

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM: Brenda McKenzie, President and CEO *BMC*

DATE: October 23, 2013

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 13-0277
Video Lottery Terminal Capital Appropriation Transfer – Department of Housing
and Community Development

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 13-0277, an ordinance for the purpose of transferring a Video Lottery Terminal Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$1,078,000.00 to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Of this appropriation, \$130,000.00 is designated to be transferred to the Baltimore Development Corporation (Account #9910-921100-9600).

Last October, the City of Baltimore and the Urban Land Institute (ULI), in partnership with the community and local stakeholders hosted a ULI Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) for the Dolfield Commercial Area. As a result of the TAP process, a plan, entitled “*Dolfield Avenue Revitalization*” was created. One of the recommendations of the plan, supported by the community and stakeholders, was the beautification of the Dolfield Avenue and Cold Spring Lane corridors. The recommendations included the installation of planters, banners and a community identity sign; as well as façade improvements to several of the commercial properties along the corridor. This capital appropriation is essential to the implementation of these recommendations.

BDC has reviewed the ordinance and supports the proposed ordinance and is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 13-0277 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

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