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	SUBJECT	City Council Resolution 17-0022R		

TO The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 17-0022R introduced by Council Members Clarke, Middleton, Costello, Dorsey, Pinkett, Henry, Scott, Bullock, Reisinger, Sneed, Cohen, Schleifer, Burnett, and President Young.

The purpose of this resolution is to request that representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Health Department, Baltimore City Public Schools, and other City agencies involved with waste reduction efforts in Baltimore appear before the City Council, along with experts on Zero Waste efforts nationwide, to discuss the development of a Zero Waste plan for Baltimore that will advance sustainability, public health, and job creation.

The intent of the resolution addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan approved by City Council on March 2, 2009:

Cleanliness, Goal 1: Eliminate Litter throughout the City

- Strategy C: Launch a public education campaign to change the public's attitude toward litter

Resource Conservation, Goal 3: Minimize the Production of Waste.

- Strategy A: Distribute information on waste-reducing purchasing policies
- Strategy B: Establish Baltimore City Green Purchasing guidelines
- Strategy C: Educate consumers about product lifecycle analysis
- Strategy D: Link industrial and commercial user to close waste loops
- Strategy E: Expand Baltimore's composting program and opportunities
- Strategy F: Develop and implement local legislation related to waste minimization

Resource Conservation, Goal 4: Maximize reuse and recycling of materials.

- Strategy A: Increase recycling opportunities throughout the City
- Strategy B: Increase resident and business participation in the single stream recycling program
- Strategy C: Expand types of materials accepted by single stream recycling program
- Strategy D: Preserve, reuse and recycling buildings and related materials
- Strategy E: Institute once weekly recycling and once weekly trash pick up service

The Office of Sustainability's Waste to Wealth (W2W) Report, completed in 2014, focuses on supporting Baltimore's re-use economy. The program has included a city-wide waste stream analysis, a partnership with Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks to create a wood waste reclamation program at Camp Small, a pilot greening education and retail project with the Department of Public Works called *The Neighborhood Grow Center*, and the development of a citywide strategy for sparking

economic development through food waste diversion and composting. A long-term goal of W2W is the establishment of a business incubator park for companies re-purposing waste products (composting, urban sawmill, reclaimed building material aggregation, to name a few).

The Commission on Sustainability and the Office of Sustainability are in the process of updating the City's Sustainability Plan. A draft version is currently open for public review and will include an overarching goal of taking steps to bring Baltimore to become a zero waste city.

The Office of Sustainability will be represented at the hearing for City Council Resolution 17-0022R to listen to all presentations and to assist with any questions the Committee may have.