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City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake Calls for Rat Abatement Public Hearing

The President will introduce a bill on Monday calling for a public hearing

Baltimore, MD (March 15, 2007) – Baltimore City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake is continuing her focus on healthy neighborhoods by calling for a public hearing on the City's efforts to control rat infestation. On Monday, President Rawlings-Blake will introduce a resolution requesting the Baltimore Health Department Commissioner and the Director of the Bureau of Vector Control to report to the City Council and the public on the status of outreach and educational rat abatement programs.

"Neighborhood revitalization must start with public health," said President Rawlings-Blake. "A neighborhood can not be safe if it is not clean and healthy. This hearing is part of a renewed pledge to the people of Baltimore that as Council President, I will focus investment and energy on Baltimore's cherished neighborhoods, which must be the focus of any revitalization effort."

The hearing is designed to inform the public on the efficacy of programs to control rat infestations throughout Baltimore City neighborhoods. If adopted, a hearing date will be set and announced to the public.

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