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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #21-0040R/ INFORMATIONAL HEARING – CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN		

**TO** The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 North Holliday Street

DATE: August 5, 2021

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #21-0040R, which is for the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Planning, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department, the Acting Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Transportation, the Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department, the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, the Sheriff for Baltimore City, the Chief of the Baltimore City School Police, the Director of the Department of General Services, the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Director of the Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation to appear before the Baltimore City Council to discuss ways that the City can prevent crime through the concepts utilized in the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design model.

The Department of Planning supports City Council Bill #21-0040R, and offers the following:

Council Bill 21-0040R states that the communities that have experienced the highest rates of crime are the same communities that have been subject to disinvestment for generations as a result of 20th century discriminatory housing policies. The Department of Planning (DoP) evaluates the geographic distribution of capital funds each year through its equity analysis, using a methodology established by the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance. Through the analysis, DoP evaluates how dollars are distributed by the Community Statistical Area, and compares dollars invested to the racial and income demographics of those areas. Because historical disinvestment is correlated with race, income, and crime, this analysis can help to promote investment in areas of higher crime. Further to the geographic analysis of the capital budget, DoP can emphasize the importance of incorporating CPTED principles in major capital projects in its annual training with capital budget agencies. DoP can also connect agencies' design staff with training and other educational resources.

In addition, DoP Community Planners use CPTED principals in their work with neighborhoods throughout the City. We recently met with Dr. Johnny Rice, Professor at Coppin State, and Carol Gilbert, Assistant Secretary of the MD DHCD and former Executive Director of the Neighborhood Design Center, to discuss best CPTED practices related to public safety, greening, site plan review, and neighborhood commercial districts.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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