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Legislation Text

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Submitting Department: City Clerk
Agenda Section: Action

Item Title:

Authorization of Correspondence Requesting a Special Session of the Maryland General Assembly

Suggested Action:

I move the City Council authorize the Mayor to a send a letter to the Maryland House Speaker and Senate President requesting a special session of the Maryland General assembly to address overriding the Governor's Veto of Kirwan funding, the need for a coordinated statewide COVID-19 response, and police reform to address the disproportionate impact on minority communities.

Summary Background:

Our state and Country are currently experiencing a series of immense crises: education funding, the coronavirus pandemic, and national unrest as a result of police violence within marginalized communities. These issues statistically and demonstrably impact minority communities with disproportionate numbers of grave and fatal outcomes. As a city at the intersection of these issues with large African-American and Latino populations as well as community committed to investing in the success of our children through adequate education funding, we believe a strong, concerted, and immediate response is required from the State of Maryland.

Next Steps:

Upon approval, a letter authored by the Mayor will be sent to Maryland House Speaker Adrienne Jones and Senate President Bill Ferguson requesting a special session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend approval.

Community Engagement:

Correspondence will be sent on behalf of the community.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 3 - Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A