



HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 22-0100R

Informational Hearing – Judicial in Rem Foreclosure

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello

Hearing Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Time (Beginning): 10:15 AM
Time (Ending): 11:00 AM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 45 in person
Approximately 15 virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

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 Burnett
Seconded by: Councilmember Dorsey
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Alice Kennedy, Department of Housing and Community Development

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilwoman Ramos, primary sponsor of the Resolution gave opening remarks. Some remarks were:
 - Talked about what the Resolution does
 - Is excited about the Resolution
 - Stated that she wanted to talk today about how the community can get involved in the process
 - Submitted a fact sheet
 - Believes foreclosures will move through the court system faster
2. The chairman went over the agency reports with the agency representatives.
3. Committee/council members asked questions, made comments and etc. Some were:
Several questions for the Director of DHCD
 - There is \$800,000 in your budget for new positions
 - How many do you plan to hire?
 - Have you started the recruitment process yes?
 - What will the salaries be for the paralegals?
 - Are these permanent positions? **Answer: Yes**
 - Have you filed any cases?
 - The Department of Real Estate have a similar program; have you been partnering with them?
 - Adopt A Lot Program – How does this program fit into your strategy?
4. Vote taken on bill; passed – Favorable. Hearing concluded.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

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

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff
cc: Bill File

Date: September 26, 2022

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD

DATE: 9-20-22

RESOLUTION #: 22-0100R

RESOLUTION TITLE: Informational Hearing – Judicial in Rem Foreclosure

MOTION BY: Burnett SECONDED BY: Dorsey

- 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorsey, Ryan	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
McCray, Danielle	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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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TOTALS	7	-	-	-

CHAIRPERSON: Eric T. Costello,

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



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Resolution – Informational Hearing – Judicial In Rem Foreclosure	Resolution #: 22-0100R
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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Betty	BLAND-THOMAS	118 W. CROSS ST					
Alicia	Jennings	21201 1 W Conway St #1204, Baltimore					

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City of Baltimore

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

Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall: Phone:
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 2331 712 0594, Password:
7XiHHEms36, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=m80a8fe67a5f75d43b04f0595dab3992f)
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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

22-0100R

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For the purpose of inviting the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Deputy City Solicitor, and other relevant parties to come before the City Council to describe the in rem foreclosure process, inform the Council on the capacity of the Department of Housing and Community Development to increase in rem foreclosure cases, inform the Council on the role of the Circuit Court in the in rem foreclosure process, and recommend measures the City Council can take to support these efforts.

Sponsors: Odette Ramos, John T. Bullock, James Torrence

A motion was made by member Burnett, seconded by member Dorsey, that Resolution 22-0100R be recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Costello, Burnett, Dorsey, McCray, Middleton, "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Stokes Sr.

ADJOURNMENT