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Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference Date: January 4, 2017 *Costello, Young*

Referred to: PUBLIC SAFETY Committee

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL *17-0002R*

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy

FOR the purpose of requesting that the Baltimore Police Commissioner, the Baltimore Health Commissioner, the Director of Department of Public Works, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore Housing Commissioner, the Director of CitiStat, and the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation present to the City Council on a coordinated violence reduction strategy for Baltimore.

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0002R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Scott, Dorsey, Pinkett, Bullock, Henry, Middleton, Cohen,
Stokes, Burnett, Sneed, Clarke, President Young, Councilmember Costello

Introduced and read first time: January 9, 2017

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

Committee Report: Favorable

Adopted: July 9, 2018

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy

FOR the purpose of requesting that the Baltimore Police Commissioner, the Baltimore Health Commissioner, the Director of Department of Public Works, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore Housing Commissioner, the Director of CitiStat, and the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation present to the City Council on a coordinated violence reduction strategy for Baltimore.

Recitals

For years Baltimore's Government has looked at reducing violence simply through the eyes of policing. However, anyone who looks beyond the surface of violence can easily determine that there are many ways for all government agencies to impact violence. As Baltimore continues to move towards treating violence as a disease it is critical that there be a coordinated violence reduction strategy between all city agencies. Having such coordination is paramount to seeing long term violence reduction in Baltimore.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council requests that the Baltimore Police Commissioner, the Baltimore Health Commissioner, the Director of Department of Public Works, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore Housing Commissioner, the Director of CitiStat, and the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation present to it on a coordinated violence reduction strategy for Baltimore.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor of Baltimore, the Baltimore Police Commissioner, the Baltimore Health Commissioner, the Director of Department of Public Works, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore Housing Commissioner, the Director of CitiStat, the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

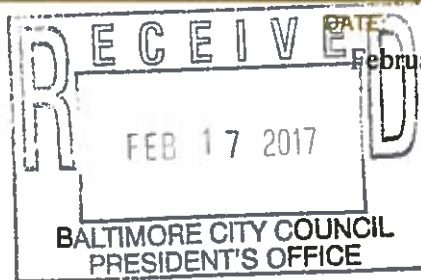
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FROM	NAME & TITLE	Rudolph S. Chow, P.E., Director	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Public Works 600 Abel Wolman Municipal Building	
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 17-0002R	



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 17-0002R introduced by Council Members Scott, Dorsey, Pinkett, Bullock, Henry, Middleton, Cohen, Stokes, Burnett, Sneed, Clarke, President Young, and Council Member Costello.

The purpose of this resolution is to request the Baltimore City Police Commissioner, Baltimore Health Commissioner, Director of Public Works, Director of Transportation, Director of Recreation and Parks, Director of the Mayor’s Office of Employment Development, Baltimore Housing Commissioner, Director of CitiStat, and the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation to present to the City Council on a coordinated violence reduction strategy for Baltimore.

Reducing violence and the potential to become a victim of violence is a critical concern for local governments. The roots of violence can be fed by poverty, the lack of jobs or job training, substance abuse, stressed families, or the lack of support or positive role models for youth. Reducing the impact of these contributing factors is a daunting task; however, the Department of Public Works believes it can play a strong supporting role by leveraging its services and programs in concert with other City agencies’ efforts, as this resolution proposes. Improving the cleanliness of neighborhoods by strategically securing vacant homes and lots can provide a foundation for other agencies’ focused attention and can result in safer public spaces for residents and visitors alike. The distribution of Municipal Trash Cans throughout the City was completed last year, empowering residents to properly dispose of their trash. The use of these cans, combined with a combination of the continued efforts of cleaning services, citizen education, and enforcement, will lead to a cleaner, healthier city.

Of course, there is no more powerful tool than an active and engaged citizenry. The Department continues to deploy its community liaisons into neighborhoods to bring information to our citizens, listen to their concerns and help resolve complaints or recurring issues. The Department annually supports the YouthWorks summer jobs program to provide meaningful work experience to hard working City youth, and is a founding partner of the Clean Corps program. Public Works is growing its new and promising mentoring and internship programs to inspire and hire these graduating young residents. In addition, the Department just graduated the first class from its small businesses development program, a multi-week training program that helps prepare these local businesses to become active participants in City contracts.

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These are just a few of the ways the Department of Public Works can support efforts to reduce opportunities for violence to take hold in our City. The Department will attend the upcoming hearing on City Council Resolution 16-0302R to listen to concerns and participate in the discussion.

Sincerely,



Rudolph S. Chow, P.E.
Director

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F R O M	Name & Title	Dr. Leana Wen	Health Department	
	Agency Name & Address	Health Department 1001 E. Fayette Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201		
	Subject	17-0002R – Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy		

To: President and Members
of the City Council
c/o 409 City Hall

February 16, 2017

Council Bill 17-0002R – Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy requests specified agencies present to the Council on a coordinated violence reduction strategy. The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) believes that public health and public safety go hand in hand and takes a three-tiered approach to violence as a public health issue. Those three tiers include violence interruption, addiction and mental health, and upstream investment. BCHD supports this Council resolution, and appreciates the opportunity to discuss these programs.

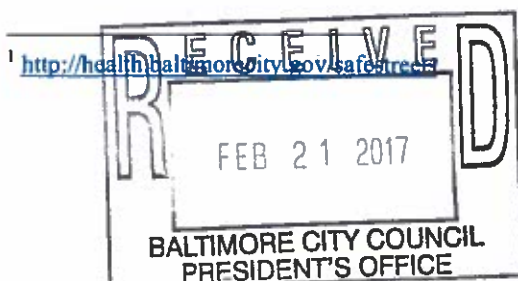
Tier 1: Violence Interruption. Safe Streets Baltimore was launched by BCHD in 2007 and is based on the national Cure Violence model. The evidence-based, public health initiative targets high-risk youth ages 14 to 25 and employs and trains outreach professionals to de-escalate and mediate disputes that might otherwise result in serious violence.

In partnership with community-based organizations at four designated Safe Streets sites, which are located in Cherry Hill, Park Heights, McElderry Park, and Sandtown-Winchester, Safe Streets employs ex-offenders and ex-gang members with trusted community relationships who canvass the target neighborhoods to identify and interrupt potentially violent conflicts. Safe Streets staff also connect at-risk youth to a wide variety of services to help them turn their lives around, including job training, education, mentorship, housing, and family support.

In 2015, Safe Streets interrupters staged 692 interventions, 77 percent of which were rated as likely or very likely to result in gun violence. Three Safe Streets sites have surpassed 365 consecutive days without a firearm homicide.¹ Program staff maintain up-to-date site-specific statistics on violence at each site at: <http://health.baltimorecity.gov/safestreets>.

When a shooting does occur within one of the designated neighborhoods, the relevant Safe Streets site responds by organizing community members to call attention to and speak out against the violence. This response occurs within 72 hours of a shooting – examples of past community activities of this kind include peace marches, midnight barbeques, vigils, and prayer sessions.

Adopting a public health approach to violence, as Safe Streets does, enables an upstream focus and interrupts the root causes of violence. For example, when shootings take place, Safe Streets workers galvanize community members to protest the impact of gun violence, in an effort to change the local norms of carrying and using guns.



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Furthermore, any operational costs are far outweighed by the cost savings associated with preventing a shooting. A single homicide is estimated to cost \$1.3 million in direct medical and productivity losses alone. The total societal cost for a single homicide is estimated at \$9 million. Preventing gun violence reduces healthcare costs for the entire City, and enables the health of future generations.

Tier 2: Addressing Addiction and Mental Health. Behavioral health and substance use are key factors in violence prevention: 8 out of 10 individuals in jail use illegal substances and 4 out of 10 have a diagnosed mental illness. Every \$1 invested in addiction treatment saves society \$12. BCHD has developed a comprehensive, 3-pillar strategy to combat opioid addiction that led the way in Maryland and that serves as a national model of innovation:

- 1) Prevent deaths from overdose and save lives.** In 2015, Commissioner Wen declared opioid overdose a public health emergency and the most critical part of BCHD's opioid overdose prevention campaign has been expanding access to naloxone – the lifesaving drug that reverses the effect of an opioid drug overdose. In October 2015, a new law went into effect that allowed Dr. Wen to issue a “standing order” and prescribe naloxone to the City's 620,000 residents. Baltimore City became the first jurisdiction in Maryland to expand access to naloxone using a standing order.

Since 2015, BCHD and partner organizations trained over 20,000 people at street markets, metro stops, jails, and neighborhood meetings on how to administer naloxone. BCHD assisted the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) to incorporate naloxone training into the police. Across the city, naloxone has saved over 800 lives, through administration by BPD Officers, first responders, health professionals, community members, and more. Baltimore City was also one of the first jurisdictions to require naloxone training as part of court-mandated time in Drug Treatment Court. We have trained federal, state and city legislators so that they can not only save lives, but also serve as ambassadors and champions to their constituents.

We use up-to-date epidemiological data to target our training to “hotspots,” taking naloxone directly into the most at-risk communities and putting it in the hands of those most in need. This was put into effect in 2015, when we saw that 39 people died from overdose to the opioid Fentanyl between January and March of 2015. Fentanyl is many times stronger than heroin, and individuals using heroin were not aware that the heroin had been laced with Fentanyl. To address this spike in fentanyl related deaths, BCHD launched a city-wide Fentanyl Taskforce, which includes representatives from local hospitals, the Baltimore City Police Department, the Baltimore City Fire Department, and more, to discuss ways to identify and prevent fentanyl-related deaths.

- 2) Increasing access to on-demand treatment and long-term recovery support.** Preventing overdose is only the first step in addressing addiction. To adequately treat people with substance use disorders, we must ensure there is adequate access to on-demand treatment. Nationwide, only 11 percent of patients with addiction get the treatment they need. In collaboration with Behavioral Health Systems Baltimore, the local behavioral health authority, BCHD has already taken several actions to ensure access to treatment, including:

- Created a 24/7 Crisis, Information and Referral phone line for anyone with addiction and mental health concerns that receives nearly 1,000 calls each year for crisis services and referral to appointments;
 - Secured \$3.6M in capital funds to build a stabilization center which will be the first step towards creating a 24/7 emergency room for behavioral health;
 - Hired community-based peer recovery specialists and piloted universal addiction screening in our hospitals;
 - Implementing the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program (LEAD) with City partners, to establish criteria for police officers to identify and connect individuals to services such as drug treatment and housing, rather than to central booking for arrest.
- 3) Provide education to reduce stigma and prevent addiction.** In addition to treating patients, the dialogue around substance use disorder must also change and BCHD has been at the forefront of changing public perception of addiction so those in need are not ashamed to seek treatment. BCHD is leading a city-wide effort to educate the public and providers on the nature of addiction: that it is a disease, recovery is possible, and we all must play a role in preventing addiction and saving lives. Key activities include:
- A public education campaign, “DontDie.org”, that educates citizens that addiction is a chronic disease and to encourage individuals to seek treatment;
 - Conversations with emergency doctors across the City to create awareness about best approaches to prescribing opioid medication;
 - Educational programs for doctors and providers of all specialties around careful prescribing of opioid medications and need for training in anti-overdose medication naloxone.

Baltimore City was the first jurisdiction in Maryland to take this proactive approach to address addiction and has one of the most ambitious overdose response and addiction treatment programs in the country. The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the White House, and the Surgeon General have all highlighted BCHD’s innovative approaches to address the opioid epidemic as a national best practice.

In addition to addiction treatment, we also address the trauma and mental health challenges that can perpetuate violence. Generations of exposure to poverty, racism, violent crime and domestic violence has resulted in extremely high levels of traumatic stress for individuals, families and communities across the City. Recognizing that trauma is a major underlying factor of behavioral health issues and violence, BCHD has launched a trauma-informed care training initiative across city government, which has already reached more than 1,200 city employees including police officers and other front-line city workers.

Recently, BCHD was awarded a five year, \$5 million grant by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the Resiliency in Communities after Stress and Trauma program. The goal of ReCAST is to reduce the impact of trauma and build resilience in Central West Baltimore communities adversely impacted by the April 2015 unrest. The program empowers community organizations from West Baltimore to implement high-quality, trauma-informed services to promote connectedness and resilience in youth. The grant is also complemented by \$2.3 million received from the U.S. Department of Education for Promoting Student Resilience, which will significantly expand mental health services in schools located in those same communities.

Tier 3: Upstream Investment. Finally, BCHD promotes upstream investment in evidence-based public health interventions that help address the root causes of violence. One example of this is B'More for Healthy Babies, which began in 2009 as an effort to reduce the rate of infant mortality in Baltimore. Since BHB came on line, Baltimore has experienced a 38 percent drop in its infant mortality rate, and the disparity gap for black babies and white babies shrunk by 50 percent. The program's success equates to 50 babies saved each year, and home visiting for pregnant women saves \$5.70 for every \$1 spent.²

Similarly, BCHD, the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS), Johns Hopkins University, non-profit provider Vision To Learn (VTL), and Warby Parker have launched "Vision for Baltimore," an innovative citywide strategy to ensure that students across Baltimore City elementary and middle schools have universal access to glasses, an essential learning tool, in an effort to improve performance, engagement, and opportunity. Vision for Baltimore is also a core component of the BCHD's Youth Health and Wellness Strategy, a comprehensive 5-year plan to reduce economic, social, and racial disparities among Baltimore City's children and youth that includes violence prevention.

Also included in that Youth Health and Wellness Strategy is lead poisoning prevention. BCHD seeks to reduce lead poisoning in the City through primary prevention and aggressive enforcement of the city's lead laws. More than 56,000 children under age 6 are at risk for lead poisoning in Baltimore. Lead poisoning can cause permanent brain damage that serves as a risk factor for violence. BCHD educates and strongly encourages families and providers to test children ages 1 and 2 for lead levels, outreach to pregnant women to evaluate potential lead hazards, and with numerous partners, including Baltimore City Housing, conducts home visits and develops strategies to reduce lead paint hazards in homes. Lead abatement programs save between \$17 and \$221 per \$1 spent.


We must go deeper than public safety and break the cycle of violence by addressing upstream risk factors. We must also look not just at the cost of the program but the cost of doing nothing. And finally, we should view people as solutions. BCHD takes a comprehensive public health approach to violence prevention through violence interruption programs such as Safe Streets, the treatment of addiction as a disease, and investing upstream in evidence-based, public health interventions -- all of are built upon these principles and enable us to truly break the cycle of violence.

We support this resolution and will be present at the hearing to answer any questions the Council may have on this matter.



Leana S. Wen, MD MSc
Commissioner of Health
Baltimore City

² <http://www.healthybabiesbaltimore.com/about-bhb/infant-mortality-statistics-and-research>

FROM	NAME & TITLE	Frank J. Murphy, Acting Director	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 East Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 17-0002R		

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

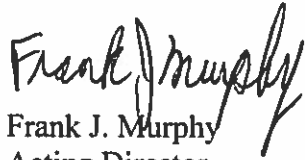
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The Department of Transportation (DOT) is committed to working with the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) on reducing violence. DOT works with BPD to coordinate transportation related initiatives in ways that will help reduce violence in the City.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

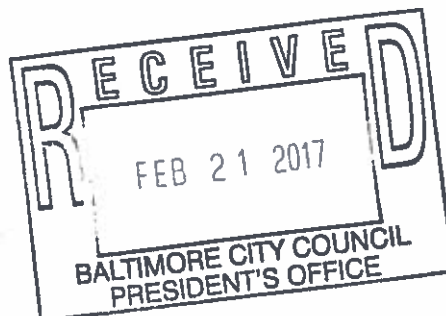


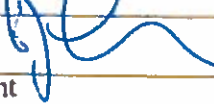

Frank J. Murphy
Acting Director

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Cc: Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office
Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office

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FROM	NAME & TITLE	Jason Perkins-Cohen, Director	 CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Mayor's Office of Employment Development 417 E. Fayette Street, Suite 468		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 17-0002R – Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy		

TO

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council

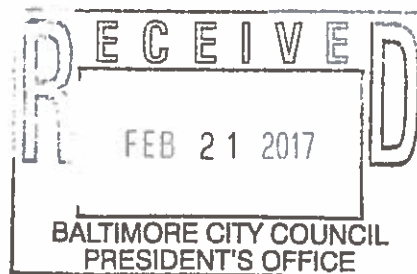
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The Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) strongly supports City Council Bill 17-0002R. Consistent with several studies that demonstrate the link between idleness/joblessness and violence, MOED is a natural partner in this effort. Communities in Cleveland, Chicago and other urban areas have already begun to incorporate youth employment strategies to combat violence. MOED also stepped up our efforts to find summer employment for youth after the unrest and increased the number of YouthWorks slots from 5,000 to 8,000. Violence is a problem with many, often compounded, roots that vary by person. Developing the strategy in conjunction with other city agencies should position Baltimore for even greater success by concentrating our services and attacking a myriad of factors at once. We look forward to a closer partnership with other agencies as we work together to reduce violence in Baltimore.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important public policy issue.

cc: James Smith
Karen Stokes
Angela Gibson



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Catherine E. Pugh
Mayor

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Kevin Davis
Police Commissioner

February 17, 2017

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

**Re: City Council Bill No. 17-0002R
Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 17-0002R. This resolution is for the purpose of requesting the Police Commissioner, the Health Commissioner, the Director of Public Works, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore Housing Commissioner, the Director of CitiStat, and the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation present to the City Council on a coordinated violence reduction strategy for Baltimore.

BPD supports this bill.

Having a coordinated, collaborative, and agency-wide plan to combat violent crime in Baltimore City is critical to the City's overall success. Maximizing efficiencies and executing a meaningful strategy between relevant City agencies, in partnership with the communities we serve, will have long-lasting and transformative effects.

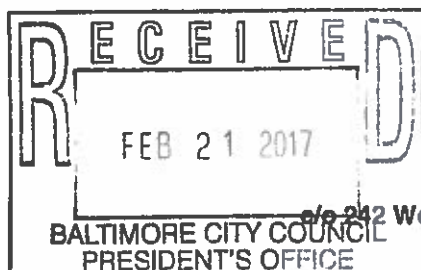
Violence impacts every part of this great City, and this must be addressed by all stakeholders in one unified front.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The Department looks forward to working with the City Council on this matter.

Sincerely,

James A. Gillis
Director of Government Affairs

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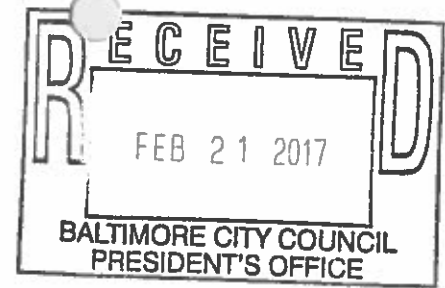




**BALTIMORE
HOUSING**

CATHERINE PUGH
Mayor

MICHAEL BRAVERMAN
Acting Executive Director, HABC
Acting Commissioner, HCD



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Acting Commissioner

MEB

Date: February 16, 2017

Re: **City Council Bill 17-0002R - Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0002R for the purpose of requesting that the Baltimore Police Commissioner, the Baltimore Health Commissioner, the Director of Department of Public Works, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore Housing Commissioner, the Director of CitiStat, and the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation present to the City Council on a coordinated violence reduction strategy for Baltimore.

This bill provides City agencies to discuss their role in contributing to the reduction of violence and how they work together to assist the Baltimore Police Department in striving to create safe neighborhoods for the residents of Baltimore City.

The City's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is committed to ensuring that all citizens of Baltimore have access to adequate and affordable housing and opportunities to live in *safe*, livable and decent neighborhoods. Establishing and maintaining safe and healthy neighborhoods requires the ability to address and eliminate threats to the life, health, and safety of City residents. HCD has a long record of coordinating its activities to ensure healthy neighborhoods with numerous other City agencies such as the Departments of Health, Fire and Police.

For example, the Code Enforcement Legal Section within HCD has developed the Property Based Crime Solutions Program (PBCS), which is a one-stop-shop for the abatement of nuisance activity in Baltimore City. Attorneys partner with the Baltimore Police Department (BPD), the State's Attorney's Office of Maryland for Baltimore City, the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) and the Mayor's Office cooperatively to address nuisance properties. Problem properties are identified by partnering agencies, residents, community leaders and local



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elected officials and submitted to the PBCS team for review. The PBCS team reviews the information, selects the cases that meet the PBCS criteria and pursues the appropriate methods available to abate specific property based nuisance activities. The attorneys are deputized as Assistant States Attorneys and are able to:

- Pursue abatement efforts as properties that are involved with the distribution, sale, manufacturing and use of controlled dangerous substances. The abatement efforts include, but are not limited to, termination of a lease, eviction, property improvements, ban certain tenants/visitors and vacate the property and move towards auction (receivership).
- Assist the BPD to support padlocking of certain nuisance properties by the Police Commissioner by reviewing referrals for legal sufficiency and then defending the action in an administrative hearing.
- Support the Housing Commissioner's authority to revoke a Multi-Family-Dwelling License when the property has been determined to be unsafe, or the premises are used for criminal activity. (Madison Park North Apartments)
- Use Zoning and Building Code to combat criminal nuisance activity ("Night Club" Task Force").

HCD has various programs to assist with Blight Elimination efforts targeted on improving the quality of life and strengthen neighborhoods for Baltimore City residents and are coordinated with City agencies, residents, community leaders and local elected officials. The programs include:

- Disposition of City owned property and assistance with property acquisition to support site assembly for major redevelopment projects.
- Receivership of privately owned vacant property for rehabilitation where markets will support it (Community Development Clusters).
- Relocation of residents to support strategic whole block demolition.
- Issuance of 40,000 work orders to clean and secure vacant properties annually, helping to prevent squatting, vandalism, fires, and other criminal activity inside vacant properties.
- Response to complaints of illegal dumping, proactive monitoring of known dumping hotspots, and installation of 85 cameras citywide that are used to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers. More than 400 cases have been prosecuted since 2009. Many times, these cameras also record other illegal activity, and the video files are forwarded to BPD for follow up.

The Governor and Mayor have allocated significant funding for demolition in Baltimore City. Working with many agencies including BPD, DHCD and Planning identify the most strategic use of the money. The demolitions we pursue almost always change the built environment in a way that improves the ability of the police to address criminal activity. In total, HCD undertakes more than 500 demolitions each year that contribute to public safety and quality of life

The Department of Housing and Community Development appreciates the opportunity to participate at the public hearing on February 22, 2017.

MB:sd

cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Kyron Banks, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*



To: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Sameer Sidh, CitiStat Director

Date: February 21, 2017

Re: City Council Bill No. 17-0002R
Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy

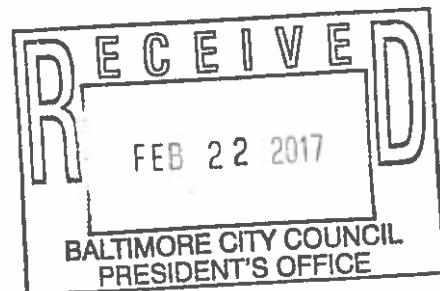
The Mayor's Office of CitiStat supports City Council Bill 17-0002R. If passed, the Bill will convene the Baltimore Police Commissioner, the Baltimore Health Commissioner, the Director of Public Works, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore Housing Commissioner, the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation, and the Director of CitiStat in order to present to the City Council on a coordinated violence reduction strategy.

We understand that violence impacts the vitality and livability of Baltimore City's neighborhoods including small businesses that keep our economy going. We further understand the urgency and importance of a concerted and coordinated effort to find solutions to combat crime in our City.

The Mayor's Office of CitiStat respectfully requests that favorable consideration is given by the City Council to City Council Bill 17-0002R.

Cc: Kyron Banks

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CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

WILLIAM VONDRASEK, Acting Director
DR. RALPH W. E. JONES, JR. BUILDING
3001 East Drive - Druid Hill Park
Baltimore, Maryland 21217
410-396-6132

February 13, 2017

Honorable President Bernard Young
Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: **Council Bill # 17-0002R**
Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy

Dear President Young:

The Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP), supports **Council Bill #17-0002R Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy**. This bill encourages City agencies to take a collaborative approach in strategizing violence reduction for Baltimore City. BCRP offers a variety of programming to reach the youth and young adults of Baltimore.

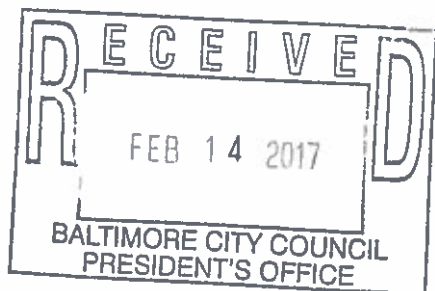
The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks supports the Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy.

Respectfully,

William Vondrasek
Acting Director


WV:CH

cc: Angela Gibson



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: January 24, 2017

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 17-0002R
Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) supports City Council Bill 17-0002R. If passed, the Bill will convene the Baltimore Police Commissioner, the Baltimore Health Commissioner, the Director of Department of Public Works, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore Housing Commissioner, the Director of CitiStat, and the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation in order to present to the City Council on a coordinated violence reduction strategy for Baltimore.

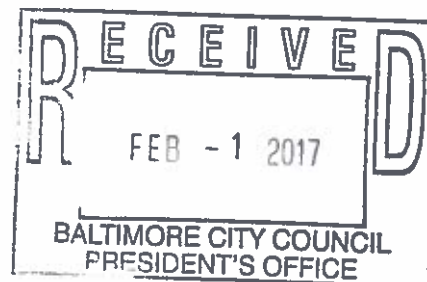
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The BDC respectfully requests that favorable consideration is given by the City Council to City Council Bill 17-0002R.

cc: Colin Tarbert
Angela Gibson

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City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland
21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

10:05 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

Voting Session/Work Session: 17-0002R

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

- Present** 6 - Member Brandon M. Scott, Member Ryan Dorsey, Member Kristerfer Burnett, Member Shannon Sneed, Member Leon F. Pinkett III, and Member Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
- Absent** 1 - Member Zeke Cohen

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR VOTING SESSION / WORKSESSION

17-0002R

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Sponsors: Brandon M. Scott, Ryan Dorsey, Leon F. Pinkett, III, John T. Bullock, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Kristerfer Burnett, Shannon Sneed, Mary Pat Clarke, President Young, Eric T. Costello

A motion was made by Member Dorsey, seconded by Member "Yitzy" Schleifer, that this City Council Resolution be Recommended Favorably . The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Member Scott, Member Dorsey, Member Burnett, Member Sneed, Member Pinkett III, and Member "Yitzy" Schleifer
- Absent:** 1 - Member Cohen

ADJOURNMENT

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



**CITY OF BALTIMORE
CITY COUNCIL HEARING ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Committee: * Public Safety

Chairperson: Bra

Date: October 31, 2017

Time: 3:30 PM

Place: *Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber

Subject: * - Resolution - Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0002R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Scott, Dorsey, Pinkett, Bullock, Henry, Middleton, Cohen,
Stokes, Burnett, Sneed, Clarke, President Young, Councilmember Costello

Introduced and read first time: January 9, 2017

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Police Department, Health Department, Department of
Public Works, Department of Transportation, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department
of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Mayor's Office
of Employment Development, CitiStat

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Coordinated Agency Violence Reduction Strategy**

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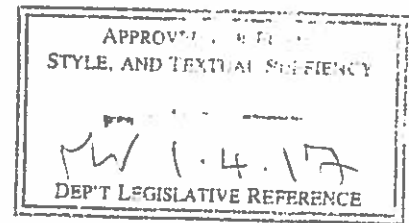
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EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL ____ R
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Introduced by: Councilmember Scott

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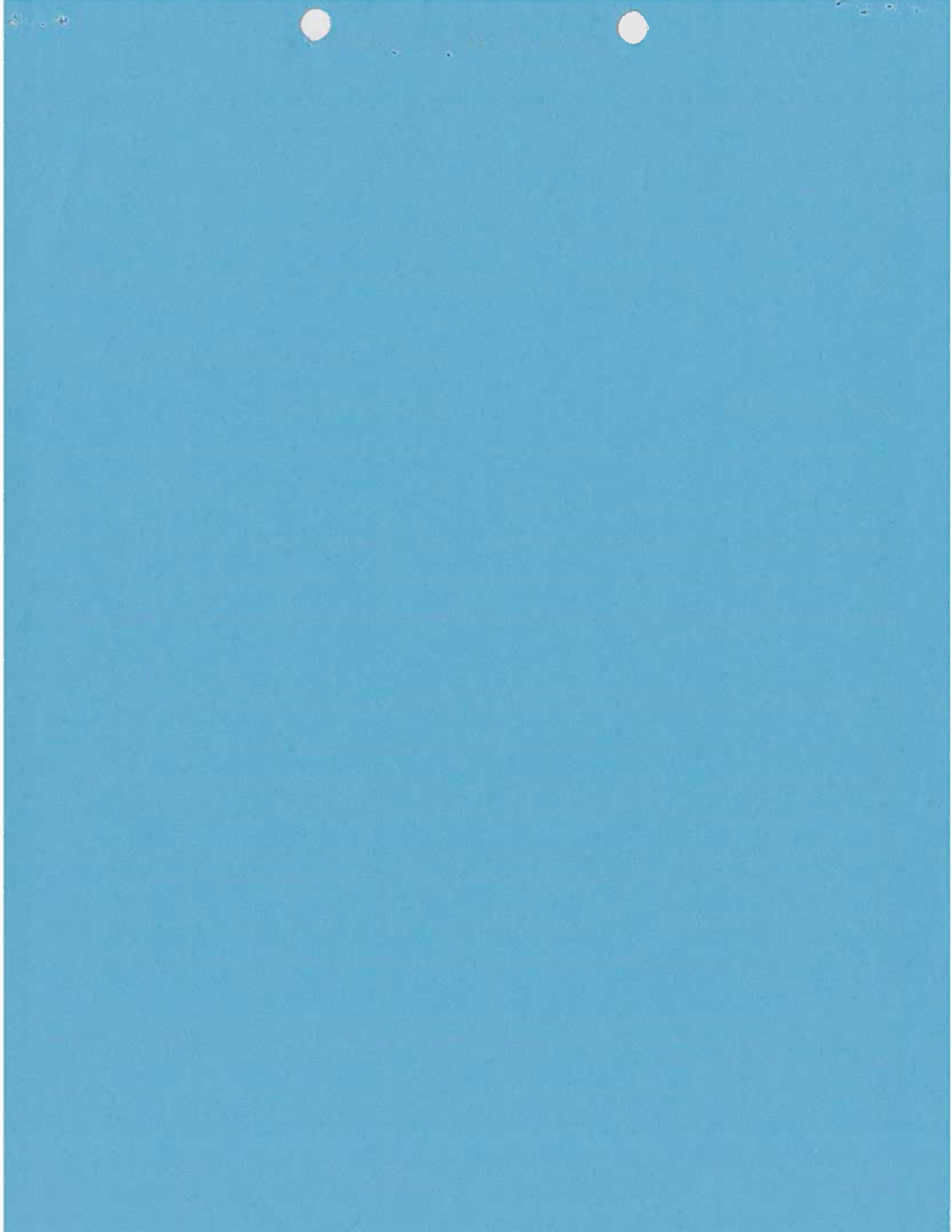
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ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

JAN 09 2017

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON July 3 _____ 20 18

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF July 9 _____ 20 18

FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

[Signature]

Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

JUL 09 2018

_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

President

Chief Clerk