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Introduced by Rev. Dr. Kwame Abayomi and Bea Gaddy. Passed with immediate adoption on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001 by all Baltimore City Council members: John L. Cain, Nicholas C. D'Adamo, Jr., Lois Garey, Paula Johnson Branch, Bea Gaddy, Bernard C. Young, Robert W. Curran, Kenneth N. Ha Sr., Lisa Joi Stancil, Keiffer J. Mitchell, Jr., Catherine E. Pugh, Agnes Welch, Helen Holton, Stephanie C. Rawlings-Blake, Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Rev. I Kwame Abayomi, Edward L. Relsinger, and Melvin L. Stukes Baltimore President: Sheila Dixon Signed by Baltimore Mayor: Martin O'Malley

## Peace Resolution

**For the purpose of Baltimore becoming the exemplary "Peace City" for the world**

**WHEREAS**, war, threat of war, preparation for war, real or unreal, have seeped into the human psyche in the form of fear causing division through beliefs in imaginary lines and boundaries, and judgmental thoughts of those people living within them;

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America, although stating its policy to be a peaceful nation, seem regularly to be involved in military conflict; offering our youth the example that solving conflicts is through violence;

**WHEREAS**, outrageous cruelty, incomprehensible oppression, torturous slavery, and genocide experienced by Native Americans and African-Americans indeed occurred;

**WHEREAS**, immoral and inhumane economic, educational, emotional, and spiritual injustice - slavery of the modern era continues to thrive;

**WHEREAS**, Baltimore, the once prosperous cultural and industrial powerhouse city of the world now clings to a shadow of its former self due to the decline of democratic education and participation;

**RESOLVED**, the Mayor and City Council offers atonement to all its people, past and present, for any prejudices, misfortunes, and atrocities it has placed, through law, spoken, or unspoken word

**RESOLVED**, Baltimore becomes the exemplary "Peace City" for the world by the focus and the commitment to uproot, deal with truth, and heal causes to the only problem that truly divides us, the lack of love;

**RESOLVED**, an exemplary "Peace City" is a city that does not use or promote anyone or product hurting any of its citizens, chooses to concentrate its energy on mentoring, works with the vision that opportunity and prosperity is indeed unlimited for all, integrates efficient land allocation and conservation, and is not afraid to say compassionate love is the central focus of politics;

**RESOLVED**, Baltimore, the exemplary "Peace City" for the world participate in the international movement of thoughts and prayers in silence for peace of our planet, Earth, daily at three o'clock Post Meridian for at least three minutes;

**RESOLVED**, the Mayor and City Council keeps this Resolution permanently and prominently displayed in City Hall, free photocopies available to public, and books where its citizens and visitors can pledge becoming part of the peace process.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Dear Baltimore City Council and Mayor Scott,

I am firmly against the "Inclusionary Housing Bills," as under the guise of deceptive language, it is actually a, "Quota System" which is against the law, as the law of the land is President Lyndon Baines Johnson's Fair Housing Act of 1968, and only exasperates the price gouging that overall is - the greedy "no hold bar" rental market of Baltimore City - hurts everyone, so people choose to become residents of suburbs - a significant portion of population loss. People will not stand to work, have, and start businesses due to you taking away services and force higher income tax. First and foremost is always being library closures, then others like recreation centers, even forcing homeowners to pay for own trash pick-up.... etc. etc. Property owners and developers - who intimately deal with people's safety, are not bound by any license and continue to put tenants in harm's way. Yes. Rent Control/Rent Stabilization, licenses for property owners, and moving people to homeownership through "Baltimore's 15,000 Vacant Houses Repairs" (diagram enclosed) is what makes people happy and content to continue to want to dwell, work, shop, and play in Baltimore City - for generations - and generation. Moving people from financial poverty to freedom of home ownership, creating an immediate financial asset that can be passed down generation to generation is vastly superior to subjugated rentals.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING HEARING TESTIMONY

**INCLUSION/INCLUSIONARY** = One, "The action or state of including or of being included within a group or structure." Two, "The practice or policy of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized, such as those who have physical or intellectual disabilities and members of other minority groups." - Oxford Dictionary

1. No where are "physical or intellectual disabilities" addressed, or even mentioned.
2. This/these bills, in no shape or manner, "Increase equal access to opportunities or resources." For example, a lower rental cost does not result in a library being restored. Deliberate Baltimore City Council decisions stole multi-neighborhood libraries; Mount Washington and Locust Point, Westport, Dundalk, Gardenville, Irvington, Pimlico, Fells Point, Keyworth Avenue, Mount Claire Junction, Central/South Central, Oldtown, Pitcher Street, and Hollins/Payson Branches, which is a major factor in - destabilizing - creating more challenged neighborhoods.

Seek: <https://www.prattlibrary.org/about-us/history/location-history>

3. Property owners will always take advantage, and price gouging, charging even 3 to 4 times per month what a monthly mortgage would be is the actual problem. Inclusionary Quota System not only does not solve this problem, but exasperates - continuing vacancies, forcing people to live in the suburbs, which brings more Baltimore City cost in roads through automobiles commuting to work.
4. **"Repealing density bonuses" - NO.** We need density living, especially now, because it is expected that a population of 3 million people will live in cities, and we must prepare for that reality, or face substantial consequences. **"Prepare for 3 Million,"** comes from Peter Calthorpe, world renowned San Francisco-based architect, urban designer, and urban planner, who founded Congress for New Urbanism, a Chicago-based advocacy group formed in 1992 that promotes sustainable building practices.

**QUOTA** = "A limited quantity of a particular product which under official controls can be produced, exported, or imported." - Oxford Dictionary

1. Under the guise of naming it, "Inclusionary Housing," what it creates is a quota system, making rental housing anything but, "inclusionary." This creates people fighting each other over 4 apartments in a building, for example, in Roland Park, instead of Baltimore City Government do the hard work of making every neighborhood a great place to live. You must be accountable that you are not, in any aspect, doing this work, especially with this legislation that only further makes race relations worse.

2. President Lyndon Baines Johnson's Housing Act of 1964, and The Fair Housing Act of 1968 is the law of the land, "Prohibiting discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability. President Johnson's Fair Housing Act still has two main purposes—preventing discrimination and ending housing segregation.

3. **People lie, especially when one can get something for nothing.** Any, even not so smart person will say they are gay to pay less rent. How are you going to authenticate what person's sexuality is? How is that going to be regulated? Now Baltimore City Government is in the, "What do you do in your bedroom!" is of our business. How are you going to control hatred that will be deemed rational when you are creating special classes of people - which only contributes to labeling - segregating people?

3. To those who conceived of this horrid Inclusionary Quota Housing bill, you have belief that people cannot change their financial situation - a cast-like system. At least 23%, more closely 30% due to middle class population loss, will continue to be financially poor. To boot, you seem to also believe that Baltimore has no chance of being prosperous - give all the taxes away to developers. This indeed leads to Baltimore disintegration and Receivership - State of Maryland takeover.

4. Should the contingent of, "Renew Baltimore" place on the ballot of 2024, and naturally who want to pay more taxes, property taxes over 7 years will drop to nearly 50%, according to their website. There is no account to their demand, not taking into consideration that services, like trash pick-up is included in the property taxes, of which suburbs pay separately. The only alternative would be that you will raise personal income, of which exodus of people and businesses from Baltimore City will be one of such magnitude never seen before.

5. Millions of Money Lost: You have not enforced the collection of fines. Property owners of rentals are to pay \$500.00 a day when breach inspection failures. This brings money into the city. But instead, every real estate deal this year, including making 50 year old houses have same status of historic houses, and drawing "Black Line," like the Red Line of 1937; allowing only certain part of city to repair, add fancy historic items instead of paying taxes. You continue to make deals that developers pay no property taxes for 10 years!!!! And that many are- NEGOTIABLE!!!!

### **SOLUTION TO RENTAL PRICE GOUGING:**

I again state as last hearing: RENT CONTROL. RENT STABILIZATION, like Takoma Park, Maryland

1. Rent Control does work when enforced correctly. Rent control is an essential policy to prevent the displacement of working-class tenants, seniors, immigrants, and communities of color from hot urban real estate markets.
2. RENT STABILIZATION LAW OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

"Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization Law (*City Code Chapter 6.20 Rent Stabilization*) was first adopted in 1981 and is one of the City's primary affordable housing programs. Although it has undergone a number of revisions since its adoption, the program is designed to preserve the city's affordable housing stock and maintain economic and ethnic diversity by controlling the frequency and amount of rent increases that may be imposed by a landlord.

All landlords who are under rent stabilization are required to give at least a two-month written notice of a rent increase and cannot increase the rent more than the city's rent stabilization allowance in effect at the time of the increase.

**Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization Law:** <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/rental-housing-programs/rent-stabilization/> *City Code Chapter 6.20 Rent Stabilization*: <https://www.codepublishing.com/MD/TakomaPark/#!/TakomaPark06/TakomaPark0620.html>

Ready to meet with you!  
Schedule!

Sincerely,

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# THE BALTIMORE REPARATIONS PLAN: HOMES ~ HOUSES

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The United States of America Government  
Baltimore to become "Pilot" Reparations City for the USA.  
The State of Maryland  
Reparations

15,000 Houses  
Net Zero + Net Positive Building

Mayor and City Council

Baltimore City Department of Housing

Enoch Pratt Free Library

Books, Films...  
Genealogy and Ancestry Classes

Genealogists  
Reparations Qualifications  
Genealogical Institute on Federal Records [Baltimore Located] Students

Baltimore Indian Center

Several ways to qualify  
Whether "Qualified" or not fill out form

Some qualifications are already neighborhood-located  
How many in household?

Choose Top 12 neighborhoods from list made by Department of Housing why list Does Not contain addresses, potential fights... other issues...

MUCH ATTENTION  
Celebrity  
Media  
"This old Radio House"

LABOR  
Vocational Arts and Guilds

Workforce Training and Continuing Education  
Training Campus  
McMacken High School

ENDING SCHOOL YEAR - USE [Becomes Net-Zero Net Positive Building]

FINANCING  
Scholarships  
Out-of-Pocket [Business Expenses] Donations  
Receive Certifications

Teachers ~ Leaders  
Those already in the field(s)  
Contractors, HVAC, Masons, Plumbers  
Carpenters, Plasterers, Roofers, Painters

STUDENTS  
IGSHPA Training Home  
Certified Residential Geothermal Designer  
Certified Geothermal Inspector  
Accredited Installer

MATERIALS  
Donations  
Baltimore City Financial Reparation  
Buying in Bulk

UNIONS  
Fair High Wages  
Baltimore

Engineers  
Makes list of Neighborhood square footage and how many of each ONLY

Inspection Reports of the Baltimore City Department of Sustainability  
Attys to Allies  
Baltimore City Department

Habitat for Humanity  
Non-Profit - Tax Deductible

HIRED STAFF  
Baltimore Region  
Specific Experience

VOLUNTEERS  
House Recipients  
Citizens of Baltimore  
Citizens of Baltimore Region  
Citizens of Maryland  
Citizens and Residents and of The United States of A

APPRENTICES  
Training ~ Experience  
Houses  
Universities ~ Colleges

Baltimore City Forestation and Baltimore City Recreation and Pe