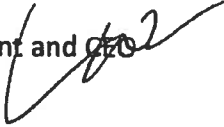




MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: April 3, 2017

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 17-0041
Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 17-0041, a Resolution for the purpose of renewing and continuing the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority for an additional five (5) year term.

The Downtown Management Authority was created with the goal of supporting the redevelopment of downtown and addressing problems facing the Central Business District. The Downtown Partnership of Baltimore (DPOB) has administered the Management District and Authority since its inception. Over this period, DPOB has served city residents, businesses, and visitors by providing a wide range of services meant to keep downtown clean, safe, and inviting. In addition, DPOB has undertaken major initiatives to improve the quality and quantity of public spaces throughout the Downtown Management Authority area, efforts which have played an important role in attracting businesses and residents to downtown. These services help keep Baltimore regionally and nationally competitive in the retention and attraction of companies, support the City's tourism industry, and have successfully helped attract permanent residents to downtown in significant numbers for the first time in decades.

BDC supports Council Bill No. 17-0041 and respectfully requests favorable consideration of this Bill.

cc: Kyrn Banks
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