate in meeting the goals set forth in Bill 11-0310R, which requests the Director of Finance and the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) to jointly determine a satisfactory level of basic sustainable Baltimore City funding for the YouthWorks program. In addition, Bill 11-0310R requests that the Director of Finance identify funds in the Baltimore City budget to provide a constant level of funding in FY 2012 and beyond for Baltimore City YouthWorks as a reliable base upon which the summer jobs program can build its budget comprising public, private, and philanthropic donations. Finally, Bill 11-0310R requests that the Administration ensure that the funding provided herein does not diminish an overall increase in a fiscal commitment to opportunities for Baltimore City's youth. MOED strongly supports efforts to define stable funding for the YouthWorks program and is committed to working with the Director of Finance to determine funding levels.

MOED is equally committed to continuing its engagement in a variety of proven funding strategies through its annual YouthWorks fundraising campaign, including soliciting donations from businesses and individuals, submitting proposals to foundations, and seeking state and federal grants to augment the City's contribution. Success in all such efforts would be greatly enhanced by a source of steady, defined funding through the City.

