

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: M. J. Brodie, President *M. J. Brodie*

DATE: July 25, 2011

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 11-0731
Baltimore City Landmark List – Franklin-Delphey Hotel

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) supports City Council Bill 11-0731 which calls for the Franklin Delphey Hotel, located at 300-304 W Franklin Street, the corner of Franklin and Howard Streets, to be designated a historical landmark. The appropriate preservation of buildings, structures, sites and neighborhoods that possess aesthetic, historic and architectural value can positively impact the City's economy by maintaining a rich social and historic urban fabric, while simultaneously providing a catalyst for new development and capital investment.

Landmark designation provides additional protection towards preservation of this prominent historic property, yet the underlying challenge for rehabilitation remains; attraction of street level tenants to this portion of Market Center remains critical for redevelopment of this project and the neighborhood.

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