




MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 9, 2021
TO: Ways and Means Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: Support
SUBJECT: Council Bill No. 21-0023R
Informational Hearing – “1% for Art” Program

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to respond to City Council Bill No. 21-0023R introduced by Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen, Bullock, and Middleton.

PURPOSE

This Resolution calls for the convening of the Public Arts Commission – constituting representatives from the Baltimore Development Corporation, the Parking Authority, the Planning Department, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Transportation, the Mayor’s Office, the Department of Finance, and the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts – to discuss the continued administration of the “1% for Art” program.

BRIEF HISTORY

In 1964, the City of Baltimore established the “1% for Art” law requiring the City to allocate 1% of all capital construction costs towards public artwork. In 2007, the Baltimore City Council established a Public Arts Commission to administer the public arts program.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

BDC **supports** City Council Bill 21-0023R.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Clark at kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com or at 410-837-9305.

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