



# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Brandon M. Scott**  
Mayor

**Michael S. Harrison**  
Police Commissioner

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Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**RE: City Council Bill #22-0248  
Charter Amendment – Baltimore City Police Department – Local Control –  
Establishment**

Dear Council President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 22-0248 which is for the purpose of establishing a Baltimore City Police Department as an agency of the City of Baltimore and allowing the qualified voters of the City to adopt or reject this amendment.

BPD has no objection to City Council Bill 22-0248 and looks forward to participating in a robust conversation regarding this important legislation. Thank you for allowing us to weigh in on this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wirzberger, Esq.  
Director of Government Affairs

cc: Natwana Austin, Executive Secretary of the Baltimore City Council  
Natasha Mehu, Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations  
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