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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 20-0484		

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**TO:**

Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

**INTRODUCTION**

I am herein reporting on Mayor and City Council Resolution 20-0484 introduced by Council Members Costello and Stokes.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Resolution is to renew and continue the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority.

**BRIEF HISTORY**

The Midtown Community Benefits District, an area of approximately 17 acres, includes the neighborhoods of Bolton Hill, Charles-North, Eutaw Place, and Mount Vernon-Belvedere. The District and Management Authority were established to promote the area; provide supplemental security and sanitation and promotional services; provide public amenities; and generally improve the quality of life in the area. In order to fund these operations, the District is designated as a special taxing district. A Board of Directors governs the Authority and includes one Mayoral representative, one City Council representative, one business representative, two non-profit representatives, two representatives from each of the four community organizations in the District, and four at-large members.

The enabling Ordinance requires the City Council to hold a public hearing every four years to evaluate the activities and undertakings of the Authority and the District, and to determine whether the District and Authority should continue for an additional four years.

Below is a brief legislative history of the Midtown Community Benefits District and Authority:

- Ordinance 95-613 authorized the creation of the Midtown Special Benefits District (the “District”) and Management Authority (the “Authority”) for an area bounded by Centre Street, the Jones Falls Expressway, Calvert Street, North Avenue, Eutaw Place, and Park Avenue.
- Resolution 99-019 changed the name to the Midtown Community Benefits District and provided for the continuation of the District and Authority until June 30, 2003.
- Ordinance 99-432 expanded the boundaries of the District and Authority.
- Chapter 89, Acts of 2000, amended Charter Article II, § 63(h), establishing a new four-year review cycle, to begin December 20, 2003.
- Resolution 03-043 continued the District and Authority for an additional one-year period, ending June 30, 2004.
- Resolution 04-052 continued the District and the Authority for a full four-year period, ending June 30, 2008.
- Resolution 08-001 continued the District and Authority until June 30, 2012.
- Resolution 12-017 continued the District and Authority until June 30, 2016.
- Resolution 16-028 continued the District and Authority until June 30, 2020.

#### **AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION**

The Department of Public Works supports the continuation of the Midtown Community Benefits District and Authority for an additional four years and therefore supports passage of Mayor and City Council Resolution 20-0484.

Should the Committee have any questions prior to the hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Marcia Collins at 410-396-1960, or via email at [Marcia.Collins@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Marcia.Collins@baltimorecity.gov).



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