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**BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY RELEASES ITS
FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE REPORT**

Baltimore, MD – On July 22, 2019 the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) released its first annual Community Engagement Initiative report. The report can be found on our website at: <https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/community-engagement-initiative>

The BLLC began its Community Engagement Initiative in Fiscal Year 2017 by identifying funding, creating the position, and outlining its duties and responsibilities. In April of 2018, the agency hired Mr. Matt Achhammer as its community liaison. In Fiscal Year 2019, Mr. Achhammer attended over 100 association meetings and engaged with over 3,000 community members.

Chairman Albert J. Matricciani, Jr. stated, "Community outreach is a priority of this Board and it has always been our objective to provide information to all of the City's communities." He added, "For far too long many communities have felt that their concerns regarding alcoholic beverage licensing went unheard. This is a great start, but it is our continued responsibility to educate all stakeholders, ensure that all are heard, and address concerns on an ongoing basis."

Commissioner Elizabeth A. Hafey added, "We would like to thank the Mayor, City Council President, and the entire City Council, as well as our Maryland State Delegation for their support and collaboration in creating and sustaining the Community Engagement Initiative."

Commissioner Aaron J. Greenfield stated, "I would also like to thank our community and business associations for working with our office to schedule our attendance at your meetings: We appreciate your work and service and look forward to working with you more in the coming year."

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