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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Public Works 600 Abel Wolman Municipal Building		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-0451		

November 15, 2019

**TO:**

Public Safety Committee

**INTRODUCTION**

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0451 introduced by Council President Scott, Council Members Henry, Cohen, Schleifer, Costello, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Sneed, Clarke, Reisinger, McCray, Stokes and Dorsey.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Bill requires that the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice present to the City Council a biennial comprehensive crime reduction plan; specifies that the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice develop the plan in consultation with certain agencies; establishes the contents of the plan; and requires the publication of the plan on the City’s website for public comment.

**BRIEF HISTORY**

The Department of Public Works contributed significant time and resources supporting two collaborative approaches to combat the factors that contribute to or make it easier for violence to flourish in communities. Beginning in February of 2017 the Department provided intensive solid waste support in four Transformation Zones and the subsequent expanded areas under the Violence Reduction Initiatives. The focus of these efforts were on internal strategic actions to keep nuisance properties, vacant lots, trash and debris, vermin, and unsanitary conditions of communities out of the crime equation.

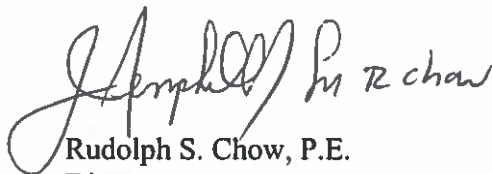
City Council Bill 19-0451 would require the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice to develop a comprehensive crime reduction strategy plan for the subsequent two years, present the plan to the Council on June 30 of each even-numbered year, and for public comment on the City’s website no less than 30 days prior to its submission to the Council. The plan is to be developed in consultation with a specified list of certain State and City agencies and offices, including this Department. The Department of Public Works is always willing to work with or collaborate with other agencies as long as the requests are within our due powers and supportable by our resources.

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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION**

The Department of Public Works defers to the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice on City Council Bill 19-0451.

Should the Committee have any additional questions prior to the hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Marcia Collins at 410-396-1960, or via email at [Marcia.Collins@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Marcia.Collins@baltimorecity.gov).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rudolph S. Chow". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Director

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