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Increased Affordable Housing Opportunity and Community Living Options

Far too many Baltimoreans live in unsafe communities that provide little access to safe and quality housing options. Otis is committed to working for increased affordable, accessible and integrated housing options in Baltimore communities. Through direct policies, programs, outreach and organizing a newly reorganized Department of Housing and Community Development, he will work to ensure compliance with disability rights laws in the design and construction of mixed use and residential properties and encourage private developers to create more housing choices for people with disabilities and their families.

As Mayor, Otis Rolley will:

- ❖ Reorganize and repurpose the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Housing Authority of Baltimore City to shift its priorities from brick and mortar development to providing quality housing options and more livable communities for Baltimore residents.
- ❖ Enforce the inclusionary housing law.
- ❖ Expand the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Office and transfer it to the Baltimore City Office of Civil Rights.
- ❖ Expand access and awareness of handicap accessible parking and enforce parking citations for illegal parking in these allocated spaces.
- ❖ Establish a Division for Independent Living within the Department of Housing and Community Development.

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Economic Independence through Jobs and Self Employment

Baltimore has not had coherent economic development plan in over 30 years. Our economic development agency has operated more like a real estate development agency, and has failed to recognize the number one priority in economic development is fostering an environment that allows the private sector to create and sustain jobs.

As Mayor, Otis Rolley will:

- ❖ Reorganize and adequately staff the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities
- ❖ Appoint the head of the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities to the Baltimore Workforce Investment Board.
- ❖ Establish the rules to implement the Hiring Preference with People with Disabilities within my first 100 days as Mayor.

- ❖ Through public service announcement (PSA), the City television channel, the City website, and the City's economic agency encourage employers to look at the persons' skills in meeting the labor needs of their business without regard to their disability.

PLAY

Expansion of Inclusive Recreation

All of Baltimore's children, regardless of their ability deserve and must have better access to safe and clean areas to play. As part of Otis' vision to elevate Baltimore, he will make improvements to our Department of Recreation and Parks that allow for them to achieve equality of opportunity and participation in recreational activities. In support of the Raise our Youth, Raise our City campaign, Otis has committed to reestablish 55 high quality recreation centers. As renovation and new construction occurs with our recreation centers and as we make new investments in our park system by completing the City's first Comprehensive Parks Plan in decades, universal design and accessibility will be a priority.

As Mayor, Otis Rolley will:

- ❖ Require universal design in the rehab and new construction of recreation centers.
- ❖ Build two fully accessible playgrounds in Clifton and Druid Parks and require all upgraded playground be able to accommodate children with disabilities.
- ❖ Expand therapeutics and competitive recreation programming at Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks.

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Educational Equality and Equity

Otis knows we need to fundamentally rethink how we educate our kids and how we manage the way Baltimore City Public Schools operates. Education reform is a top priority of the Rolley administration. Reforming Baltimore's education system is critical to the City's future. A Mayor with the energy, foresight and initiative to rebuild Baltimore from the ground up can do much better than what's being done. If we fail to improve schools, and the education our children are receiving, once proud Baltimore will continue to decline. All children, regardless of ability, deserve the opportunity to develop into well-educated individuals who are trained and provided with the support and resources to reach their fullest potential.

As Mayor, Otis Rolley will:

- ❖ Utilize the bully pulpit of the Office of the Mayor to increase understanding and respect of disabled children and young people.
- ❖ Appoint two disabled youth to the City Youth Commission to support disabled youth ability to take part in Baltimore's communities, doing the things that all children and young people do.
- ❖ Implement the Rolley Education Reform Plan, providing 50 new or rehabbed schools that will utilize universal design to ensure accessibility.
- ❖ Ensure children with disabilities have safe and easy access to all necessary equipment and resources during the instructional day.

- ❖ Constantly advocate for safe and timely transportation services for students with disabilities to and from school.
- ❖ Work with state and federal agencies to ensure proper funding is available for transportation funds for students.
- ❖ Strengthen partnerships with community, advocacy and educational organizations, such as Baltimore City's Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC) to gather feedback and develop policy from those who know best.