



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Torrence

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning
Informational Hearing - Museum Workers' Right to Organize

For the purpose of inviting the City Solicitor, the Director of the Department of Human Resources, representatives from the Walters Art Museum, and AFSCME Council 67 to discuss the feasibility of unionization of museum workers.

Recitals

Whereas, The City Council requests an overview of the City and State laws related to unionizing;

Whereas, The City Council requests a greater understanding of the relevance of the City Code in relation to the administrative proceedings at the Walters Art Museum;

Whereas, The City Council requests the Law Department's opinion regarding the amendment of the City Code to clarify that Walters employees have a right to collective bargaining;

Whereas, The City Council would like to better understand the labor rights and protections of museum workers in comparison to other employees in the City;

Whereas, The City Council would like to better understand how museum workers across the country and at the Walters have faced pay inequity and lack of diversity, transparency, and job security;

Whereas, The City Council would like to hear about the nature of the work at the Walters, improvements workers would like to see made, and how working in partnership with the museum will improve their workplace;

Whereas, The City Council would like to better understand how recognizing the Walters employees' union might raise the standards for working conditions, wages, and benefits for museum workers; and

Whereas, The City Council would like to hear how organizing a union for Walters Museum workers can foster a culture of inclusion, trust, equity, and accountability.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the City Council invites the City Solicitor, the Director of the Department of Human Resources, representatives from the Walters Art Museum, and AFSCME Council 67 to discuss the feasibility of unionization of museum workers.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City Solicitor, the Director of the Department of Human Resources, the Executive Director of the Walters Art Museum, the President of AFSCME Council 67, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.