CITY OF BALTIMORE **COUNCIL BILL 14-0179R** (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Scott, Mosby, Curran, Stokes, Cole, Kraft, Holton, President Young, Councilmembers Middleton, Welch, Reisinger, Branch, Spector Introduced and adopted: July 17, 2014

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

1 2	Approving the Submission of an Application to the State of Maryland to Approve a Tenant Improvement Grant for Wide Angle Youth Media
3	FOR the purpose of approving the submission of an application to the State of Maryland for a
4	Tenant Improvement Grant for Wide Angle Youth Media, a nonprofit organization in the
5	City of Baltimore that provides media education and skills training to Baltimore City Youth,
6 7	for the purpose of expanding and improving its offices in Miller's Court in the Remington neighborhood, which project will enable Wide Angle Youth Media to expand the high schoo
8	program's capacity by 20%, to increase the number of high school programs from 3 to 5, to
9	increase the staff by 25%, and to provide adequate space to fully launch a social enterprise
10	that will create new apprenticeship opportunities in media technology for Baltimore City
11	youth.
12	WHEREAS, Wide Angle Youth Media, a nonprofit organization that was established in 2000,
13	has provided media education to more than 3,350 Baltimore City youth and encouraged greater
14	youth engagement in their communities; and
15	WHEREAS, Wide Angle Youth Media has been an active partner with the Baltimore City
16	Public Schools in creating greater community awareness of the importance of school attendance
17	and has maintained active, ongoing partnerships with the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Baltimore
18	City Office of Promotion and the Arts, the Open Society Institute - Baltimore, and many other
19	government, university, and private institutions in Baltimore; and
20	WHEREAS, Wide Angle Youth Media has launched a campaign to raise funds, in order to
21	undertake a tenant improvement project (the "Project"); and
22	WHEREAS, Wide Angle Youth Media has applied to the Department of Housing and
23	Community Development of the State of Maryland for a tenant improvement grant to support the
24	Project; and
25	WHEREAS, The regulations of the Department of Housing and Community Development of
26	the State of Maryland require the written expression of the sentiment of the Baltimore City
27	Council.
28	Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City
29	Council of Baltimore hereby expresses approval of the Project, as described above.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland, the Mayor, Wide Angle Youth Media, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.