

TO:

December 18, 2023

Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 23-0186R introduced by Council Member McCray, President Mosby, Council Members Burnett, Bullock, Conway, Middleton, Schleifer, Stokes, Ramos, Porter, Glover, Cohen, Torrence, and Costello.

The purpose of the Resolution is to invite agency heads and representatives, including the Department of Public Works, to appear before the City Council to discuss four issues of concern for Middle Neighborhoods: (1) systemic disinvestment in these neighborhoods and the decline of working and middle class communities in Baltimore; (2) efforts to revitalize these neighborhoods; (3) future strategies to invest in these neighborhoods; and (4) present challenges to reversing these trends and restoring these once stable communities.

The Middle Neighborhoods Work Group was convened by the Department of Planning to bring together stakeholders such as Department of Housing and Community Development, Council members, Live Baltimore, City Schools, community development corporations, and representatives from the private sector to develop an implementation plan that would prioritize strategies for stabilizing and investing in Middle Neighborhoods. The Department of Public Works performs quality-of-life services that complement the Middle Neighborhoods' programs and strategies to help stabilize these neighborhoods.

Representatives of the Department of Public Works will attend the hearing on CCR 23-0186R to participate in the hearing and respond to questions the Committee members may have regarding the opportunities and challenges facing our Middle Neighborhoods.

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