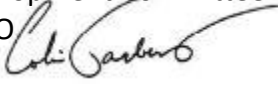




MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 23, 2023
TO: Economic and Community Development Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: Favorable
SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 23-0365
Rezoning – 601 through 621 Biddle Street, 1101 through 1129 Forrest Street, 602 East Chase Street, and 1110 Nursery Place

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 23-0365 introduced by Councilmember Stokes.

PURPOSE

This Bill would rezone the properties known as 601 through 621 E. Biddle Street, 1101 through 1129 Forrest Street, 602 E. Chase Street, and 1100 Nursery Place from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District. This zoning change would allow for new a new development that includes affordable housing and ground floor retail.

BRIEF HISTORY

This rezoning will facilitate a new development project which is in accordance with both the Johnston Square Vision Plan and the Johnston Square Urban Renewal Plan to foster redevelopment and stabilization of underperforming properties. This rezoning Bill will facilitate the construction of an affordable housing complex with accompanying first-floor retail on vacant land.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully takes a **favorable** position on City Council Bill No. 23-0365. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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