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

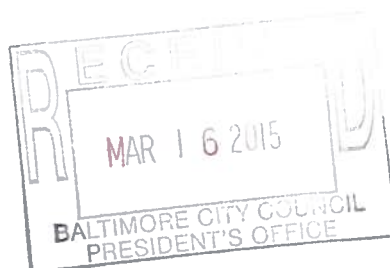
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 15-0474 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation).

The purpose of this bill is to renew and continue the Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority.

Ordinance 07-417 authorized the creation of the Waterfront Management District and the Waterfront Management Authority for an area of the Inner Harbor, bounded by Key Highway to the southwest, Light Street to the west, Pratt Street to the north, President, Fleet, Central, Aliceanna, Caroline, and Thames Streets to the east, and the waterfront forming the inner edge of these boundaries. The Ordinance requires that the Mayor and City Council hold one or more public hearings every four years to evaluate the activities and undertakings of the District and the Authority and to determine whether the District and Authority should continue for another four years. Resolution 11-29 renewed this Authority for a four-year term that expires on April 23, 2015. City Council Bill 15-0474, if approved, would renew and continue the District and the Authority for an additional four years, ending April 23, 2019.

The amount of traffic and visitors to the Management District area will increase over the next few years with the major development of Harbor Point, located on the peninsula south of Lancaster Street and west of Caroline Street. This new neighborhood of 27 acres will contain the new Exelon headquarters, a 65,000 square foot building, along with 9 acres of open space and millions of square feet of mixed-use space.

The Department of Public Works is an active partner in the Waterfront Management District and Authority and will continue to provide baseline services and to participate in the collaborative approach developed under this program. The Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. administers the Authority, helping to keep the Inner Harbor an attractive and welcoming environment for those visiting, working, and living in the area. Since the creation of the Authority, the Waterfront Partnership and DPW have worked together to meet the needs of the area. Of special importance to this Department is the Waterfront Partnership's goal of promoting a clean and healthy harbor.



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The Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 15-0474 to extend the Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority for an additional four years.

Sincerely,


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