

State of Maryland - Charter Amendment Petition

We, the undersigned voters of _____ County or (check for Baltimore City), hereby petition to have this amendment of the County or City Charter submitted to a vote of the registered voters of the County or Baltimore City, for approval or rejection at the next general election.

If the full text of the proposal does not appear on the back of this signature page, a fair and accurate summary of the substantive provisions of the proposal must appear on the back, and the full text of the proposal must be immediately available from the petition circulator.

NOTICE TO SIGNERS: Sign and print your name (1) as it appears on the voter registration list, OR (2) your surname of registration AND at least one full given name AND the initial of any other names. Please print or type all information other than your signature. Post Office Box addresses are not generally accepted as valid. By signing this petition, you agree that the aforementioned charter amendment proposal should be placed on the ballot as a question at the next general election and that, to the best of your knowledge, you are registered to vote in Maryland and are eligible to have your signature counted for this petition.

SBE 6-201-5C (Rev 3-2012)

Please Note: The information you provide on this petition is public information and may be used to change your voter registration address.

1	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year
	Signature:				Date of Signature:	Month	Date	Year
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip		
2	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year
	Signature:				Date of Signature:	Month	Date	Year
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5	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year
	Signature:				Date of Signature:	Month	Date	Year
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip		

Individual Circulator's printed or typed name _____

Residence Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (including area code) _____

Circulator's Affidavit Under penalties of perjury, I swear (or affirm) that: (a) I was at least 18 years old when each signature was obtained; (b) the information given to the left identifying me is true and correct; (c) I personally observed each signer as he or she signed this page; and (d) to the best of my knowledge and belief: (i) all signatures on this page are genuine; and (ii) all signers are registered voters of Maryland. *(Sign and Date when signature collection is completed)*

Circulator's Signature _____ Date (mm/dd/yy) _____

Summary:

The petition is for the purpose of amending the Baltimore City Charter to add Section 20 to Article I, establishing a continuing, non-lapsing Community Wealth Building Fund to be used exclusively to provide broadly defined projects and programs related to expanding community ownership such as worker owned co-operative businesses, community owned land trusts, agriculture, investment funds, financial institutions and utilities.

Revenue for the Fund will be non-lapsing and permanent through a mandatory annual appropriation in the Ordinance of Estimates of an amount equal to at least \$0.06 on every \$100 of assessed or assessable value of all property in the City of Baltimore or its equivalent in payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) contributions by medical and educational nonprofits. The Charter amendment will not mandate any new tax or tax increase, and would allow the City to determine the source of funds provided that the mandatory amount is complied with. The fund shall not be used to replace existing City support for community wealth building activities and may not be used to support projects controlled by a medical or educational anchor institution subject to a PILOT.

The Petition authorizes and directs oversight, governance, and administration of the Fund by a 15-member Commission appointed by the Mayor (or the City Council President if the Mayor fails to make timely appointments) to represent various constituencies with relevant expertise. The commission shall make recommendations to the City regarding the negotiation of future PILOT agreements, and shall use the fund to address structural racism and historic discrimination.