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City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake Statement on Mayor's Police Recruitment Announcement Today

July 12, 2007 – I am pleased with Mayor Dixon's announcement today of a greater focus on addressing the drastic police staffing shortage in Baltimore. The measures that are being introduced represent a positive start to solving a problem that our communities have experiences for far too long.

While there is much more to be done, cooperative efforts like this show what can be accomplished when City leaders work together to affect positive change for Baltimore. Working in partnership with Mayor Dixon and her staff, I look forward to carefully reviewing the effectiveness of Police recruitment efforts throughout the City.

With a fully staffed police force, we can put the full weight of the law enforcement community behind the removal of criminals from our streets, the capture of violent fugitives, and the revitalization of the neighborhoods of Baltimore.

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