

MEMORANDUM

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

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

DATE: May 26, 2011

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 11-0697
Planned Unit Development – Designation – University of Maryland BioPark

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 11-0697, an ordinance for the repealing the existing Development Plan for the UMB Biomedical Research Park (BioPark); approving a Development Plan for the University of Maryland BioPark Planned Unit Development; and providing for a special effective date.

BDC has reviewed the ordinance and strongly supports the proposed ordinance and is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 11-0697 be given favorable consideration by the City Council. BDC supports the addition of ground floor retail uses; outdoor table service to support restaurant patronage; additional parking spaces that will compliment development; and the acquisition of additional properties to facilitate expansion and further development of the BioPark.

UMB has been a leader in the development of a regional BioPark which has attracted vibrant and viable companies to the WestSide and City of Baltimore. In just 10 years, the BioPark has grown from concept to an award winning development with the completion of a 638-space parking garage and two buildings comprising 337,000 square feet of biotechnology space. The proposed \$60 million Building Three including an additional 180,000 square feet is currently being pre-leased before the start of construction. In addition, Building Three was awarded more than \$60 million in Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. The \$40 million Maryland Forensic Center serves as the western anchor of the BioPark. At full build-out, the BioPark will include a Proton Cancer Center and 1.8 million square feet of research lab/office space, biotech incubator, parking garages, pedestrian walkways and green space.

cc: Deputy Mayor Kaliope Parthemos
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