

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM:

M. J. Brodie, President

DATE:

November 3, 2008

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 08-0074R

BRAC Zone Application

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) fully supports City Council Bill No. 08-0074R calling for a resolution for Baltimore City to apply to the State of Maryland so that the Westport Waterfront District can be designated as a BRAC Zone. The BDC has worked closely with other city agencies, including the Mayor's Office, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Transportation in planning for BRAC growth.

BRAC growth will help transform Baltimore City, in particular the Westport Waterfront District. The BRAC Zone bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly would allow Baltimore City to receive money from the State for infrastructure improvements. These improvements would greatly improve the Westport neighborhood, as well as surrounding neighborhoods such as Cherry Hill and Mount Winans.

The BDC respectfully request that this bill be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc:

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