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SUBJECT	City Council Bill #19-0141R – Creation of Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts and Entertainment District		

TO

DATE:

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

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The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill Resolution #19-0141R, introduced for the purpose of designating the Pennsylvania Avenue Corridor and surrounding communities within defined boundaries as the Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts and Entertainment District.

Background:

The State of Maryland, via the Maryland State Arts Council, designates certain areas as Arts and Entertainment District. The intent is to help foster tourism and revitalization efforts through incentives that attract artists, arts organizations, and other creative enterprises. The City currently has three designated districts: Station North, Highlandtown, and the Bromo Tower.

Impact/ Analysis

As part of the application process to the State, the local jurisdiction must provide a commitment to offer incentives to enterprises and qualifying residing artists if the request for designation is approved. These incentives could include a property tax credit, an exemption from Admissions and Amusements taxes, or other incentives as provided by the local jurisdiction. In order to estimate the fiscal impact of a new District, Finance would need to work with other stakeholders on a proposed plan and incentives.

Conclusion

The Department of Finance looks forward to participating in discussions in relation to City Council Bill #19-0141R.

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