



# MEMORANDUM

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: June 1, 2012

Re: **City Council Bill 12-0084 – Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority – Renewal Through June 30, 2016**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0084, which was introduced for the purpose of renewing and continuing the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority.

Under the provisions of Ordinance 95-613, which established the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority ("Midtown"), the City Council is required to conduct a quadrennial review to assess Midtown's performance and then determine if the Benefits District should be permitted to continue for an additional four years. The first of these reviews was conducted in 1999 and resulted in the adoption of Council Resolution 99-019, continuing Midtown for an additional four years. The District's operations were again extended after a second quadrennial review conducted in December 2003 but only for another year. In 2004, the Mayor and City Council conducted an interim review and, by Resolution 04-052, continued Midtown for a full 4-year period, ending June 30, 2008. In 2008, the Mayor and City Council again continued Midtown for another 4-year period, ending June 30, 2012, by enacting Resolution 08-01.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 12-0084 and the extension of the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority for an additional four years ending on June 30, 2016.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

