

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0112

Charter Amendment
Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Time (Beginning): 10:05 AM
Time (Ending): 11:05 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 30

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric T. Costello Kristofer Burnett
Danielle McCray Ryan Dorsey
Sharon Green Middleton Robert Stokes
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Agency reports read? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [ ] yes [ ] no [X] n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? [ ] yes [ ] no [X] n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Motioned by: Councilmember Schleifer
Seconded by: Councilmember Stokes
Final Vote: Favorable/Amendment(s)

Major Speakers
(This is not an attendance record.)

- Elena DiPietro, Law Department
Lee Miller, Metro Crime Stoppers
Earl Winterling, Metro Crime Stoppers

## Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilman Schleifer, primary sponsor and the representative from the Law Department talked about the proposed amendments. Vote was taken on the proposed amendments; favorable.
  2. Councilman Schleifer gave a brief overview about the bill.
  3. Two (2) representatives from Metro Crime Stoppers testified. Some highlights from their discussion were:
    - Talked about role of the organization; is a non-profit
    - Runs a hot tip line for the Police Department
    - Explained how the tips are handled, processed
    - They are not the only organization of its kind in the State
    - Supports the bill
    - Also work with other counties/jurisdictions in the State
    - Talked about how rewards are offered and paid out
    - Also receives a lot of tips regarding drug activity on a volunteer basis; no rewards asked for or paid out
    - Rewards are paid in cash
    - A lot of people don't understand how our organization operates
  4. Committee/council members asked questions and/or made comments. Some were:
    - To Metro Crime Stoppers
      - Are there any barriers to increasing rewards?
      - Can the City give more money directly to your program?
      - Do you consult and/or tell people about accepting rewards? **Answer: No**
      - Do you track the number of crimes solved with or without rewards? **Answer: No**
      - When did Metro Crime Stoppers start in the City? **Answer: 1984**
      - Is any protection offered to the people who come forth?
    - Other Questions/Comments
      - Does the bill offer witness protection?
      - Some discussion about the past incident that occurred with the Dawson Family Retaliation
      - Awards are only paid when tips actual help solve crimes
      - The bill is aimed at affording equity in rewards across city neighborhoods
  5. Vote taken; favorable/amendment. Hearing concluded..
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## Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe.

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**Committee Vote:**

**E. Costello:**..... **Yea**  
**K. Burnett:**..... **Nay**  
**R. Dorsey:** ..... **Nay**  
**D. McCray:** ..... **Nay**  
**S. Green Middleton:** ..... **Yea**  
**I. Schleifer:** ..... **Yea**  
**R. Stokes:** ..... **Yea**

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: December 20, 2021

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File

# BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD

DATE: Dec. 14, 2021

BILL #: 21-0112

BILL TITLE: Charter Amendment – Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund

MOTION BY: Schleifer      SECONDED BY: Stokes

FAVORABLE

FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

UNFAVORABLE

WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Costello, Eric - Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnett, Kristerfer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorsey, Ryan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
McCray, Danielle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middleton, Sharon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schleifer, Isaac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stokes, Robert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

CHAIRPERSON: Eric T. Costello, ET Costello / m.m.c

COMMITTEE STAFF: Marguerite M. Currin Initials: m.m.c



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

<b>Subject:</b> <b>Council Bill – Charter Amendment – Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund – RECONVENING HEARING</b>	<b>Bill #:</b> 21-0112
<b>Committee:</b> Ways and Means	<b>Chair:</b> Eric T. Costello
<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, December 14, 2021	<b>Time:</b> 10:00 AM
<b>Location:</b> WebEx Meeting	

<b>PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY</b>			What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*		
<b><u>CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY</u></b>			<b>Testify</b>	For	Against	Yes	No
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	↓	For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		<i>See hearing notes</i>					

\*NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST. REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AND IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ETHICS.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/](https://ethics.baltimorecity.gov/) OR CALL: 410-396-4730

# City of Baltimore

City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Ways and Means

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Tuesday, December 14, 2021

10:00 AM  
Webex Hearing: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access Code:  
2341 718 4049, Password: Public, Link:  
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21-0112

Reconvened from October 19, 2021

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

21-0112

#### Charter Amendment - Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund

For the purpose of establishing a continuing, nonlapsing Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund, to be used exclusively to supplement rewards offered to the public for information leading to the apprehension, arrest, and conviction of criminal suspects; providing for certain modes of appropriation to this Fund; authorizing the Mayor and City Council, by Ordinance, to provide for the oversight, governance, and administration of this Fund; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

Sponsors: Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, John T. Bullock

A motion was made by member Schleifer, seconded by member Stokes, Sr., that Mayor and City Council Resolution 21-0112 be recommended favorably with amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Costello, Middleton, "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Stokes Sr.

No: 3 - Burnett, Dorsey, and McCray

#### ADJOURNMENT