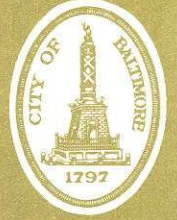


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CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



TO

DATE: June 6, 2013

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 13-0234 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation).

The purpose of the Bill, among other things, is to provide for the issuance of special obligation bonds; authorize the pledge by the City, subject to appropriation, of Tax Increment Revenues and Special Tax Revenues (as such terms are defined herein) to the payment of debt service on such special obligation bonds, the replenishment of any reserves, and the payment of certain expenses and administrative costs; provide that such bonds may be issued from time to time in one or more issues or series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$125,000,000 for the purpose of financing infrastructure improvements and related costs, including, without limitation, the Project (defined herein), and other necessary improvements to, from, or within the development district, and certain other infrastructure improvements permitted by the Acts (defined herein).

Article II Section 62 of the Baltimore City Charter (Tax Increment Financing Act) authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to establish a development district and a special tax increment fund. Ordinance 10-401 established the Harbor Point Development District. The defined area includes most of the Harbor Point PUD, the Living Classrooms main campus, and the Ferndale Fence Company property, as well as adjoining streets, alleys, rights-of-way and similar property in this contiguous area. Legislation currently before the City Council (City Council Bill 13-0232), if approved, would expand the District to include an area of the PUD not originally planned for development and properties created from a subsequent subdivision process. Revenues and receipts from the real property taxes representing the levy on the tax increment within the district are deposited in a special tax increment fund for development of the district. Issuing and selling bonds are an allowable activity, and the fund is used to leverage investment in infrastructure and related costs. The proposed aggregate of \$125,000,000 in bonds will enable the necessary public infrastructure amenities to be built to support the development of this reclaimed brownfield site into a mixed use development providing opportunities for waterside access and new green open space, jobs, and other accommodations.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works support passage of City Council Bill 13-0234.

Respectfully,

  
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DIRECTOR

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