

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0028R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos, Middleton, Bullock, Schleifer, Torrence, Stokes, Cohen,
Porter

Introduced and read first time: March 8, 2021

Assigned to: Economic and Community Development

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, City
Administrator, Department of Housing and Community Development, Mayor's Office of
Children and Family Success, Mayor's Office of Homeless Services

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Baltimore's Plan for our Neighbors Experiencing**
3 **Homelessness and Residing in Hotels during the Pandemic**

4 FOR the purpose of inviting the Acting Director of the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, the
5 Director of the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, the City Administrator, the
6 Acting Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the
7 advocacy groups Housing Our Neighbors and Homeless Persons Representation Project to
8 brief and advise the City Council as to: the overall outcomes for neighbors experiencing
9 homelessness who were able to reside in the hotels; what is next for them; assistance for
10 those experiencing homelessness in encampments during the crisis; and the availability of
11 programs to access housing.

12 **Recitals**

13 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic is a serious health crisis in our City, State, and Nation;

14 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services has housed over 500 of our neighbors
15 experiencing homelessness in local hotels to allow some to recover from COVID as well as to
16 protect others from COVID;

17 **WHEREAS**, many more of our neighbors experiencing homelessness need protection from the
18 ongoing crisis and need access to stable housing;

19 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may reimburse cities for
20 temporary hotel stays for our neighbors experiencing homelessness now and throughout the
21 health crisis; an

22 **WHEREAS**, there is interest for the public and the City Council to be briefed on the plan for
23 our neighbors experiencing homelessness both in hotels and in encampments to be stably housed.

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

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
2 Council invites the Acting Director of the Mayor’s Office of Homeless Services, the Director of
3 the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, the City Administrator, the Acting
4 Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the advocacy
5 groups Housing Our Neighbors and Homeless Persons Representation Project to brief and advise
6 the City Council as to: the overall outcomes for neighbors experiencing homelessness who were
7 able to reside in the hotels; what is next for them; assistance for those experiencing homelessness
8 in encampments during the crisis; and the availability of programs to access housing.

9 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
10 City Administrator, the Acting Director of the Mayor’s Office of Homeless Services, the Director
11 of the Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success, the Acting Commissioner of the
12 Department of Housing and Community Development, the Executive Director of Housing Our
13 Neighbors, the Executive Director of the Homeless Persons Representation Project, and the
14 Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.