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	SUBJECT	City Council Resolution 21-0028R - Informational Hearing - Baltimore's Plan for our Neighbors Experiencing Homelessness and Residing in Hotels during the Pandemic		

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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

May 24, 2021

Position: Favorable

The Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success (MOCFS) has been asked to respond to City Council Resolution 21-0028R introduced by Councilmembers Ramos, Middleton, Bullock, Schleifer, Torrence, Stokes, Cohen and Porter.

Background

This Resolution calls for an informational hearing to discuss the outcomes for neighbors experiencing homelessness who have been residing in hotels, what is next for these individuals, what kind of assistance has been provided to individuals experiencing homelessness and residing in encampments during the crisis, and the availability of programs to access housing.

The Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success is responsible for administering the City of Baltimore's Eviction Prevention Program. The goal of Baltimore City's Eviction Prevention Program is to keep city residents in their homes. Any resident or family with a household income of 80% or less of AMI (Area Median Income) is eligible to apply. The program provides assistance with past-due rent and utilities payments, relocation, legal support and case management. The program has received increased funding from local, state and federal resources in anticipation the growing need. As of today, the program has provided \$14 million dollars in back rent support to 3,231 individuals and families.

Conclusion

The Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success along with the Community Action Partnership (CAP) Centers work to prevent individuals from experiencing homelessness through its administration of the Eviction Prevention Program. The Program provides case management services in addition to direct financial assistance. For those who are already experiencing homelessness, whether currently residing in hotels or encampments, support services are administered through the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services.

The Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success thanks the Economic and Community Development Committee for the opportunity to respond to Council Resolution 21-0028R and stands ready to answer any questions the committee may have.

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