

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 17-0007R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Scott, Clarke, President Young, Councilmembers Burnett, Dorsey, Schleifer, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Bullock, Henry, Pinkett, Cohen, Middleton, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2017

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Police Department

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Reviving the Baltimore Police Cadet Program**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the Director of Finance release 50 of the 250 frozen police  
4 officer positions in order to revive the Baltimore police cadet program.

5 **Recitals**

6 For years Baltimore has struggled to have more of its police officers be from and live in the  
7 city. Recent reports have shown that efforts to improve the number of officers residing in  
8 Baltimore have had minimal impact. Moreover, as Baltimore moves into its efforts to enact  
9 police reform through the consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice, there is no  
10 doubting that there needs to be a dramatic increase in home grown police officers.

11 In the past, the Cadet Program was used as a tool to grow young people who wanted to be  
12 police officers into just that. In recent years however the program has been dismantled.

13 As a result of budget issues, 250 police officer positions were frozen in last year's budget.  
14 Releasing 50 of these positions would allow the Department to restart a Police Cadet program  
15 focused on the recruitment of current police explorers and Baltimore City youth. Achieving this  
16 goal would go a long way in reigniting the growth of home grown police officers.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That it  
18 requests that the Director of Finance release 50 of the 250 frozen police officer positions in order  
19 to revive the Baltimore police cadet program.

20 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
21 Police Commissioner, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.