

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 06-0131R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Young, D'Adamo, Branch, Kraft

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Assigned to: Committee of the Whole

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

**Let's Make Sure That No One
Gets Lost "On the Way to Baltimore's New Eastside"**

FOR the purpose of requesting the Board of Directors and the Chair of the Inclusion Committee of East Baltimore Development, Inc., (EBDI), the Senior Vice President for Development and Planning of the Forest City Commercial Group, and members of the Baltimore Biotech Ventures Consortium to address the City Council on the status of efforts to revitalize an 80-acre portion of East Baltimore; to provide information on the level of MBE/WBE goal participation of the major contractors, sub-contractors, developers, and other business entities that are part of the revitalization effort; to report on efforts to address the housing and other social needs of the residents displaced by the re-development process; and to assess efforts of all participants and stakeholders to reach the EBDI goal "to work to recapture the essence of East Baltimore, and restore the community's vibrancy and productivity."

Recitals

East Baltimore Development, Inc., (EBDI), a non-profit organization charged with leading and managing the \$800 million revitalization of an 80-acre portion of East Baltimore, that works with support from many partners including Baltimore City, the State of Maryland, and a number of local civic groups and charitable foundations, has adopted the slogan: *On the Way to Baltimore's New EastSide*.

The organization, headquartered in the heart of the East Baltimore neighborhood that is undergoing revitalization, in addition to government agencies, is supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation; BaltimoreHousing.org.; Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning; East Baltimore Community Corporation; The Enterprise Foundation; The Enterprise Social Corporation; the Goldsecker Foundation; the Greater Baltimore Committee; The Johns Hopkins University; and the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation.

EBDI, governed by a board of directors that includes government officials, community members, business and academic leaders, and representatives of philanthropic organizations has as one of its primary goals "to encourage the maximum practical participation of minority, female, and local business enterprises in all aspects of the project, including, but not limited to, planning, development, management, equity/ownership, contracting, financing, construction, professional services, commodities, manufacturing, and related services."

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.

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1 Forest City Enterprises, the developer for Baltimore’s ‘New Eastside’ is known for creating
2 vibrant, mixed-use environments at complex urban sites. The Forest City-New East Partnership
3 is made up of Forest City Enterprises and Baltimore Biotech Ventures, a consortium of minority-
4 owned firms that came together to achieve the redevelopment of the New East Baltimore
5 Community. These firms include Doracon/Lambda Development, Legacy-Harrison Enterprises,
6 Banks Contracting Co., and the Wilkinson Group.

7 EBDI’s mission to engage those entities that employ minorities, females, and local residents
8 in the Project Area, so that “these groups may have the maximum achievable opportunity to
9 compete for contracts, jobs, and other economic opportunities associated with Baltimore’s New
10 Eastside”, is laudable. Those whose lives were disrupted by a project that cost millions of
11 dollars and that will benefit many thousands of participants should share in the benefits that
12 accrue. Their needs should not be obscured by the dust that arises as the ‘Old Eastside’ is razed.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
14 Board of Directors and the Chair of the Inclusion Committee of East Baltimore Development,
15 Inc., (EBDI), the Senior Vice President for Development and Planning of the Forest City
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21 residents displaced by the re-development process; and to assess efforts of all participants and
22 stakeholders to reach the EBDI goal “to work to recapture the essence of East Baltimore, and
23 restore the community’s vibrancy and productivity.”

24 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
25 Board of Directors and the Chair of the Inclusion Committee of East Baltimore Development,
26 Inc., (EBDI), the Senior Vice President for Development and Planning of the Forest City
27 Commercial Group, Members of the Baltimore Biotech Ventures Consortium, the Director of the
28 MBE/WBE Opportunity Compliance Office, the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Minority
29 Business Development, the Chair of the Baltimore City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Small
30 Business, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.