## Testimony for Hearing City Council Bill 20-0510

The Library supports City Council Bill 20-0510 Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Composition –Revisions and Clarification which modifies the composition of the Task Force.

The Library understands that many of the people we see and serve each day are struggling with issues big and small – such as mental health issues, housing insecurity, economic hardship, job loss, illiteracy- both traditional and digital, opioid addiction and exposure to violence. Programs like our Social Worker in the Library are already helping us form a path to better trauma responsive services In addition, we offer other programs such as health and wellness, employment, and literacy programming to help off-set the damage of trauma.

The Library looks at trauma responsiveness as another needed lens that can be used to better serve the customers we work with every day, particularly youth. This is not adding to the services we provide, but rather making them more responsive to the Baltimore City residents we serve.

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