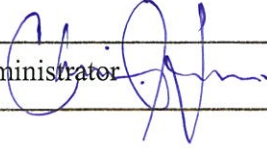



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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill # 21-0065R Investigative Hearing – Vacant Residential Properties – Requirement for Homeowners Insurance		

TO The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o
Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

DATE: January 10, 2022

Position: Does Not Object

The City Administrators Office (CAO) is herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0065R Informational Hearing – Vacant Residential Properties – Requirement for Homeowners Insurance. This bill invites the Department of Housing and Community Development, the City Administrator, the City Solicitor, the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, the Baltimore City Comptroller, and the President and CEO of the Baltimore Development Corporation to testify regarding requiring owners of vacant residential properties to obtain homeowners insurance.

Background:

City Council Bill 21-0065R outlines that privately-owned, vacant residential properties that are left in a state of disrepair pose significant harm on neighbors and community members alike. The bill states that citizens and property owners of Baltimore City should have recourse in the event that a vacant property leads to physical injury or property damage and the recourse this bill calls for could provide the ability to file a claim against a vacant property owner’s homeowners insurance.

Conclusions:

The Office of the City Administrator hereby does not object to City Council Bill #21-0065R.