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Date: March 6, 2023

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

From: Acting City Administrator Faith P. Leach *FPL*

Subject: CAO Report | City Council Resolution 22-0140R –
Informational Hearing – Permits Reform

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

March 6, 2023

Position: Favorable

The Office of the City Administrator is pleased to support City Council Resolution 22-0140R, “Informational Hearing – Permit Reforms.” The City Administrator defers to the agency report provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the agency most directly impacted by this resolution.

The established resolution is set for the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Office of the City Administrator, the Baltimore City Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshal, and other relevant parties to provide information on reforms to the Department of Housing and Community Development’s permitting process.

Efficient permitting processes are a key driver of economic growth and, when deployed strategically, contribute to quickening the pace of community revitalization efforts in disinvested neighborhoods across Baltimore. As such, the Chief Administrative Officer supports the comprehensive permitting reforms outlined in the Department of Housing and Community Development’s agency report.

To ensure full implementation of a city-wide comprehensive permitting reform package, the Office of the City Administrator will facilitate inter-agency collaboration across the City enterprise to conduct a full examination and initiate modernization and system enhancements.

The Office of the City Administrator has **no objection** to City Council Resolution 22-0140R and views the Department of Housing and Community Development’s agency report and other supporting City agency reports favorably.