



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Khalil Zaied, Director, Department of Public Works <i>Khalil Zaied</i>
DATE	October 17, 2024
SUBJECT	City Council Bill 24-0584 Baltimore City Government Entities – Language Access

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

DATE: October 17, 2024

Position: In Support

SUMMARY OF POSITION

This memo is reporting on City Council Bill 24-0484, introduced by the Council President and Councilwoman Odette Ramos behalf of the Administration (Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs (“MIMA”). The purpose of the bill is to require Baltimore government entities to appoint a language access liaison and adopt a Language Access Plan. It also mandates that these entities provide language access services to specified individuals, establish certain reporting requirements, define specific terms, provide for a special effective date, and generally relate to the provision of language access services by Baltimore City Agencies.

The Department of Public Works recommends a favorable report on City Council Bill 24-0584, . We are committed to collaborating with the Baltimore City Council, the Mayor’s Office, MIMA, and other city agencies to develop a comprehensive Language Access Plan that accommodates all the constituents served by DPW.