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Introductory*

City of Baltimore
Council Bill R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning
Informational Hearing - Alternatives to Arrest
For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, and other City officials responsible for enforcement, prosecution, and judicial review of criminal justice to appear before the City Council to discuss ways that we can rebuild trust between our citizens and the agents of the criminal justice system by exploring alternative enforcement strategies outside of traditional arrest.

Recitals

Baltimore City residents have maintained an uneasy relationship with the Baltimore Police Department that was heightened after the death of Freddy Gray and the discovery of the corruption of the Gun Trace Task Force. The City is now in year 2 of the Justice Department's Consent Decree; under the Decree, the Department is making reforms to build trust between the police and the citizenry. One possible way to build trust between the citizenry and the police is to reduce arrests of African Americans. The Justice Department found that the Baltimore Police Department engaged in unjustified stops, searches, and arrests of African Americans. The Baltimore City Council is interested in how the Baltimore Police Department can perform its law enforcement duties outside of traditional arrest, so as to build trust between civilians and police officers.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the Baltimore City Council invites representatives from the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, and other City officials responsible for enforcement, prosecution, and judicial review of criminal justice to appear before the City Council to discuss ways that we can rebuild trust between our citizens and the agents of the criminal justice system by exploring alternative enforcement strategies outside of traditional arrest.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Baltimore Police Commissioner, the Baltimore City State's Attorney, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, the Baltimore City Sheriff, the Executive Director of the Civilian Review Board, the Monitor of the Baltimore Police Monitoring Team, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.