

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM:

M. J. Brodie, President

DATE:

August 30, 2011

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 11-0753

City Streets - Closing - Certain Streets and Alleys in the Area Bounded by

Ensor Street, Monument Street, Aisquith Street, and Orleans Street

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0753 for the purpose of closing streets and alleys within the area bounded by Ensor, Monument, Aisquith, and Orleans Streets.

The streets and alleys in question are essential components of the Oldtown Mall redevelopment site, and the closing of these streets and alleys is necessary in order to prepare the site for future redevelopment. The Oldtown Mall redevelopment site is complicated for a variety of reasons, such as existing utilities that traverse through the site, its unusual shape, the adjacent historic district, and multiple street frontages; therefore, it is imperative that to the extent possible the City minimize impediments to redevelopment.

BDC is supportive of Bill No. 11-0753 and respectfully requests that favorable consideration is given by the City Council.

cc:

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