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Title: Informational Hearing - Deed Fraud
For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Finance, the Department of Law, Baltimore Development Corporation, the Office of the Clerk of the Court for the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, and the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General to: (1) provide background information on the crime of obtaining a title to real property by fraud, also known as “deed fraud”, “title theft”, or “house stealing”; (2) discuss the prevalence of deed fraud within the City of Baltimore; (3) present on what, if any, systems exist that proactively combat the commission of deed fraud; and (4) present how, if necessary, the City may better protect real property owners from becoming victims of deed fraud.

Sponsors: John T. Bullock, Phylicia Porter, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen, James Torrence, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Sharon Green Middleton

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11/23/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement	
11/23/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Dept. of Finance	
11/23/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to City Solicitor	
11/23/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Dept. of Housing and Community Development	
11/23/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Baltimore Development Corporation	
11/23/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to States' Attorney's Office	
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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Bullock

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning **Informational Hearing - Deed Fraud**

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Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the City Council invites representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Finance, the Department of Law, Baltimore Development Corporation, the Office of the Clerk of the Court for the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, and the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General to: (1) provide background information on the crime of obtaining a title to real property by fraud, also known as “deed fraud”, “title theft”, or “house stealing”; (2) discuss the prevalence of deed fraud within the City of Baltimore; (3) present on what, if any, systems exist that proactively combat the commission of deed fraud; and (4) present how, if necessary, the City may better protect real property owners from becoming victims of deed fraud.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Director of the Department of Finance, the City Solicitor, the Clerk of the Court for the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, the Chief of the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.