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A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning
Request for State Action - Community Policing Steering Committee
For the purpose of calling on the Baltimore City Delegation to the 2017 Maryland General Assembly to secure enactment of legislation that allows the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to create and populate a Baltimore Police Community Policing Steering Committee to ensure that Baltimore's citizens are involved in the development of its community policing strategy through the yearly creation of the Baltimore Police Community Interaction Plan.

Recitals

Baltimore City's Police Department has been criticized for decades about its lack of citizen involvement in the development of its crime plan. While thoroughly discussed, this belief was never truly documented until the release of the recent Department of Justice Pattern and Practice report on the Baltimore Police Department. Lack of citizen involvement is just one of many areas that must be worked on to improve the Baltimore Police Department in order to have a safer and better city.

In order to truly have a community policing strategy, the citizens who live in the communities of Baltimore must be involved in the creation of that strategy. Enabling the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to create and institute a Community Policing Steering Committee creates a mechanism for citizen involvement in community policing and moves forward on some much needed change in the Baltimore Police Department.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the Council calls on the Baltimore City Delegation to the 2017 Maryland General Assembly to secure enactment of legislation that allows the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to create and populate a Baltimore Police Community Policing Steering Committee to ensure that Baltimore's citizens are involved in the development of its community policing strategy through the yearly creation of the Baltimore Police Community Interaction Plan.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the Honorable

Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City House and Senate Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Maryland House Speaker, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.