

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM:

Brenda McKenzie, President and CEO

DATE:

February 6, 2014

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 14-0305

Mobile and Other Street Vendors - Licensing and Regulation

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is in general support of the goals of City Council Bill 14-0305. If passed, the bill will streamline and simplify the application process for prospective street vending entrepreneurs. The bill will additionally encourage a more orderly process of coordinating vending locations with other elements in the right of way, promote higher design standards, and offer a systematic method of accommodating demand for street vending opportunities.

BDC is interested in participating in the process in which zones are created, joining in the discussions regarding appropriate assignment of vending locations and serving on the Street Vendor's Advisory Board.

BDC is interested in how this legislation would apply to plazas and other such areas that could appropriately accommodate more than two mobile vendors, particularly in locations underserved by retail.

cc:

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