

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0026R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Scott, Costello, Pinkett, Middleton, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: May 8, 2017

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Police Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Guns for Bail Program in Baltimore**

3 FOR the purpose of expressing support for the creation of a Guns for Bail program in Baltimore
4 and requesting that law enforcement and other stakeholders appear before the City Council to
5 discuss how the program could be created, what partnerships and procedures need to be put
6 in place to make the program successful, and how to provide it with the necessary human and
7 financial resources.

8 **Recitals**

9 Illegal guns are at involved in a overwhelming amount of the violence happening on the
10 streets of Baltimore. In recent years our Police Department has focused its efforts on removing
11 illegal guns and the persons who used them to commit crimes on Baltimore's streets. In addition,
12 the city has held gun buy backs and other events in the past in attempts to get guns off of the
13 streets.

14 Many have pushed for innovative ways to recover some of these weapons and allowing them
15 to be turned in in lieu of bail could be a great way to achieve multiple goals. Baltimore is in a
16 gun violence crisis, and we need to strongly consider any viable way to get guns off our streets.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
18 Council supports the creation of a Guns for Bail program in Baltimore and requests that law
19 enforcement and other stakeholders appear before it to discuss how the program could be created,
20 what partnerships and procedures need to be put in place to make the program successful, and
21 how to provide it with the necessary human and financial resources..

22 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
23 Police Commissioner, the Baltimore City State's Attorney, the District Public Defender for
24 Baltimore City, the Administrative Judge for the Baltimore City District Court, the
25 Administrative Judge for the Baltimore City Circuit Court, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison
26 to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.