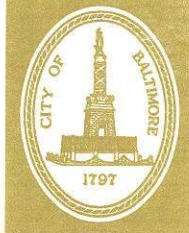


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December 3, 2012

Honorable President and Members
of the City Council of Baltimore
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 12-0057R-Informational Hearing – Establishing the Baltimore City African-American Civil Rights Historic Commission

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0057R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution calls on representatives from Baltimore's civil rights, historical, and cultural institutions to meet with the City Council in a hearing to determine how best to fashion and establish a Baltimore City African-American Civil Rights Historic Commission whose mission is to catalog, preserve, link, and promote the many resources memorializing the pioneering civil rights struggle which occurred in Baltimore City in the 1950's and 60's, the significant benchmarks achieved of both local and national importance, and the continuing struggle to finish the work begun.

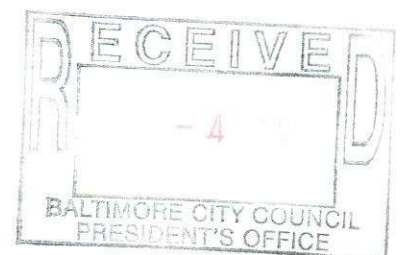
In general, a City Council resolution is "an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body's official cognizance." *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc.*, 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3rd Ed.)). Council Bill 12-0057R is an appropriate resolution to express the Council's request that the pertinent parties come together and discuss how best to establish a Baltimore City African-American Civil Rights Historic Commission.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 12-0057R for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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