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HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: 21-0010

Briefing – Emergency Security Deposit Relief

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: June 15, 2021

Time (Beginning): 3:11 PM

Time (Ending): 3:28 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: Approximately 25

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Antonio Glover Robert Stokes Odette Ramos

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Agency reports read?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Motioned by:.....Councilmember			
Seconded by:.....Councilmember			
Final Vote:.....			

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Ms. Tisha Edwards, Executive Director, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success
- Ms. Alice Kennedy, Acting Director, Department of Housing and Community Development



Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilwoman Middleton opened the meeting and introduced agency representatives. She asked about the income threshold of 124% of AMI for the new security deposit initiative as well as the use of city approved housing which must be licensed; the current status of city approved housing stock; the appeals process if a renter is denied assistance; and a viable outreach plan.
 2. Councilmember Ramos asked about the outreach strategy.
 3. Ms. Tisha Edwards provided information and answered questions about a new initiative to provide emergency security deposit assistance to renters.
 4. Ms. Alice Kennedy provided information and answered questions about expansion of Baltimore City's Eviction Prevention Program.
 5. The meeting was adjourned.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair
John Bullock:
Mark Conway:
Ryan Dorsey:
Antonio Glover:
Robert Stokes:
Odette Ramos:

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

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