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2 **Social Worker Position at Annapolis High School** – For the purpose of requesting the Anne
3 Arundel County Council to increase the Annapolis High School budget to fund a second social
4 worker.

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6 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
7 **City of Annapolis**

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9 **Resolution 25-24**

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11 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Pindell Charles**

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13 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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15 **Social Worker Position at Annapolis High School**

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17 **FOR** the purpose of requesting the Anne Arundel County Council to increase the Annapolis
18 High School budget to fund a second social worker.

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20 **WHEREAS,** The City of Annapolis offers initiatives and opportunities for Annapolis high
21 school students under the auspices of Annapolis United and No Harm VIP. These
22 initiatives include resource events, teen nights, community interventions, field
23 trips and others, and they have provided vitally needed opportunities for our
24 students, particularly after school, on the weekends, during the holidays, and
25 during the summers in the form of the City's Summer Internship programs; and

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27 **WHEREAS,** The tragic shooting on Friday, May 3rd, of three students aged 12 and 13 as they
28 were getting off their school bus in the Bywater neighborhood of Annapolis is yet
29 another reminder, one of all too many, of the trauma and fear so many of our
30 students face every day in their communities; and

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32 **WHEREAS,** Isolating students at home, coupled with fear and trauma, does not support the
33 social and emotional growth that students need to have to grow and thrive in school
34 and achieve academic success; and

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36 **WHEREAS,** Annapolis High School is part of Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS),
37 which is now in the hands of the Anne Arundel County Council as they deliberate
38 on the final budget, with the vote expected in June; and

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40 **WHEREAS,** Annapolis High has requested for years an additional Social Worker. The current
41 Social Worker at Annapolis High serves over 2,000 students, and among her many
42 other duties, however, she must provide passes for students to attend No Harm VIP
43 events during school hours and make additional arrangements to facilitate those
44 programs when necessary; and

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2 **WHEREAS,** Adding an extra social worker at Annapolis High School would directly impact our
3 students and significantly enhance AACPS's ability to partner with No Harm and
4 other City programs, fostering a more supportive and nurturing environment for our
5 students;
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7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that
8 the Council supports the addition of a second social worker for Annapolis High School as part of
9 the Anne Arundel County Public Schools budget.
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11 **AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
12 resolution shall take effect upon passage.