

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 16-0312R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation)  
Introduced and read first time: August 15, 2016  
Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Baltimore Development Corporation

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

**Approving the Submission of an Application to the State of Maryland  
for the Creation of a West Baltimore City Focus Area**

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4 FOR the purpose of approving the submission of an application to the State of Maryland to create  
5 a new Focus Area in West Baltimore City.

6 **WHEREAS**, The General Assembly of the State of Maryland established an Enterprise Zone  
7 Focus Area Program to focus State and local resources on the encouragement of economic  
8 growth in economically distressed areas and on employment opportunities for the unemployed;  
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, The City Council recognizes that there is a significant need to stimulate the  
11 creation of jobs by establishing a Focus Area in the Penn North area of West Baltimore City. By  
12 doing so, opportunities will increase for revitalization, rehabilitation, and job creation (See the  
13 attached Exhibit, "Proposed West Baltimore Focus Area", for a map of the area affected by the  
14 approval of this Resolution); and

15 **WHEREAS**, The Focus Area will follow Maryland Annotated Code Article 83A, § 5- 402 and  
16 have a 5-year term, whereby reverting back to Enterprise Zone status at the end of the 5 years.

17 **WHEREAS**, The City of Baltimore, through the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC),  
18 has prepared an application for the creation of the Focus Area to include this aforementioned  
19 area; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The regulations of the Enterprise Zone Focus Area Program require the written  
21 expression of the sentiment of the Baltimore City Council.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City  
23 Council of Baltimore:

- 24 1. Hereby endorses this October 2016 application of the City for the creation of the Penn  
25 North Focus Area.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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- 1           2. Resolves that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Maryland  
2           Department of Commerce, State of Maryland, Honorable Mayor of the City of  
3           Baltimore, and President of the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC).



