

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM:

M. J. Brodie, President

DATE:

May 26, 2011

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 11-0699

Zoning - Planned Unit Developments - Variances

City Council Bill # 11-0699, entitled **Zoning – Planned Unit Developments – Variances**, has been referred to the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) for comment. The Bill is intended to authorize the Mayor and City Council to grant variances as part of an ordinance authorizing or amending a conditional use or authorizing or amending a Planned Unit Development.

By passage of this Bill, the Mayor and City Council will have the authority to grant variances to a Planned Unit Development (PUD), proposed by the developer of the PUD, as part of the same approval process for authorizing or amending the PUD. This will simplify and make more efficient the PUD and variance procedures, by avoiding the duplication of effort currently imposed upon a developer by two separate procedures in authorizing or amending a PUD and attaining needed variances.

Therefore, the BDC expresses its support for Bill # 11-0699 and requests your favorable consideration of same.

cc:

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