



Baltimore City Youth Commission



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October 19, 2015

The Honorable President and Members
Baltimore City Council
100 North Holliday Street, 400 City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill No. 15-0231R – Informational Hearing-Community Policing-Officer Friendly

Dear Mr. President and Members:

The Baltimore City Youth Commission has reviewed Council Bill 15-0231R, Community Policing-Officer Friendly. This resolution informs us that “Officer Friendly” is a community-policing initiative where police officers engage youth to build relationships and trust at a young age. Police Officers do this thru schools and in the community.

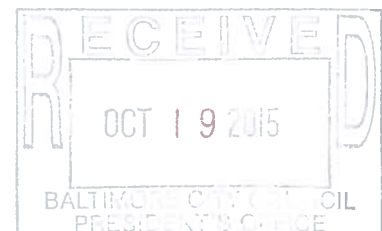
The Baltimore City Youth Commission supports this resolution and understands Officer Friendly’s popularity years ago, but we do feel the Police Department should continue to develop more initiatives such as the Police Departments Summer program that engages students in a more up-close and personal relationship though sports and team building, and develop and expand programs such as the Police Explorers Club and the Police Commissioner’s Youth advisory board.

The Youth Commission firmly believes that this resolution will serve as an asset toward relationship building with the Youth and Police of Baltimore City.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Johnson

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cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison to City Council



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