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City of Baltimore
Council Bill R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Conway

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning
Investigational Hearing - Existing Alternatives to Policing Strategies
For the purpose of inviting representatives from ROCA, Safe Streets, the Baltimore Police Department's Group Violence Prevention Strategy, and 911 Diversion Program, and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement to inform the City Council about the existing alternatives to policing strategies the City has in its arsenal.

Recitals

Whereas, While policing has an important role to play in responding to crime, public safety and violence prevention require a broader and more comprehensive approach;

Whereas, A crime prevention strategy that allows Baltimore City and its residents to thrive and feel safe will include serious focus on the root causes of crime and violence;

Whereas, The Baltimore City Council is interested in learning what alternatives to traditional policing the City has in place and how those fit together in broader efforts by the City to increase the safety of neighborhoods;

Whereas, The Baltimore City Council would like to better understand the scope of the activities of ROCA, Safe Streets, the Baltimore Police Department's Group Violence Prevention Strategy and 911 Diversion Program, and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety;

Whereas, The Baltimore City Council would like to better understand the effectiveness of the programs and services of the aforementioned groups, and how other programs, such as Operation Ceasefire, could succeed in the City;

Whereas, The Baltimore City Council would like to explore opportunities to expand, supplement, and support programs that have proven to be successful in increasing public safety and curbing crime.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the City Council invites representatives from ROCA, Safe Streets, the Baltimore Police Department's Group Violence Prevention Strategy and 911 Diversion Program, and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement to inform the City Council about the existing alternatives to policing strategies the City has in its arsenal.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of ROCA Baltimore, the Health Commissioner, the Police Commissioner, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.