



February 14, 2025

Honorable James Torrence, City Council 7<sup>th</sup> District  
Chairman of the Economic Development and Land Use Committee  
Baltimore City Council  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Chairman Torrence,

Bolton Hill Community Association (BHCA) strongly supports the authorization of Ordinance 95-613, which creates Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority (Midtown). For almost thirty years, our neighborhood has benefited from the services Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority provides. Our streets and parks are cleaner, greener, and safer as a result. In 2024 Midtown:

- Removed 264 tons of bulk trash and more than 6,500 pieces of hazardous waste, including sharps, from our streets and playgrounds.
- Planted 178 trees to mitigate the effect of Baltimore’s “heat island” and spent 1,200 hours watering parks, gardens and tree wells during the summer drought; and

Midtown is directly responsible to, and responsive, to neighbors in Bolton Hill in a way that other agencies are not always equipped to do. Midtown has been a “force multiplier” for the efforts of BHCA and the more than 3,896 hours of volunteer service Bolton Hill neighbors have provided to clean and green initiatives each year.

Bolton Hill is a neighborhood with several high-density rental properties. For homeowners in Bolton Hill, the Midtown Community Benefits Community District and Management Authority is a practical way of ensuring that landlords contribute to the area’s upkeep.

The Bolton Hill Community Association believes that Midtown Community Benefits District is an effective way of making quality of life investments in Bolton Hill, Mount Vernon, Madison Park, and North Charles thereby supplementing City services. The loss of the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority would be immediately and keenly felt by your constituents in Bolton Hill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Tawney".

Lee Tawney  
President  
Bolton Hill Community Association