



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: November 7, 2023

Re: City Council Bill 23-0429 South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority - Board of Directors

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0429 for the purpose of altering certain membership requirements for the Board of Directors for the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority; amending certain term limits for certain members of the Board of Directors; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 23-0429 would require the Council President to appoint members of the Baltimore City Council to serve as ex officio members of the Board of Directors of the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority, based on the Councilmanic districts overlapping with the boundaries of the Impact District. The Bill also amends the term limits by prohibiting the Bylaws from establishing term limits for appointed members if the member is an elected official. Presently 2 members are appointed by the Mayor to serve 2-year terms.

Altering the membership requirements related to elected officials serving on the Board and amending their term limit will allow the appropriate representation of the Baltimore City Council to continue the work of the Authority to provide programs and to enhance public safety, cleanliness, streetscaping, beautification, marketing and other activities in the District.

Portions of the Management Authority District are within DHCD's Southwest Impact Investment Area and several Community Development Zones. DHCD does not anticipate an operational or fiscal impact from the passage of this Bill, nor would it impact any Development projects currently being undertaken by the agency.

DHCD **does not object** to the passage of City Council Bill 23-0429.

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