



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 21, 2023  
**TO:** Economic and Community Development Committee  
**FROM:** Colin Tarbert, President and CEO  
**POSITION:** Favorable  
**SUBJECT:** City Council Bill No. 23-0386- Landmark List – Home of the Friendless

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### INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 23-0386 introduced by Councilmember Costello.

### PURPOSE

This bill establishes Home of the Friendless at 1313 Druid Hill Avenue as a historical landmark.

### BRIEF HISTORY

The Home of the Friendless property has historically been used for a variety of social services in West Baltimore. The City-owned property's most recent use was in 1992, where it housed the offices for Baltimore Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and has since been vacant. DHCD is in process of stabilizing the property, and plans to market the site for redevelopment, it is the desire of the department that this site be restored to a more productive use. Designating the site as a landmark is consistent with the Historic Upton Neighborhood Master Plan which calls for maintaining the historic character of the communities by maintaining historic features and designs of buildings.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts to BDC.

### AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully takes a **favorable** position on City Council Bill No. 23-0386. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or [KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com](mailto:KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com).

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