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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Scott

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning **Reviving the Baltimore Police Cadet Program**

For the purpose of requesting that the Director of Finance release 50 of the 250 frozen police officer positions in order to revive the Baltimore police cadet program.

Recitals

For years Baltimore has struggled to have more of it's police officers be from, and live in, the city. Recent reports have shown that efforts to improve the number of officers residing in Baltimore have had minimal impact. Moreover, as Baltimore moves into it's efforts to enact police reform through the consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice, there is no doubting that there needs to be a dramatic increase in home grown police officers.

In the past, the Cadet Program was used as a tool to grow young people who wanted to be police officers into just that. In recent years however the program has been dismantled.

As a result of budget issues 250 police officer positions were frozen in last years budget. Releasing 50 of these positions would allow the Department to restart a Police Cadet program focused on the recruitment of current police explorers and Baltimore City youth. Achieving this goal would go a long way in reigniting the growth of home grown police officers.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That it requests that the Director of Finance release 50 of the 250 frozen police officer positions in order to revive the Baltimore police cadet program.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Police Commissioner, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.