

MEMORANDUM

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

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

DATE: June 3, 2009

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 09-0293
Downtown Management District – Adjustment of Boundaries

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) supports City Council Bill #09-0293, which proposes extending the Downtown Management District to encompass an area bounded by Franklin Street to the North, Howard Street to the East, Saratoga Street to the South and Eutaw Street to the West within the WestSide Initiative area.

The Downtown Management District includes development comprising nearly \$800 million in public/private capital investment in the WestSide including more than 2,700 new residential units. By 2015, full build-out of the Westside is expected to create: a) approximately one million square feet (SF) of additional institutional and cultural space; b) 250,000 SF of retail and entertainment space; c) 900 additional hotel rooms; d) 400,000 SF of new office space; e) the preservation of historically significant buildings; and f) 2,400 additional residential units.

The business and residential communities are encouraged by the additional support and amenities provided within the Downtown Management District which will help to stimulate a vibrant pedestrian friendly urban mixed-use neighborhood which is beneficial and essential to the revitalization of the Westside. BDC respectfully request that this Bill be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Andrew Frank
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