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	SUBJECT	Mayor and City Council Resolution 19-0315		

DATE: March 6, 2019

TO

TO Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

INTRODUCTION

I am herein reporting on Mayor and City Council Resolution 19-0315 introduced by Council President Young on behalf of the Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation).

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bill is to renew and continue the Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority.

BRIEF HISTORY

Article II of the Baltimore City Charter authorizes the City to establish up to six community benefit district management authorities. The purpose of these authorities is to promote and market the district areas, provide supplemental security and maintenance services, and other public amenities. The Waterfront Partnership Inc. was formed in October of 2005 at the recommendation of the Mayor's Inner Harbor Task Force. This nonprofit corporation was to provide a cohesive and focused management of the Inner Harbor area and to enhance the condition and use of Baltimore's waterfront area. Two years later, Ordinance 07-417 created the Waterfront Management District and Authority which encompasses the Inner Harbor, Harbor East, Harbor Point and a portion of Fells Point (roughly from the Rusty Scupper to the Bond Street Wharf). Resolution 11-29 renewed the District and Authority for another four year term that expired on April 23, 2015. Resolution 15-21 renewed and continued the District and Authority for an additional four years, ending April 23, 2019. Ordinance 15-433 expanded the boundaries to include two adjacent areas: an area bounded by Eastern Avenue, South Caroline Street, Aliceanna Street, Central Avenue, Fleet Street, and President Street; and an area bounded by Caroline Street, Thames Street, Dock Street, Dallas Street, and Lancaster Street. Mayor and City Council Resolution 19-0315, if approved, would renew and continue the District and Authority for an additional four years, ending April 23, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Department of Public Works is an active partner in the Waterfront Management District and Authority and will continue to provide baseline services and to participate in the collaborative approach developed under this program. The Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. administers the Authority, helping to keep the Inner Harbor and the surrounding environs attractive and welcoming for those visiting, working, and living in the area. Since the creation of the Authority, the Waterfront Partnership and the Department of Public Works have worked together to meet the needs of the District. Of special importance to this Department is the Waterfront Partnership's goal of promoting a clean and healthy harbor.

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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION

The Department of Public Works supports passage of Mayor and City Council Resolution 19-0315.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Marcia Collins at 410-396-1960 (Marcia.Collins@baltimorecity.gov).

Sincerely,



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