

September 26, 2022

The Honorable Nick Mosby, President, Baltimore City Council
The Honorable Odette Ramos
The Honorable Antonio Glover
The Honorable Zeke Cohen
The Honorable Kristerfer Burnett
The Honorable Ryan Dorsey

RE: 22-0132R Letter of Support for JHPD

Dear Council President Mosby and Members of the City Council,

This letter is in support of the anticipated Johns Hopkins Police Department (JHPD). I fully support the establishment of the law enforcement agency for a number of reasons. Chief among them is for increased security in an ever-increasing violent environment.

I was born, raised and still live in East Baltimore in District 12 of the Oliver community. Our family still lives here. My children all were raised here. They left the city for education, military, travel and careers and all subsequently returned to Baltimore. We want to be safe and healthy here.

An additional law enforcement organization in the East Baltimore community would be a welcome asset for the residents. I understand that this police department has been authorized by the Community Safety and Strengthening Act. I am anxious to see this act implemented as soon as possible. We have been looking for this for some time now.

My children and grandchildren are employed by Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Medicine. My grandson works in the pediatric emergency room at the hospital and sees all manner of consequences of crime and violence children suffer. Such experiences affect hospital workers as well as the families. I want a future that is free of these negative situations.

We have owned property in this community for greater than 60 years and my grandparents owned property even years before that.

In an ideal world less law enforcement would be the norm, there would be much reduced crime and violence. Sadly that is not the case. Our reality is increase in crime and violence which is factually borne out by the statistics face, by the particular thirst and callous disregard criminals show for people and property. Each of us cannot have a body guard but each of us can have the comfort that more law enforcement can afford us.

The City needs all of the help it can get to address the violence that is preventing our communities from thriving. I strongly believe that adding a highly-trained university police department will make the areas in and around the campuses safer and help improve the city's situation. I look forward to the JHPD's implementation.

Sincerely,

Joan P. Green

Cc: The Honorable Yitzy Schleifer, Chair, Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee
The Honorable Mark Conway
The Honorable Eric Costello
The Honorable Sharon Green Middleton
The Honorable James Torrence