# How to access data that can be helpful for your community

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# About Community Law Center

Our mission is to provide legal services to community and nonprofit organizations throughout Maryland to promote stronger and more vibrant neighborhoods.



## Agenda

This session will share some tips for how and where to get community data - on property owners and how to contact them, vacant buildings, code violations, green spaces that might be available for Adopt-a-Lot, and more - for free, to help you better advocate for, and understand, your community.



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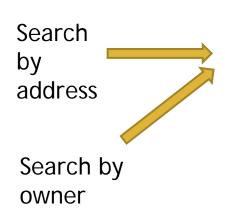
## The community is a data source

- Make sure to document and build a record of nuisance conditions
- ► Talk to neighbors
- Keep a log of issues
- Take pictures
- Report Code violations to the City
  - 311 by phone or online: http://www.baltimorecity.gov/311-services



## Data Search Tool: **BOLD**

Baltimore City Open Land Data (BOLD): <a href="https://bniajfi.org/bold/">https://bniajfi.org/bold/</a>

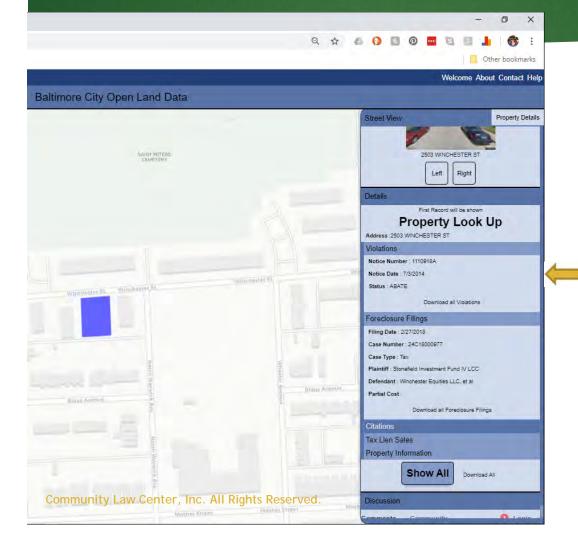




# Three ways to search property information

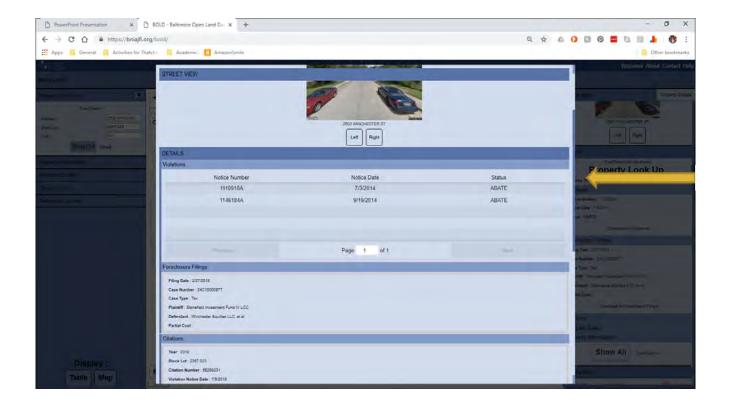
- Ways to use BOLD:
  - Property Look-up: detailed information on a single property
  - Property Search: search specific information that might be common to multiple properties such as owner name, owner address, last sold date
  - ▶ Property Events: Search for all properties with citations, violations, VBNs, Permits, Tax Sales, Foreclosures, Tax Credits or Vacants 2 Values properties (returns 500 results)

## Property Look Up



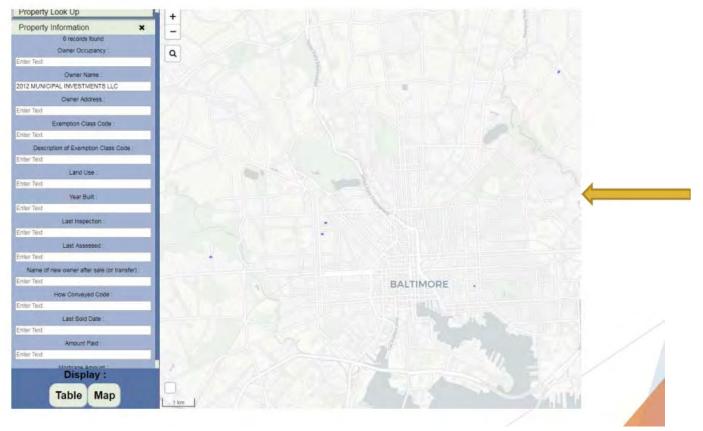
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## Property Look Up - Show all



Show all will display historic data for property

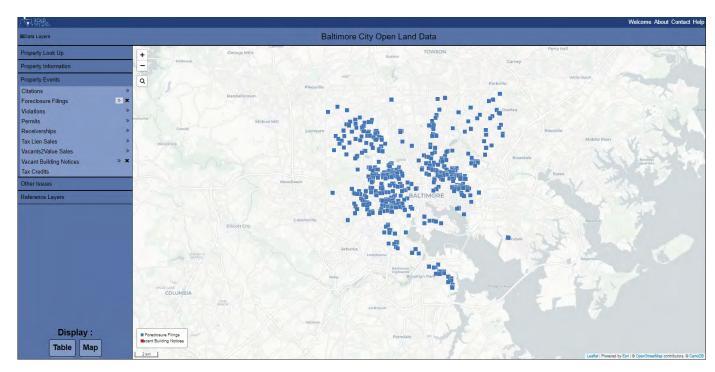
## **Property Information**



All properties owned by Municipal Investments 2012

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## Property Events Search



Search for all parcels with a foreclosure filing (max 500 results)

## Property Events- Table View

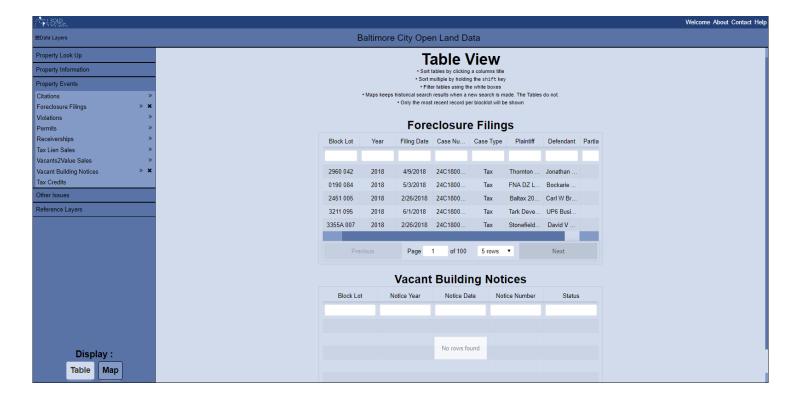


Table view from the previous map

# Find the Property Owner: 13 State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT)

- Real Property Data Search:
  <a href="http://sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx">http://sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx</a>
- Business Entity Search:
  <a href="https://egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpreszs/EntitySearch">https://egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpreszs/EntitySearch</a>

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#### Real Property Data Search

Guide to searching the database 🏂

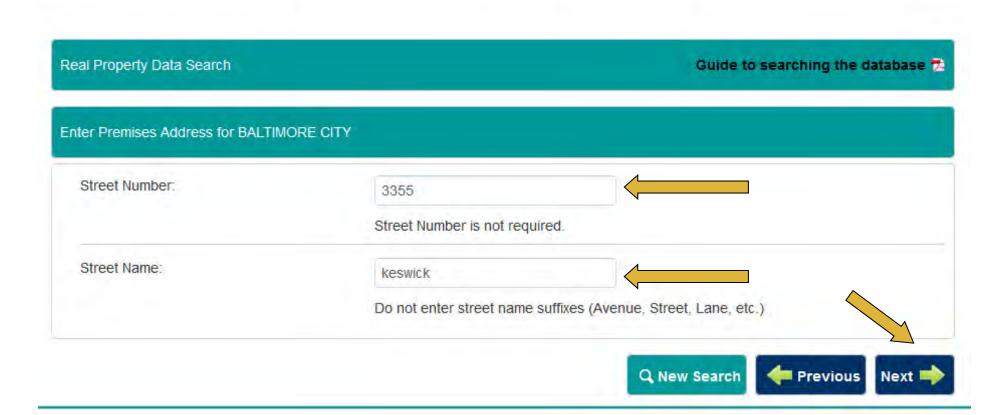
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If you experience difficulties using this system try either Internet Explorer, Chrome or Firefox to complete a successful data search.

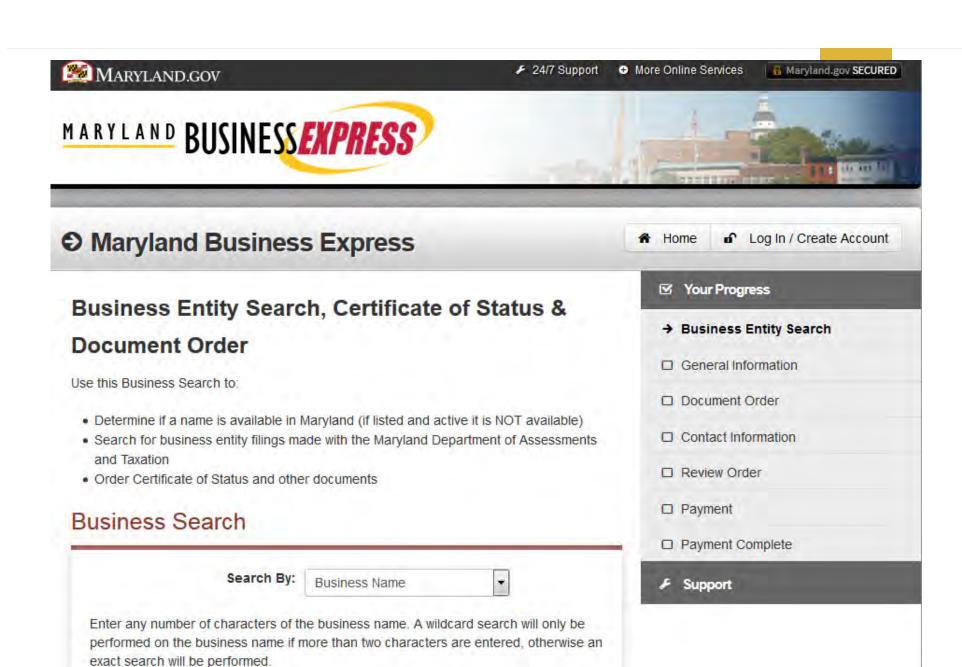
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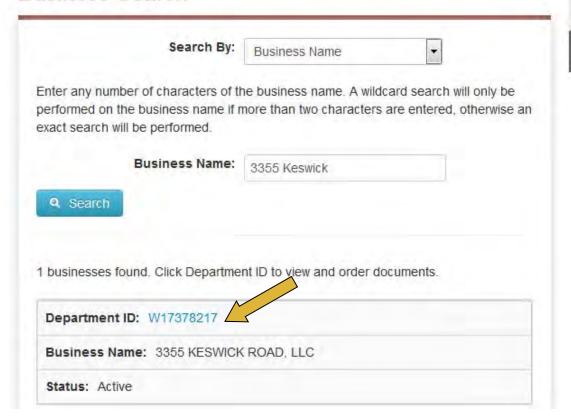
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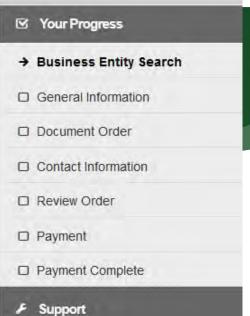
#### **Business Entity Search, Certificate of Status & Document Order**

Use this Business Search to:

- Determine if a name is available in Maryland (if listed and active it is NOT available)
- . Search for business entity filings made with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation
- Order Certificate of Status and other documents

#### **Business Search**





## Business Entity Search, Certificate of Status & Document Order

3355 KESWICK ROAD, LLC: W17378217

Order Documents

General Information Filing History Personal Property

#### General Information

Department ID Number: W17378217

Business Name: 3355 KESWICK ROAD, LLC

Principal Office: 623 WEST 34TH STREET

SUITE 300

BALTIMORE MD 21211

Resident Agent: IRA J. MILLER

623 WEST 34TH STREET

SUITE 300

BALTIMORE MD 21211

Status: ACTIVE

Good Standing: THIS BUSINESS IS IN GOOD STANDING

» Order Certificate of Status

Business Type: DOMESTIC LLC

Business Code: ENTITIES OTHER THAN CORPORATIONS

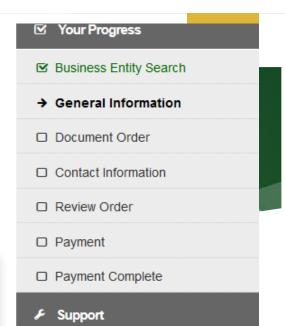
Date of Formation/ 07/18/2016

Registration:

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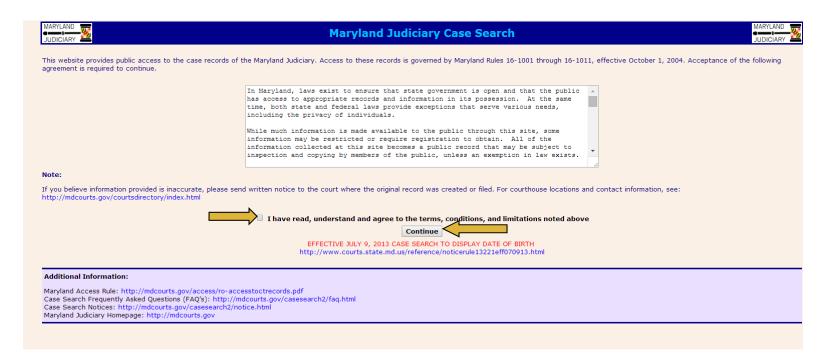
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## Find the Property Owner: Maryland Judiciary Case Search

- Maryland Judiciary Case Search:
  - http://casesearch.courts.state.md.us



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Frequently Asked Questions

Note: Initial Sort is by Last Name. Sorting by other columns is available by clicking on the de:

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## Find the Property Owner: Other sites

- Maryland Land Records (login and password required):
  - https://mdlandrec.net/main/index.cfm
- Bid Baltimore tax sale (login and password required):
  - https://www.bidbaltimore.com/main
- Baltimore City
  - License Search: Multi-Family Dwellings, Rooming Houses and Property Registration: <a href="http://cels.baltimorehousing.org/reg/Reg\_MFD\_Search.aspx">http://cels.baltimorehousing.org/reg/Reg\_MFD\_Search.aspx</a>
  - Foreclosure Registry: Baltimore City Housing Legal Section, 410-396-4140

## Research the Property

- Baltimore Housing
  - Search for Violations and Citations:

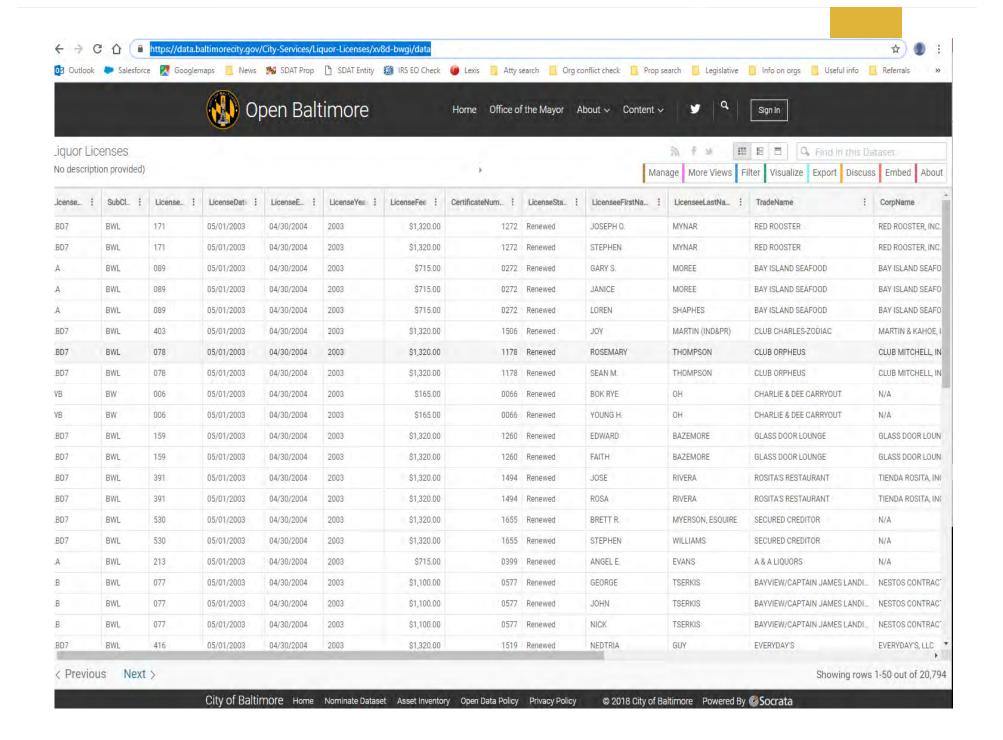
http://cels.baltimorehousing.or g/Search\_On\_Map.aspx

- ► MD Judiciary Case Search
  - http://casesearch.courts.state. md.us



#### 311 Data

- Open Baltimore: search 311 records at <a href="https://data.baltimorecity.gov/">https://data.baltimorecity.gov/</a>
  - Housing citations: <a href="https://data.baltimorecity.gov/City-Services/Liquor-Licenses/xv8d-bwgi/data">https://data.baltimorecity.gov/City-Services/Liquor-Licenses/xv8d-bwgi/data</a>
  - Vacant buildings: <a href="https://data.baltimorecity.gov/Housing-">https://data.baltimorecity.gov/Housing-</a> <a href="Development/Vacant-Buildings/qqcv-ihn5/data">Development/Vacant-Buildings/qqcv-ihn5/data</a>
  - Liquor licenses:
    <a href="https://data.baltimorecity.gov/City-Services/Liquor-Licenses/xv8d-bwgi/data">https://data.baltimorecity.gov/City-Services/Liquor-Licenses/xv8d-bwgi/data</a>



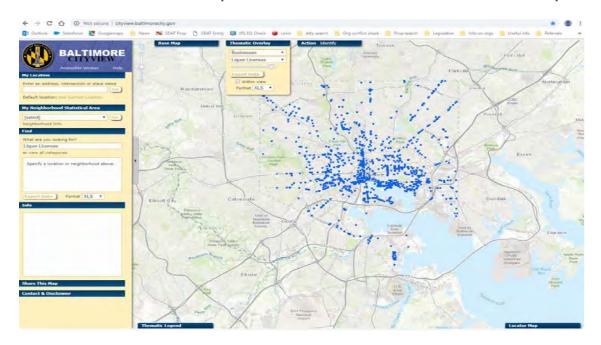
### Code Enforcement

- Active violations (<a href="http://cels.baltimorehousing.org/">http://cels.baltimorehousing.org/</a> /Search\_On\_Map.aspx)
  - Search by neighborhood and see where court orders obtained and which properties have been declared vacant
- Vacants to Value (<a href="http://www.vacantstovalue.org/">http://www.vacantstovalue.org/</a> PropertySearch.aspx)
  - Includes information about projected auction date



## Liquor Licenses

- ► Baltimore CityView: <a href="http://cityview.baltimorecity.gov/">http://cityview.baltimorecity.gov/</a>
  - At the top, under "Thematic Overlay" choose "Businesses" from the first drop down menu and then "Liquor Licenses" from the second drop down menu

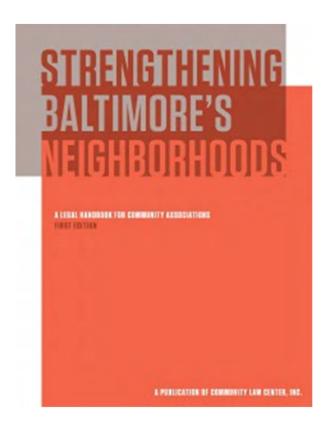


#### Other Useful Websites

- Baltimore Housing Permit Search:
  - http://cels.baltimorehousing.org/Search\_TM\_MAP.aspx
- Vacants to Value:
  - ► http://www.vacantstovalue.org/Explore.aspx
- Real Property Tax Records:
  - http://cityservices.baltimorecity.gov/realproperty/
- City View:
  - http://cityview.baltimorecity.gov/
- Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance:
  - http://bniajfi.org/

## Research on Property and Owner

- Can be helpful to have a lawyer
- Community Law Center's Strengthening Baltimore's Neighborhoods: A Legal Handbook for Community Associations



## Develop Contacts for City Advocacy

- \* To address:
  - When you feel inspections have been insufficient
  - Working together on nuisance property issues
  - Issues like broken up sidewalks
- If a vacant lot is owned by the City, consider entering into an Adopt-a-Lot agreement

## Housing Code Enforcement

Get to know your
 Housing Code
 Enforcement
 contacts:
 http://cels.baltim
 orehousing.org/Dis
 tlnfo.aspx

District	District Number	Address	Phone
Central	100	417 E. Fayette St, 21202	410-396-4161
Southeast	200	3411 Bank Street, 21224	410-545-6521
Eastern	300	3411 Bank Street, 21224	410-545-6521
Northeast	400	5225 York road, 21212	410-545-7550
Northern	500	5225 York road, 21212	410-545-7550
Northwest	600	3939 Reisterstown Road, 21215	410-396-7736
Western	700	3939 Reisterstown Road, 21215	410-396-7736
Southwest	800	501 Athol Ave 21229	410-545-1851
Southern	900	501 Athol Ave 21229	410-545-1851

# Department of Planning

Get in touch with the Department of Planning (meet the Planner for your district):

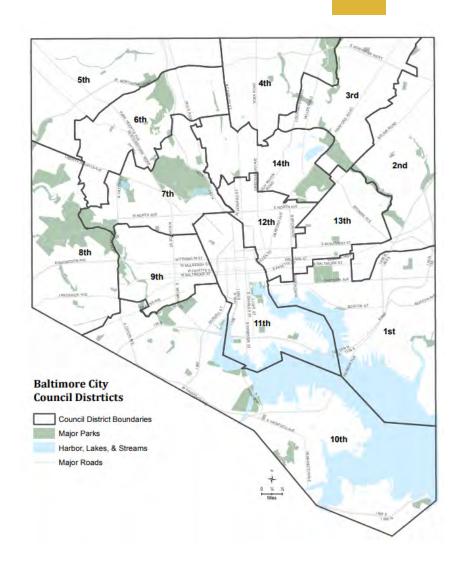
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Planning	Name	Email	Phone
District			
North	Reni Lawal	Reni.Lawal	410-396-3957
		@baltimorecity.gov	
Northwest	James Ashford	James. Ashford@baltim	410-396-2929
		orecity.gov	
Northeast	Carmen Morosan	Carmen.Morosan@balti	443-984-4000
		morecity.gov	
Downtown	Christina Hartsfield	Christina.Hartsfield@b	410-396-1651
		altimorecity.gov	
East	Marshella Wallace	Marshella.Wallace@bal	410-396-3796
		timorecity.gov	
Central	Caitlin Audette	Caitlin.Audette@balti	410-396-8354
		morecity.gov	
South	Brenton Flickinger	Brenton.Flickinger@bal	410-396-5936
		timorecity.gov	
Southwest	Kyle Leggs	Kyle.Leggs	410-396-4135
		@baltimorecity.gov	
West	Chad Hayes	Chad. Hayes	410-396-3958
		@baltimorecity.gov	

## Mayor and City Council

- Find your City Council District: http://www.baltimorecitycoun cil.com/council-district-map
- Contact your City Council representative for assistance:
   <a href="http://www.baltimorecitycouncil.com/council-members">http://www.baltimorecitycouncil.com/council-members</a>
- Reach out to the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services:
   https://mayor.baltimorecity.go
   v/help



# Legal Assistance from Community Law Center

- Forming, reviving, or maintaining a nonprofit (bylaws, incorporation, and 501(c)(3) tax exemption applications);
- Leasing or transferring real property;
- ►Zoning appeals;
- ▶ Drafting and negotiating contracts;
- ► Employment issues;
- Copyright and trademark issues;
- ► Nuisance properties (vacant, abandoned, drug nuisance)
- ► Liquor license protests; and
- ►Much, much more!

# Legal Assistance from Community Law Center

- ►How to Start a Nonprofit Organization in Maryland handbook
- ► Sample documents
- ► Workshops and trainings for Boards
- ► Apply for legal services to work with a volunteer attorney
- ► Steps to Take Before Working with an Attorney
  - ► Have a Board of Directors in place
  - ▶ Develop a mission statement and plan for programs/activities, fundraising, etc.
  - ► Develop a budget
  - ▶ Draft bylaws (see sample CLC can also help with this)
  - ▶ If applying for 501(c)(3): business plan or narrative description of nonprofit's goals and activities

## We're here to help!

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Shana Roth-Gormley at x118 or <a href="mailto:shanaR@communitylaw.org">ShanaR@communitylaw.org</a>