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### **Recitals**

The opioid epidemic has hit Baltimore City hard. In the first half of 2018, 483 Baltimore residents died from overdoses, more than in any other Maryland jurisdiction and a 22% increase in deaths from the first half of 2017. A variety of Baltimore City agencies, including the Health Department, the Mayor's Office, the Fire Department, as well as the Baltimore Police Department have worked hard to end the epidemic in the City. With the beginning of a new year, it is important that the agencies share with the Council how they have been working to end the epidemic and what they plan to do during 2019 to achieve this goal. The agencies should outline what steps they will take to fight the epidemic this year, and should be ready to answer questions regarding their plans.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore,** That the Baltimore City Council requests an informational hearing with all the governmental agencies responding to the opioid epidemic in Baltimore City, including the Health Department, the Mayor's Office, the Fire Department, and the Baltimore Police Department, so that these agencies can update the Baltimore City Council regarding their response to the epidemic.

**And be it further resolved,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Interim Director of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Interim Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department, the Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.