



**Bernard C. "Jack" Young**  
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**HUNDREDS OF CONCERNED CITIZENS  
SPEAK OUT AGAINST BUDGET CUTS**

*Council President Young pledges to fight for alternative options*

BALTIMORE, MD - City Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young tonight heard from hundreds of concerned Baltimoreans during the Board of Estimates' annual Taxpayers' Night. President Young is committed to researching alternative revenue-generating proposals that will mitigate the City's budget problems and avoid deep cuts in services and jobs.

"I understand that this difficult budget process will be painful and require tough decisions," President Young said. "But I am not willing to sacrifice public safety or force our children to shoulder the burden for a short-term budgetary gain."

During the BOE's Taxpayers' Night hundreds of residents voiced concerns about Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's preliminary budget, which proposes to layoff police officers, close fire stations and shutter more than two dozen recreation centers in an attempt to plug a \$121 million budget deficit. Mayor Rawlings-Blake has said on a number of occasions that her preliminary budget proposal is not acceptable and that she will work with Council President Young and members of the City Council to guide the City through a very difficult budget process.

City residents will get an opportunity to directly address members of the City Council during its annual Taxpayers' Night, which will be held Monday, May 10, 2010 at 6 p.m., inside City Hall.

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