


The Baltimore City Department of
**HOUSING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner 

Date: October 23, 2018

Re: **City Council Bill 18-0293, Baltimore Tourism Improvement District – Establishment**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0293, for the purpose of establishing the Baltimore Tourism Improvement District.

If enacted, this bill will levy a special assessment on hotels, the revenue from which would be used for tourism promotion services. The increased marketing of Baltimore's tourism industry will generate jobs, increase tax revenue, and attract future residents.

The Department of Housing and Community Development does not object to the passage of City Council Bill 18-0293.

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cc: Mr. Kyron Banks, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*