

The National Black Church Initiative Expresses NO Confidence in Mayor Brandon Scott and Asks for a Federal Probe of the Mayor's Questionable Spending Activities

The citizens must have confidence in the city leadership

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, March 15, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [National Black Church Initiative](#)¹ (NBCI), a coalition of 150,000 African American and Latino churches that comprise 27.7 million churchgoers, is expressing no confidence in Mayor Brandon Scott's leadership and calls his recent reelection a mistake. He is not focused on delivering vital city services to the citizens of Baltimore. He is trying to go viral on YouTube on the taxpayers' expense by living a luxury lifestyle. This is not the time when the city had lost 14,000 low-level jobs in the past 120 days from major employers. www.youtube.com/watch?v=EoRBpAY5d0s²

We are asking the US Attorney's office to launch a federal investigation into the mayor's office's luxury spending activities and to see if any Federal money was used in the process. This does not make sense given the enormous cutback to cities under the Trump Administration and the state of Maryland in dealing with a three-billion-dollar debt. He needs to be investigated. Race also plays a part in everything, but he bought this on

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Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative, said, “The churches of Baltimore will be directly impacted by the loss of 14,000 jobs, considering the war with Iran, which is sending prices up. The church cannot and will not sit by and allow the city to become an economic wasteland where our members cannot make a decent living because Mayor Scott cannot keep his hands out of the city's cookie jar. The taxpayers' money is not for the mayor's luxury lifestyle, but for the general upkeep of the entire city.”

The issues are too numerous to ignore:

Recent ethics-related concerns regarding Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott, particularly in early 2026, have centered on Inspector General reports alleging mismanagement of city funds and conflicts of interest. Major areas of concern include improper spending on city purchase cards (P-cards), alleged obstruction of oversight, and questions regarding non-profit funding tied to his spouse.

Improper P-Card Spending (2026)

An investigation by the Baltimore Office of the Inspector General (OIG), published on February 25, 2026, found that Mayor Scott's office violated city policies regarding the use of procurement cards (p-cards).



Brandon Scott - Mayor of Baltimore, MD"



Logo of the National Black Church Initiative

- Unapproved Expenses: The report highlighted over \$100,000 in spending that lacked proper approval, totaling over \$167,000 in, as the report states, 336 transactions without required waivers.
- Luxury Spending: Expenditures included over \$52,000 for food and beverages in luxury box suites at Ravens and Orioles games.
- Staff Perks: The purchases included food and beverages for internal employee celebrations, which the IG noted are not approved for taxpayer funding.
- Response: Mayor Scott defended the spending, stating that "nothing illegal was done" and arguing that the report's examples were misleading and that similar celebrations occur at all levels.

Obstruction of Oversight Allegations (2026)

The Inspector General has accused the Scott administration of failing to provide records, leading to a lawsuit against the mayor's office.

- Withholding Documents: The IG accused the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) of blocking access to records, with the IG claiming her subpoenas were treated as public information requests.
- Redacted Information: The IG reported receiving heavily redacted documents that made it impossible to identify recipients of public funds, such as a \$500 cash app payment.
- IG Lawsuit: Inspector General Isabel Cumming filed a lawsuit against the mayor's office and city council to enforce a subpoena, accusing the administration of jeopardizing the independent watchdog's function.
- Administration Position: Mayor Scott has defended the actions as a necessary tightening of access to sensitive information, citing compliance with state law and an effort to prevent "oversharing".
- Brandon Nonprofit Funding: In January 2026, it was reported that a nonprofit, "Be More Empowered", where the mayor's wife served as director of operations, received approximately \$100,000 in taxpayer funds and other city-related grants before shutting down. All clergy took a vow of secrecy to participate.

ABOUT NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 150,000 African American and Latino churches, comprising 27.7 million members, that works to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches, and the public. The National Black Church Initiative's methodology utilizes faith and sound health science. We also offer our member congregants and the public helpful, science-based tips on developing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

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