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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0165 - South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority		

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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0165 - South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority, the purpose of which is to review and renew the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority.

Background

The South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District (the District) and Management Authority (d.b.a. South Baltimore Gateway Partnership (SBGP)), was created in August 2016 with the enactment of Ordinance 16-509, South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District – Establishment, to help implement the South Baltimore Gateway Master Plan. The District is made up of neighborhoods that are most affected by the presence of the nearby Horseshoe Casino. The Authority's role is to promote and market the District, provide supplemental security and maintenance services, provide amenities in public areas, provide park and recreational programs and functions, and other services and functions as requested by the Authority and approved through an ordinance by the Mayor and City Council.

The SBGP is funded by Casino Local Impact Grants. During the 2018 General Assembly session, SB0480 - Baltimore City - South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority - Distribution of Local Impact Grants, was introduced and subsequently signed into law by the Governor on May 2018, designating that the SBGP split Baltimore's share of Casino Local Impact Grants with the City 50/50. For Fiscal Year 2022, the allocation to SBGP is \$7.4 million.

SBGP allocates the funding received into three broad categories: Transformational Projects, Enhanced Services, and Community Grants. As of the first quarter of Fiscal 2022, SBGP has committed over \$15.3 million to 331 projects across the District since its inception, ranging from small community grants to large capital projects. Approximately 73 percent of program funding to date has been invested in low-income communities and communities of color within the District.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Finance does not anticipate a fiscal impact as a result of this legislation.

Conclusion

The Department of Finance does not oppose the passage of City Council Bill 21-0165 - South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 21-0165.

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