



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning **Informational Hearing - "1% for Art" Program**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Public Arts Commission, the Baltimore Development Corporation, the Parking Authority, the Planning Department, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Transportation, the Mayor's Office, the Department of Finance, and the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts to discuss the continued administration of the "1% for Art" program.

Recitals

The Baltimore City Council recognizes the impact public art adds to the cultural and economic vitality of the City of Baltimore and how public art continues to serve as a source of public pride for its citizens.

In 1964, the City of Baltimore led the way in establishing the "1% for Art" law requiring the City to allocate 1% of all capital construction costs towards public artwork. This law now serves as a model for public arts programs across the country.

In 2007, the Baltimore City Council doubled down on this commitment by establishing a 9-member public arts commission to administer the public arts program. Since the creation of the public art commission, however, there has been little if any legislative oversight to review for proper compliance with the law.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the Council invites representatives from the Public Arts Commission, the Baltimore Development Corporation, the Parking Authority, the Department of Planning, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Transportation, the Mayor's Office, the Department of Finance, and the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts to discuss the continued administration of the "1% for Art" program.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Public Arts Commission, the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore Development Corporation, the Chief Executive Officer of the Parking Authority, the Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Acting Director of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Transportation, the Director of Finance, the Executive Director of the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City Council.