




CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner 
<b>DATE</b>	September 20, 2024
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>24-0531 Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority - Renewal Through June 30, 2028</b>

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400

9/20/24

**Position: Favorable**

### Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0531 Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority - Renewal Through June 30, 2028 for the purpose of reviewing, renewing and continuing the Midtown Community Benefits District and the Midtown Community Benefits Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Midtown Community Benefits District and the Midtown Community Benefits Management Authority.

If enacted, City Council Bill 24-0531 would renew and continue the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority for an additional 4 years, backdating from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028 and become effective the date of its enactment.

### DHCD Analysis

The Midtown Community Benefits District is a citizen-run neighborhood advocacy and improvement group authorized by law in 1996 to provide security services, sanitation, and promotional activities for four communities: Bolton Hill, Charles North, Madison Park and Mount Vernon/Belvedere. Its efforts are funded by a taxpayer-approved property tax surcharge.

DHCD supports the Mayor and City Council in their efforts towards continuing the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority. We also recognize the need for the timely passage of this Ordinance, as the Charter requires such a review to occur every 4 years

from the original enactment of the enabling legislation, with the most recent period ending on June 30, 2024.

The Midtown Community Benefits District is not located within any of DHCD's Streamlined Code Enforcement Areas, Community Development Zones, or Impact Investment Areas. DHCD does not anticipate an operational or fiscal impact from the passage of this Bill, nor would it likely impact any Development projects being undertaken by the agency.

## Conclusion

DHCD respectfully requests a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 24-0531.