

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 22-0101R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Ramos, Bullock, Porter  
Introduced and read first time: April 25, 2022  
Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable  
Adopted: March 13, 2023

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**1                                    Informational Hearing – Mayor’s Recommendations –  
2                                    30-Day Review of Strategies to Eliminate Vacant and Abandoned Properties**

3           FOR the purpose of inviting the City Administrator, the Deputy Mayor for Community and  
4           Economic Development, the City Solicitor, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing  
5           and Community Development, the Director of Finance, and the Director of the Department of  
6           Public Works to appear before the Baltimore City Council to present the findings and  
7           recommendations of the Mayor’s 30 Day review for eliminating privately and publicly owned  
8           vacant and abandoned properties.

**9                                    Recitals**

10           On January 24th, 2022, three brave firefighters died when entering a vacant and abandoned  
11           building to save lives in a dramatic fire. In addition, throughout the last few decades, several  
12           Baltimore neighborhoods have continued to decline, causing more vacant and abandoned  
13           buildings and increasing trauma and violence in our city. Several racist policies and practices  
14           lead to this decline, and in some ways, still exist today.

15           There are roughly 15,000 vacant and abandoned properties that have Vacant Building Notices  
16           (“VBN”) on them – which is our official count of vacant and abandoned properties. Many more  
17           are vacant but do not have the VBN. These vacant and abandoned properties are concentrated in  
18           a few communities – the communities that have been traditionally ignored.

19           These factors lead to the Administration’s 30 day review of agency and stakeholder  
20           recommendations for eliminating vacant and abandoned properties by rehabilitation or  
21           demolition. On March 11, 2022, the Administration announced the results of that 30-day review  
22           along with the allocation of \$100 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to projects across  
23           the City, and \$39 million of that for eliminating blight.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.

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1       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
2 Baltimore City Council invites the City Administrator, the Deputy Mayor for Community and  
3 Economic Development, the City Solicitor, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and  
4 Community Development, the Director of Finance, and the Director of the Department of Public  
5 Works to appear before the Baltimore City Council to present the findings and recommendations  
6 of the Mayor’s 30 Day review for eliminating privately and publicly owned vacant and  
7 abandoned properties.

8       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City  
9 Administrator, the Deputy Mayor for Community and Economic Development, the City  
10 Solicitor, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the  
11 Director of the Department of Finance, the Director of the Department of Public Works, and the  
12 Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City Council.