

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**COUNCIL BILL 22-0112R**  
**(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes, Porter, Middleton, Conway, Ramos, McCray, Glover, Torrence, Burnett

Introduced and read first time: June 13, 2022

Assigned to: Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Planning Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Health Department, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing - Funding for Eliminating Food Insecurity in Baltimore City**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Housing and Community  
4 Development, the Baltimore City Health Department, and the Department of Planning to  
5 brief the City Council regarding funding for the elimination of food insecurity in Baltimore  
6 City.

7 Baltimore City families are experiencing record levels of food insecurity. The U.S.  
8 Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service reports that food prices were 8.8%  
9 higher in March 2022 than in March 2021. This trend is historic.

10 As reported by the United States Department of Agriculture, consumer choices about food  
11 spending and diet are likely to be influenced by the accessibility and affordability of food  
12 retailers—travel time to shopping, availability of healthy foods, and food prices. Some people  
13 and places, especially those with low income, may face greater barriers to accessing healthy and  
14 affordable food retailers, which may negatively affect diet and food security.

15 With the Federal Emergency Management Agency withdrawing Federal funding to dozens of  
16 food distribution programs across Baltimore, it is important that works to fill this new funding  
17 gap and increase access to healthy and affordable foods in Baltimore City.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
19 Baltimore City Council invites representatives from the Department of Housing and Community  
20 Development, the Department of Health, and the Department of Planning to brief the City  
21 Council regarding funding for the elimination of food insecurity in Baltimore City.

22 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Commissioner  
23 of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Commissioner of the Baltimore  
24 City Health Department, and the Director of the Department of Planning, and the Mayor's  
25 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.