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**HUNDREDS OF CONCERNED BALTIMOREANS ATTEND COUNCIL'S
TAXPAYERS' NIGHT**

Event served as a platform for citizens to personally address members of the City Council concerning Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's proposed fiscal year 2011 budget.

BALTIMORE, MD – City Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young tonight heard from hundreds of concerned citizens during the council's annual Taxpayers' Night. The event, which was held at the War Memorial Building, provided Baltimoreans with an opportunity to directly address council members, who are charged with passing the Mayor's \$50 million package of taxes and fee increases aimed at closing a record \$121 million budget shortfall.

"I'm glad to see so many people here tonight," Council President Young told those gathered for Taxpayers' Night. "Tonight is your opportunity to voice your concerns to your elected officials. We're here tonight to listen to you. Your comments will help to inform us as we move into hearings that will determine the makeup of the city's pending budget."

The overwhelming majority of those in attendance shared Council President Young's view on the importance of preventing cuts in city jobs and services. Council President Young will continue to work with his colleagues on council to introduce alternative revenue-generating proposals that do not place undue burdens on city families, already weighed down by a sluggish economy.

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