

I emphatically ask that ordinance 24-0599 "Zoning - Conditional Use - Crematorium" be immediately withdrawn, and replaced with writing a "2 Year Step" Ordinance. For the purpose of converting crematory industry to legal natural organic soil reduction composting process, known as "Natural or Green Burials" and stoppage of enclosed cremation process and extinguishing crematorium use by December 31st, 2026. This zoning bill in actuality promotes "stand alone" crematorium industry, as they take up less space, falsely leading entrepreneurs to believe that this ^{fossil fueled} gassy archaic gruesome business - has a future. Councilman Conway's ordinance introduction on September 30th was clearly, superficially, and specifically addressing more-well-to-do "Not in my back yard" NIMBY Govans Neighborhood advocate plight of a crematorium funeral business extension. The fact is no one wants to smell and breathe burning bodies and that ALL crematoriums ruin EVERY Baltimore Citizen's health, because no one can stop breathing - and live. Baltimore City archaic laws advocates for crematorium expansion to continue: easy permits to build in zone-proof financial poverty-prone neighborhoods, furthering illnesses - the health destruction of the financially minority poor due to continued use of Greenhouse Gas Emissions, primarily burning methane gas, to incinerate loved ones but more seemingly - "low living" poor, The Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter BARCS), Zoological Park, service animals and animals in public service (Mounted and K-9) and wild non-human animals; turning their skin, their hair, their fur, from burning toxic ash into air pollution WE ALL BREATHE. A New Ordinance - "RIGHT TO BREATHE" - equality to all citizens of Baltimore must be written due and with the following facts:

1. **2024 MARYLAND LEGALIZATION OF ORGANIC SOIL RECOMPOSITION BURIALS:** On May 9th, 2024, Governor Moore signed The Green Deathcare Options Act, making legal Natural Organic Reduction also known as "Green Burials" legal in the State of Maryland. This law, this Act, commenced on October 1st, 2024; ironically the day before this ordinance was introduced in City Council meeting chamber (Monday, September 30th, 2024). [Maryland General Assembly Act portion is down] The Green Deathcare Options Act Enacted - Page 74: [Act is Both SB1028 & HB1168: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/Pubs/LegisLegal/2024rs-effective-dates-october.pdf>
2. **EXTINGUISHES NEED FOR CREMATIONS - MUCH LOWER FINANCIAL COST, RETURNS SOIL TO EARTH, ALLOWANCE TO DECOMPOSE WITHOUT ANY CHEMICALS, CONCRETE, OR SYNTHETIC MATERIALS, CONSERVES NATURAL RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY FRACKED FOSSIL METHANE GAS FUEL:** Numerous names: Natural Organic Reduction, Organic Soil Decomposition, Recomposition, Natural Burials and Green Burials ends environmental impact to care for the dead by conserving natural resources, eliminating carbon emissions, and effortlessly restoring precious soil to earth.
3. **CREMATIONS: LADENED CREMATED ASHES DISPERSE TOXIC POLLUTANTS INTO AIR, WATER, AND SOIL EMBEDDING FOOD GARDENS** Ladened cremated ashes disperse toxic pollutants, meld with air, fall to ground into water, and into soil goes into food: mercury, methylmercury, that meld with air we breathe, like heavy metals, nitrogen oxides, and sulfur dioxide. Seek entire list below numbered section.
4. **CREMATION SMOKESTACK AIR EMISSION CHEMICALS INCLUDE: MERCURY, METHYLMERCURY, ARSENIC, LEAD, CARBON MONOXIDE, HYDROGEN CHLORIDE, COBALT, SULFUR DIOXIDE, FORMALDEHYDE, FLUORENE, CADMIUM, CHROMIUM. HYDROGEN FLUORIDE, ANTHRACENE, NITROGEN OXIDES, AND MORE....**
5. **CREMATIONS OCCUR BETWEEN 1400 to 1600 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. CREMATORY SMOKESTACKS RAISE HEAT, CONTRIBUTING ESPECIALLY TO BALTIMORE BEING 7TH WORST URBAN HEAT ISLAND IN THE UNITED STATES. "Cremation Process" - Cremation Association of North America: <https://www.cremationassociation.org/cremationprocess.html#:~:text=Laws%20for%20required%20temperatures%20vary,main%20chamber%20of%20the%20cremator.>**

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2023): https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-04/NEI2020_TSD_Section29_Cremation.pdf

"Blood and other body fluids that leak from containers can cause a risk to human health."
"Guidance for Importation of Human Remains into the United States for Interment or Subsequent Cremation" - U.S. Department of Health & Human

Services: <https://www.hhs.gov/guidance/document/guidance-importation-human-remains-united-states-interment-or-subsequent-cremation>

ADDITIONAL GREENHOUSE /CARBON GAS EMISSIONS & POISONS FROM:

- Personal belongings (Clothing, keepsakes placed in the cremation container to burn along with the deceased human or pet body.)
- Implants, dental fillings and crowns, prosthetics, pacemakers. and eyeglasses [Often burned unknowingly, especially charity cremations.]
- Embalming fluid for Funeral Service - Wake (Open Casket): Formaldehyde, Glutaraldehyde, Methanol, **sodium borate, sodium nitrate, glycerin, coloring agents, water. and other solvents**
- Cremation container materials: Carboard, Plastic body bag, plywood, willow, bamboo, pine, to highly varnished wood caskets, and multi-construction.
- Filtration Equipment.
- Cremator Condition: age, use (number of cremations per day), maintenance practices (pipe leaks)... all contribute to carbon footprint and fuel efficiency.

RUNNING OUT OF ROOM

"Old Graves May Be Reopened to Bury Dead in Overcrowded Cemeteries" - The Telegraph <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/10/03/graves-law-commission-nick-hopkins-burial-legislation/#>:

"Mushroom Coffins Turn Bodies Into Compost And Make Death Less Toxic" - World Wide Waste | Business Insider (March 31, 2021): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AurhO4Lf1Is>

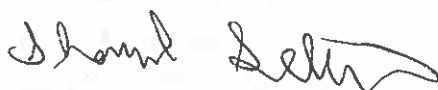
"Human Composting: The Rising Interest in Natural Burial" - "CBS Sunday Morning" (June 18, 2023): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDYcdriVn2k>

BUSINESS: "A Look at the History of North American Indigenous Cremation Practices" (Monday, February 12, 2024) <https://legacyurns.com/blog/a-look-at-the-history-of-north-american-indigenous-cremation-practices>

**LET'S USE THE EARTH'S DEPOSITED ENERGY WISELY FOR
WHAT IS NECESSARY.**

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Sympathetically,



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Introduced by Rev. Dr. Kwame Abayomi and Bea Gaddy. Passed with immediate adoption on Tuesday, April 3rd, 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. Harris, Sr., Lisa Joi Stancil, Keiffer J. Mitchell, Jr., Catherine E. Pugh, Agnes Welch, Helen Holton, Stephanie C. Rawlings-Blake, Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Rev. Dr. Kwame Abayomi, Edward L. Reisinger, and Melvin L. Stukes Baltimore President: Sheila Dixon Signed by Baltimore Mayor: Martin O'Malley

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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, seems 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.

CREMATORIUM ASH INTO AIR

“Carbon Monoxide, Lead, Nitrogen Oxides (NOX), PM10 Primary, PM2.5 Primary, Sulfur Dioxide (SO2), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Acenaphthene, Acenaphthylene, Acetaldehyde, Anthracene, Arsenic, Benzo(a)anthracene, Benzo(a)pyrene, Benzo(b)fluoranthene, Benzo(g,h,i)perylene, Benzo(k)fluoranthene, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Chrysene, Cobalt, Dibenz(a,h)anthracene, Fluoranthene, Fluorene, Formaldehyde, Hydrogen Chloride, Hydrogen Fluoride, Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, Mercury, Naphthalene, Nickel, Phenanthrene, Pyrene, and Selenium”

- "2020 National Emissions Inventory Technical Support Document: Miscellaneous Non-Industrial NEC: Cremation - Human and Animal" - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (March 2023) : https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-04/NEI2020_TSD_Section29_Cremation.pdf

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