




## MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: January 24, 2018

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 18-0060R  
Multi-Year Coordinated Comprehensive Multi-Agency Violence Reduction Strategy

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The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 18-0060R, a resolution for the purpose of requesting the support of the City Agencies to continue the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Violence Reduction Efforts and to present an agency-specific strategy to the Mayor and City Council beginning with 2018.

The BDC has been an active participant in the Mayor's Violence Reduction Initiative (VRI) and is supportive of continuing the comprehensive agency approach to reducing violence by collectively addressing the conditions that perpetuate crime. As the City's Economic Development agency, BDC is committed to providing business assistance to the commercial businesses located within the identified high-crime priority areas.

BDC supports the proposed resolution and respectfully requests that Bill No. 18-0060R be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Kyron Banks