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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

## Vote Yes on Senate Bill 72

**Bill Title: Baltimore City— Members of the Command Staff of the Police Department—Residency Requirements**

**Hearing Date: January 15, 2020, Judicial Proceedings**

**Chair: William Smith , Vice Chair: Jeff Waldstreicher**

I write to you today in support of Senate Bill 72. The members of the Baltimore City Police Department have continued to answer the call to perform difficult tasks and have continued to be a crucial part of the community. A concern is that the members of the Department are not completely knowledgeable of the communities in-which they serve. Without living around their place of work, they have not become fully active members within the community.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Mayor and the City Council of Baltimore to require a certain at-will supervisory member of the Police Department of Baltimore City to reside within the State, Baltimore City, or within a certain distance from either the City or the State as a condition of employment. These at-will supervisory members will include the head of a unit of the Department or one who reports directly to the head of a unit of the department. These members include both civilian employees and police officers.

This shall be first enacted or adopted by the Mayor and the City Council of Baltimore. If enacted, these stipulations would not affect any individual employed by the Baltimore Police Department of Baltimore City before the effective date of the local law, ordinance, or policy.

In efforts to build more trust between at-will supervisory members and the community, we hope that you will move for a favorable report of Senate Bill 72.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cory V. McCray", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Cory V. McCray  
State Senator