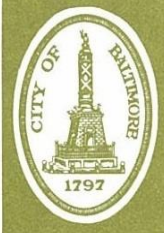


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	SUBJECT	Report on City Council Bill 21-0052R		

DATE: January 10, 2022

TO The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Marguerite Currin, Staff, Health Committee
City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 21-0052R- Informational Hearing – Baltimore City Employees – Safe Transition to Work After COVID-19

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Department of General Services (DGS) has been actively engaged in the activities of mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 in the workplace and keeping our employees in, and visitors to, City buildings safe and healthy.

DGS has participated in the creation of the Restoration of Services Oversight Committee (RSOC) whose role is to oversee and manage the activities related to the City’s coordinated efforts to keep the workplace safe both within services that never ceased operations at the beginning of the pandemic, as well as those seeking to restore discontinued operations. The related activities undertaken by DGS, under the auspices of the RSOC and in adherence to The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), The American Institute of Architects (AIA), Baltimore City Health Department and The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) requirements and guidelines, are numerous.

As co-lead (along with the Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management) of the RSOC’s workstream for Facilities, Equipment and Logistics, DGS has been at the forefront of the City’s engineered changes (e.g. installation of plexiglass, reconfiguration of work spaces to allow for distancing, etc.) required in City buildings.

DGS takes no position on Council Bill #21-0052R and defers to RSOC’s response. DGS will be joining other member agencies represented within the RSOC in providing a joint briefing and presentation to this Committee on January 12th, 2022. We welcome the opportunity to stand in front of you and provide additional details as you may require.


Chichi Nyagah-Nash

Director